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Inslee eases some limits

Construction, State Parks, fishing, golf slowly resuming

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State parks, boat launches and golf courses will be the first recreational activities to restart starting May 5.

Gov. Jay Inslee announced Monday afternoon that state parks, state boat ramps and golf courses can slowly start reopening. The news comes a few days after Inslee allowed some construction projects to resume, marking the first easing of the governor's stay-home order.

"We do think some small changing of that dial is appropriate, but we are so far from being able to turn this off like a light switch, that is just way too dangerous," Inslee said in a Monday news conference.

The reopening applies to state-managed parks, such as Camano Island State Park and Camano Beach State Park, in addition to wildlife areas, recreation land, boat launches, and natural areas. Camping and other overnight accommodations will remain closed. DNR recreation sites will be opened up as soon as possible beginning May 5.

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Playing with ponies

A parade of horses brings joy to Warm Beach Senior Community where residents have been on lockdown since early March

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Above: Though separated by a glass window, Phyllis Busse interacts with Ebon on Friday Warm Beach Senior Community during a visit from horses and riders from the neighboring Warm Beach Horsemanship program. At right: Marian Harlander, in purple, reaches out to pet Caelum, who is being ridden by Pam Whims, at right.

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Eunice Brezicha made sure she pet each horse.

"This is just such a joyful thing for all of us," the Warm Beach Senior Community resident said Friday. "This just makes our day."

Three horses from the neighboring Warm Beach Horsemanship Program toured around the 22-acre facility, visiting many of the 325 residents either in person or through windows.

The community has been on lockdown since March 6, a week before Gov. Jay Inslee's stay-home order. There have been no confirmed COVID-19 cases there, but the staff is helping residents battle cabin fever, Executive Director Gary Dewhirst said.

"Every week we try to do something," he said, such as dropping goodie bags on doorsteps. "We partner with the Warm Beach horse camp when we can. Right now we can't bring the residents to the horses, so we brought the horses to the residents."

Warm Beach Horsemanship director Lisa Tremain, volunteer coordinator Pam Whims and instructor Rachel Tilgner deftly rode their horses through the community, sometimes guiding the gentle animals right up to residents' windows for a close-up connection.

"This was a special hug when we can't actually hug them," Dewhirst said. "There were some wonderful moments today. It really touched a lot of our residents."

The equine visits plucked special heartstrings with some residents who were clearly moved by the gesture.

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Warm Beach therapeutic horsemanship program helps people with a variety of health conditions

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YMCA transforms into child care center for local frontline workers

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On a typical Tuesday, about 700 people walk through the doors at the Stanwood Camano YMCA.

Nowadays, giggles from upward of 20 kids are the only noises echoing off the now-empty corners of the community hub. Since the governor's stay-home order on March 13, the YMCA morphed into a child care center for kids of frontline workers.

"It's a quiet place now," said Dan Powell, Stanwood Camano YMCA branch executive director. "But if the community didn't build this place, there wouldn't be a place to have this childcare option. It's amazing to have kids still in the building."

During the afternoon on Tuesday, April 21, nine of the 32 children signed up for the program were

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The Stanwood Camano YMCA now hosts 32 kids of front-line workers, such as police officers, firefighters, teachers, nurses and doctors.

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Camano Island

April 9

Caller reported that someone cut the tulips growing along Bonnie Lane.

April 10

Caller reported an abandoned cabin on fire at Lost Lake.

April 11

Caller at 7 p.m. said someone had been banging on the side of her house off and on for two hours.

A loose Rottweiler attacked a dog on Pilchuck Drive.

Caller said a person in a white Subaru Outback driving up and down the cul de sac taking photos of houses.

April 12

A shop on Cottonwood Drive was broken into and cleaned out while the owner was out of town.

April 13

People complained of neighbors burning garbage on Patricia Ann Drive.

April 14

An Aussie mix was reported running on Island Crest Drive. The dog was wearing a harness attached to a leash, which was chained to a pole, which it drug behind.

Someone on Port Susan Terrace Road reported a white sailboat beached in Port Susan Bay for three weeks. The boat has a blue bottom; sails were deployed.

Caller reported that a man in a cream-color 2000 Cadillac Deville parks in front of his property on Chapman Road taking photos of his kids. When the man was confronted he drove away.

April 15

Caller on Bambi Drive reported at 3 a.m. that a vehicle "with a bunch of men" was outside the house.

Someone called at 6 a.m. to say a man was asleep in a running red Jeep parked in the middle of the entrance to a parking lot on Elger Bay Road.

Caller said a driver that was held upright by a seatbelt appeared to be passed out in a green van parked on the side of Forrest Way, a private road.

A mailbox was stolen on Grennan Place.

Caller said a neighbor's dog attacked his while walking on Terry Heights Lane.

Area Briefly

Small business grant program gets $5 million

On April 23, the state Department of Commerce announced that $10 million is now available to small businesses affected by COVID-19 through the Working Washington Small Business emergency grant program. New money is from the state's $200 million emergency response fund approved by the Legislature in March. The program launched April 7 with $5 million from the governor's Working Washington economic development strategic reserve fund.

Other assistance is available to small businesses, including new funding proposed by Congress for the federal Small Business Administration's forgivable loan program known as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). For more on PPP, visit sba.gov.

Local economic leaders discuss economic recovery

Local economic leaders came together on April 22 to coordinate assistance efforts as Island County prepares to focus on economic recovery. A meeting co-hosted by County Commissioner Helen Price Johnson and Sharon Sappington, executive director of the Economic Development Council for Island County, brought together representatives from local chambers of commerce, main street organization, the ports of Coupeville and South Whidbey, and the municipalities of Oak Harbor, Coupeville and Langley.

"Now that the health crisis appears to be leveling, we can begin to tackle the economic crisis and position our islands for recovery," Price Johnson said. "With the majority of our economy dependent upon small businesses, we know where our focus needs to be."

Economic data from 2019 related to Island County shows the vast majority of all Island County businesses are small, with 92% of them having fewer than 10 employees. Local metrics recently showed a 70% drop in tourism and 56% drop in clothing industry traffic. Conversely, there was a 66% increase in grocery store activity.

Extensive outreach is happening from the local chamber of commerce groups across both islands. The chambers are sharing information regularly and providing support to businesses in their areas. The Camano Chamber started the Here4U campaign and provided a long list of available resources. The Langley Chamber launched a virtual village called Altogether Langley, which allows the virtual visitor to experience the town from afar and make purchases online.

Stanwood Camano School Board meets online

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Stanwood Camano School Board met briefly online to approve its consent agenda. All board members were in attendance for the meeting, which took place on the Zoom platform.

The board approved its consent agenda, which included the annual District and School Improvement Plans, a $3,870 donation from the Port Susan Middle School PTO to complete the installation of water bottle filling stations at Port Susan Middle School and plans to buy three 78-passenger school buses for $448,173. The state provides reimbursement for most of the purchase cost of buses in the form of annual depreciation payments.

The board next meets at 1 p.m on May 5. See stanwood.wednet.edu.

Local families needed to host exchange students

International Student Exchange Programs, in cooperation with community high schools, is looking for local families to host boys and girls ages 15–18 for the next academic year. Students are from all over the world.

ASSE's top concern is the health of host families, host communities, and exchange students. Even as the U.S. and many other countries continue to live under temporary stay-at-home orders, students will not travel unless it is considered safe to do so by the U.S. and foreign governmental agencies entrusted with public health and safety.

Information: Call the ASSE Western Regional Office at 1-800-733 2773 or visit host.asse.com.

Island Transit earns award for improved air quality

Island Transit has earned the 2020 Gold Award from the Northwest Clean Air Agency for its work to reduce emissions and improve air quality in Island County.

To earn the award, businesses must comply with air quality regulations for at least three years and employ additional clean air practices in specific categories defined by the Northwest Clean Air Agency. Island Transit demonstrated increased energy efficiency by replacing incandescent lights with LED lights at two Park & Ride lots, adding five propane-fired buses to its fleet and switching to B5 bio-diesel in all other buses.

"We're glad to be doing our part to protect the Earth and air quality," Island Transit Executive Director Todd Morrow said.

Island Transit was among 50 businesses and organizations in Island, Skagit and Whatcom counties to claim honors in the annual Partners for Clean Air competition.

AAUW scholarships closing May 1

Acceptance of applications for four $4,000 scholarships from the Stanwood and Camano branch of the American Association of University Women closes this week. All applications must be postmarked by Friday, May 1. Applications for college junior, college senior or master's degree candidates are available at washboard.wsac.wa.gov or aauwsc.org/scholarship.

Major Mount Vernon traffic project complete

Two new lanes of traffic have opened on College Way under Interstate 5, reducing bottlenecks in one of the highest-traffic parts of Mount Vernon. Both new lanes were opened to traffic last week, but may be briefly closed again as workers complete lane striping and other finishing touches, city Project Development Manager Peter Donovan said.

There are now three lanes in each direction under the overpass — two going straight through and one dedicated left-turn lane in each direction to get on the interstate. In an earlier interview, city Public Works Director Esco Bell said this corridor is the busiest in the city and is frequently over capacity.

Work on the $8 million project began in December 2018.

SVC men's basketball head coach honored

The Skagit Valley College Athletic Department announced April 21 that men's basketball coach Carl Howell has been named among the nation's top 50 Most Impactful Junior College Coaches in Men's Basketball. The list recognizes current junior college men's basketball coaches who have made and continue to make an outstanding impact on their players, programs and the game itself.

"Coach Howell continues to build a coaching career that elevates his players and the game of men's basketball," SVC Interim Athletic Director Nancy Anderson said. "The Cardinals set many College records this year, which reflects his commitment to excellence at SVC and for the sport."

This past season, Howell finished with a record of 25-4.

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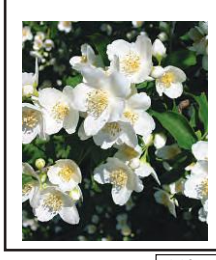
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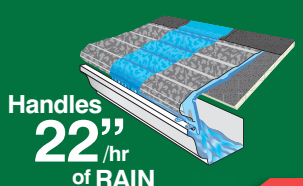

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Days for Girls tops 5,000 masks

Local effort meets challenge of filling requests from near and far

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A row of sergers, threaded with brightly colored thread, sit idle in a room where seamstresses once met regularly to sew menstrual hygiene kits so that girls in Third World countries could continue going to school.

Now the room serves as headquarters for a community sewing force of about 75 community seamstresses sewing at home, working alone, together.

On May 4, the Stanwood Camano Chapter of Days for Girls will celebrate one year of having a dedicated headquarters, conveniently located next to Stanwood Thai in Viking Village. They call it SCISS — Stanwood Camano Island Sewing Space. It sounds like the first syllable of scissors.

Members of Days for Girls have made it possible for others isolated at home to join an organized effort to beat the coronavirus.

Having a dedicated space enables Days for Girls to hand out materials and collect finished facemasks sewn by people scattered throughout the Stanwood and Camano area.

As of March 28, they'd sewn more than 600 masks. By April 25, they'd sewn more than 5,000.

The latest donation was Saturday afternoon, when Days for Girls members handed off 500 masks for Skagit Valley farm workers plus a good number of menstrual kits. Iris Carias, a Mount Vernon council member, came by to pick them up.

"Farm workers are out in the field. They're supposed to keep social distancing but they can't always," Charlie Teel said.

Teel is the lead for the Stanwood Camano chapter and a retired laboratory technologist. She arranges for deliveries and keeps track of where they're going.

SUBMITTED

Miriam Lancaster meets with Iris Carias, a Mount Vernon council member who came to SCISS Saturday to pick up 500 masks for Skagit Valley farm workers.

SCISS brings a force together

Thanks to the Cole Family Trust, SCISS is rent-free, which allows the team to focus on its work. For the past year, 25-35 seamstresses met there to sew. They are part of Days for Girls, an international organization that sews washable fabric menstrual hygiene kits for girls in Third World countries, so they can stay in school, Teel said.

Since March, the international organization shifted its focus to making masks.

People swing by to pick up materials or drop off completed masks at appointed times. Others drop off donated materials.

"It's like Grand Central Station. People bring materials, and it goes back out the door in one form or another," said Miriam Lancaster, who founded the Stanwood Camano chapter five years ago.

It takes several people working key roles to organize the rest.

Miriam Lancaster delivers masks all over the area, from Bellingham to Seattle. She's a retired nurse and public health officer. Carol Hoeksema, a retired physician, is the finance and supply specialist. Esther Woods is a sewing specialist who works quality control. Pam Frederickssen's role is community outreach. As head of Cama Beach Quilters, she brought that group and Camano Island Quilters aboard. She contacted the Coles and got the space for SCISS.

Lancaster has rallied a group of more than 28 neighborhood seamstresses via the Nextdoor social media group who live in Stanwood and rural areas north up to Conway. She has a tub at her "She Shack" in Lake Ketchum where neighbors can take materials and leave finished masks. As of noon Friday, this subgroup had sewn 2,372 masks in less than a month.

"We have many volunteers who donate fabric, elastic, who cut elastic, drive to deliver masks, donate cash to buy elastic, and much more," Lancaster said. "One neighbor, Justin Edwards, knows that I get busy and forget to eat. Often he leaves food at my front door."

SCISS serves the nation

Celeste Mergens, founder and CEO of Days for Girls, lives in Conway. So when Days for Girls shifted its national focus to "Masks4Millions," it started taking online orders for essential workers all over country.

Mergens calls SCISS to fill the orders when other groups fall short.

"They responded immediately, as soon as they heard the need. It doesn't matter where masks are needed; everybody doubles down. They have been amazingly skilled and fast," Mergens said.

"We're her local go-to girls. We've got masks all over the United States," Teel said.

Masks have shipped to Oklahoma, New Mexico, Illinois, Oregon, Texas and a detention center on the border in Mexico.

Word spread that this group could turn out volumes of masks quickly.

Two weeks ago, Navy wives asked Lancaster for 350 masks for sailors aboard the USS Ralph Johnson, with quarantined COVID cases aboard in Everett's harbor.

Without missing a stitch, this network of seamstresses met the quota.

"Everybody was sewing. In two days, we had 350 masks ready for the ship," Teel said.

On the morning of Thursday, April 9, Lancaster was on her way to deliver masks to the ship.

Meanwhile, SCISS conducted a "Mask Roundup" where local seamstresses take turns handing off plastic bags full of masks. They collected 318 more. Teel sent a text to Lancaster and said they could offer more.

When Lancaster asked the captain's wife if they needed more, she said, "We do, but we were embarrassed to ask," Lancaster said.

"They had to sail Saturday, so by Friday at noon we had another 350, so they had enough to put one in the wash and one to wear," Teal said. "She made a second trip that day to make a total of 700."

"These people didn't just make masks, they made them with superhero and nautical themes. They just go above and beyond," Mergens said. "Speaking of super heroes, they're the real deal, these ladies. They're a force for good."

You can help

To inquire how to donate, make requests or sew for the cause, contact stanwoodcamanoislandwa@daysforgirls.org or go to daysforgirls.org/masks4millions

The checklist grows

Again, Mergens called on SCISS when the Navajo Nation put in an order of 10,000 with the national Mask4Millions.

On April 18-20, SCISS sent them 700 masks and 65 menstrual kits, and the International Days For Girls is working on a program to teach the Navajos how to make them for themselves.

Next a delivery of 300 masks will soon go to Full Life Care, a group home for developmentally disabled adults.

"We've helped the Stanwood Camano Food Bank, QFC, the Dollar Store, Elger Bay Grocery, different clinics in the area and NW Laboratories, which is doing research for the vaccine for COVID-19," Teel said.

Josephine Caring Center, Everett Clinic, Providence COVID-19 Unit, Providence phlebotomists, Stanwood Police and Mossy Back's farm stand, added Lancaster.

"Someone says, 'we have a need,' we turn around and here the masks are there. People keep sewing. It's just incredible, absolutely incredible," Teel said.

Local artist turns from tattoo to sewing needle

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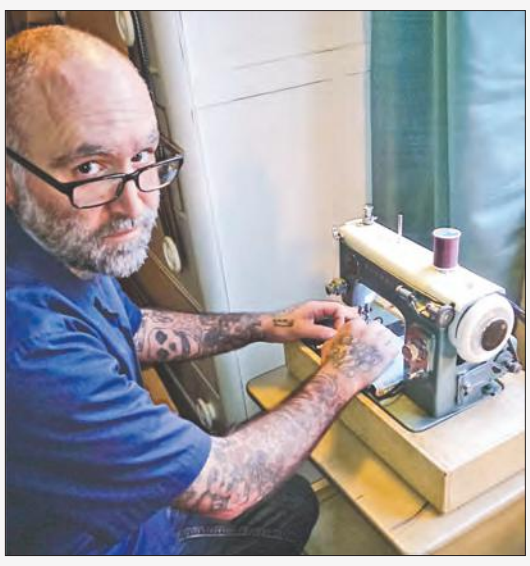
Neil and Lei Mydske's shop, Stanwood Tattoo Co., opened March 1 for 16 days before shutting its doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tattoo artist Neil Mydske put down his tattoo tools and threaded up his grandmother's old Kenmore sewing machine and started sewing facemasks to give away. His wife, Lei Mydske, packs masks and prioritizes donation requests for those who are most at risk.

"Neil is working so hard to give back to the community and help others in need," Lei Mydske said. "... I think people would like to know that during this time, there are people like Neil who care more about the health and safety of our community than making money."



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Neil Mydske sews protective face masks while his tattoo shop is closed.

Neil Mydske made a few masks for his niece, a nursing assistant who worked at a hospital where N95 masks were reserved for high-priority uses. More requests came in, and he's still sewing. He's given away more than 100 masks to essential workers and people in the community.

"It's become apparent that a lot of people are doing it because the supplies I need are gone. The elastic aisle is ransacked every time I go to Walmart," he said.

The shop is their only form of income and the business is too new to qualify for aid, so they continue to help others and hope to open again when it's safe. They sell quarantine T-shirts from their Facebook page to help support their tattoo artists while they wait to open.

Until then, Neil Mydske will sew and send masks into the community.

County receives PPE shipment, offers tips to wear coverings safely

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On April 22, the Snohomish County Emergency Management Division announced that the state had dropped off a big shipment of personal protective equipment (PPE), including 22 pallets of hand sanitizer and 1.2 million surgical masks.

The division is getting these materials to 700 community partners, including police, firefighters, jails, hospitals, clinics and long-term care centers across the county.

"While that might sound like an awful lot, those have been on back order for a long time. We're finally getting some, but the demand for PPE continues," division spokesperson Scott North said. "Essentially there is still a tremendous demand for both the cloth face covers in the community and for the medical grade personal protective equipment."

"We're encouraging people who don't need to wear medical-grade masks to opt for the cloth masks," North said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises people wear a face covering while around others and to keep social distance even with a mask.

The Emergency Management Division puts it like this; "Cloth face coverings are the safe and stylish fashion accessory for this spring. You won't want to be seen at the store without one."

"We're all going to be wearing them; it's part of living in the year 2020 in this part of the world," North said.

MASK TIPS

The Snohomish County Emergency Management Division offers information on how to correctly handle face coverings to safely donate them and how to safely launder and use handmade cloth masks. "If it's not done correctly, the face masks could actually infect people," said division spokesperson Scott North.

Go to **snohomishcountywa.gov/5589/COVID-19-Response**, then click on Cloth Face Covering Information

Guest Commentary

Sunrise over Snohomish County

It's now been over a month since our communities closed down following the statewide orders to stay home, stay healthy, changing life as we knew it. Gov. Jay Inslee's and our community's early and decisive action, while difficult, has protected the lives of countless Washington residents.

As your mayors of Snohomish County, we want to acknowledge what a tremendous burden this has been on all of our residents, and the great sacrifices we're all having to make. Those sacrifices, however, and our collective adherence to public health guidelines, are achieving the intended result. Our efforts are working. Though new cases of COVID-19 continue to emerge each day, there are hopeful signs that the rate of transmission is slowing down. Our county is, in fact, leading the state in flattening the curve. We're proud of our communities for taking this public health threat seriously and doing their part to keep us all safe. Thank you.

Each day that passes, though, is another day that some of us are without work, our kids are out of school, our businesses are pushed to the brink of survival, or in many cases forced to close. All of us are wondering how much longer? When will it be safe again? There is a strong desire, that we as mayors agree with, to better understand the governor's plan for a path forward to return to work, recreate, shop and worship again in our communities. There is a strong need for a logical, fair and equitable return to a "new normal" when we can safely do so. As mayors, we owe it to our community to be able to communicate to them a transparent and realistic plan that will provide them a roadmap to survive economically in the wake of this pandemic. The governor's direction is essential to our ability to do this and today we are offering him our direct assistance in this effort.

We'd like to assure you that we're working hard to get ready for the next phase of response in this pandemic, which is economic recovery and bringing vitality back to our communities. We're working in coordination with Snohomish County executive and councilmembers, the Snohomish Health District and key regional partners to develop a plan for dialing our economy back up as soon as it is safe to do so. Our plan will be tailored to meet the different needs and characteristics of our cities, but aligned in principle and process. It calls for a sector-based, gradual and phased approach – with testing, tracing, monitoring and evaluating – to ensure we don't inadvertently cause a resurgence of COVID-19 in our communities. The last thing we want is to re-open too much, too soon, and undo the great progress we've achieved in fighting this disease together.

We're also advocating at the state and federal level for economic relief for our local businesses and nonprofit partners.

We don't yet know the timeline for when the governor will ease the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order, but when he does, we in Snohomish County will be ready.

In the meantime, we urge your patience and continued cooperation in staying home and physically distancing when you need to go out. We've come so far in slowing the rate of infection and reducing the tragic loss of life. Let's see this through to the finish line and become the first region in the country to effectively and lastingly shrink the threat of this deadly virus.

— This guest editorial was written by the 16 mayors of Snohomish County cities, including Stanwood Mayor Leonard Kelley.

News Files

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Logging at Sunday Lake where Florence Logging Camp operated in the early 1900s. Families would go to the unnamed lake for recreation on Sundays, and it gradually became known as Sunday Lake. There was a large cookhouse, four bunkhouses, repair shops and commissary (canteen) besides housing for loggers' families.

Sunday Lake area was home to large logging camp in 1930s

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EARLY HISTORY

A.K. Sandwick of Norway came to Camano in the 1880s where he became a charter member of Camano Lutheran Church and was one of the original crew operating the historic Utsaladdy Mill.

In 1900, Freeborn Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church services were held in Freeborn School located north of the present church.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Passie Sharpley married Frank Brown in Stanwood and performed on the national comedy stage.

Hannah (Espeland) and Cornelius Holmes moved to Stanwood; she was born in Norway in 1891 and came to Seattle where they married in 1916.

90 YEARS AGO (1930)

Elmer Elfstrom married Nora Murphy, living at Sunday Lake where he had a repair shop. There were once 150 men employed at the logging camp there, with about a dozen buildings and a root cellar.

Ray Morrison bought the Hatton and Morrison store at Warm Beach.

80 YEARS AGO (1940)

The Twin City Unit for Control of Cancer organization was formed here by Mrs. Oscar Wenberg.

Suggested improvements of the Stillaguamish River channel were made by Con. Wallgren before the Board of Engineers at Washington D.C.

70 YEARS AGO (1950)

The Rev. J.H. Myrwang was pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Silvana.

Baill Sarchett opened a meat market in the Mercantile Grocery Co. store.

60 YEARS AGO (1960)

Andrew O. Stubb, born in Norway in 1860, came to Stanwood in 1885, joined the Gold Rush to Alaska, and lived to be 100 years old.

Snohomish County Fire District 14 formed in Silvana.

The Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation was established April 29 by Cliff and Alice Fosse, William and Dorris Brokaw, Edward Jones, and Cliff Danielson (editor of the Stanwood News).

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Books were transferred from the old library to the new Stanwood Public Library.

The nation's first Earth Day was proclaimed and local students made cleanup posters.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Wet weather delayed the planting of table beet seed on 14 acres at Florence.

Local berry pickers were required to have Social Security numbers.

Sea Island Sound, Stanwood's chapter of Sweet Adelines, competed at an international barbershop event.

30 YEARS AGO (1990)

Boy Scout Master Mikky Barnett was given the Scout Masters Award of Merit from the National Eagle Scout Association.

Over $2,000 damage was done by vandals to school buses.

20 YEARS AGO (2000)

The old I.O.O.F. hall was bought by the Stanwood Historical Society.

Around 100 citizens protested the new retreat and restaurant proposed for Camano Hill Road.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

City of Stanwood considered a fire service merger with District 1 of Camano for full services.

Resignations, unexpected leaves of absence, and retirements saved school district staff from cuts.

American Legion Post 92, celebrated its 90th year in Stanwood, calling attention to the Post's honor guard who volunteered at many community functions.

A $25,000 grant was given to North County Fire/EMS by the Stillaguamish Tribe to acquire Jaws of Life and other rescue equipment

Letters to the Editor

News

Thanks for supporting community news

Dear Editor,

As I sit in isolation at home here in Oso, I look forward to reading the Stanwood Camano News each week.

In light of recent news that The Arlington Times and Marysville Globe have ceased publication, I am envious of the still-significant, full-sized broadsheet newspaper that comes from Stanwood every week.

As a former reporter at both papers, I must acknowledge your community's support of the News. Illustrating that supports was a long list of sponsors in the recent Happy Spring full-page ad. Those are largely the regular advertisers who sustain the paper. The businesses in Stanwood and Camano seem to understand the value of a thriving local newspaper.

Of course, a commitment from management to provide the staff to make it a success also deserves note. I know the small staff at the Stanwood Camano News work very hard to keep the paper full of interesting and important information each week. Not just during this crazy virus, but in general, they keep us up to date on what's going on in the city and county government, and the school district, too.

Even as a resident of Oso, I find it interesting to see the continuing progress of the high school, of the parks and trails, and of life in general out there by the Salish Sea.

I do bemoan the end of what we once called, "the longest-running newspaper in the state of Washington," The Arlington Times, but more importantly, I am concerned about the future of society without the service of journalists and journalism to sort out the fluff and the fiction for an informed community.

Thanks to the staff, management and to the community advertisers for keeping the Stanwood Camano News alive.

Sarah Arney
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Equipment and materials are staged, ready for construction of Viking Way, which will run through Viking Village and includes repaving 90th Avenue, creating a new east-west corridor. The project includes a paved roadway, sidewalks, gutters and drainage. Work should be finished by November, City Administrator Jennifer Ferguson said.

Street, sewer projects take steps forward

By PEGGY WENDEL
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The Stanwood City Council selected a contractor Thursday whose bid came in under the amount of a grant the city received for the 276th Street overlay project. The council also approved task orders to move sewer improvements along.

The council authorized a $292,687 contract with Reece Construction for an overlay project on 276th Street from 80th Avenue to 73rd Avenue including ADA upgrades.

The engineer's estimate was $416,000.

The state granted $367,411 for this project with a city match of $40,823. Of this, $46,477.87 has been paid to Perteet, the engineering firm that produced the plans that were approved in January.

The total estimated overall project is $377,586 which includes design, construction management and construction, City Administrator Jennifer Ferguson said.

Sewer improvements

The council approved two task orders, one was to design upgrades to two sewer pipes and the other to design improvements for the main pump station.

It also approved a $149,500 task order for BHC consulting services to design plans and specifications to increase capacity for two sewer lines. Separately they would cost $100,000, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen said.

This is part of a larger project to improve the overall sewer system.

The city installed a gravity sewer main underneath Highway 532 at 72nd Avenue in coordination with the high school construction. This allows the sewer to operate by gravity, so eventually the Church Creek Estates and Cedarhome lift stations will be eliminated, saving the city time and money in maintenance.

With effluent being rerouted, some sections of sewer line need to be upgraded along Pioneer Highway. BHC designed the last upgrade, is familiar with the area and has already done extensive survey work.

This task order is for the last two sections of sewer main that need to be upsized at the northwest end of Fox Hill and from Highway 532 north to Triangle Drive at the viaduct, Hushagen said.

The council approved a $262,149 task order with RH2 for design work on the main pump station, force main and headworks improvements.

In October, RH2 studied how the pump station can serve a growing population without over-taxing the station, looking at a 20-year plan. The station was rebuilt in 1999.

Virtually all sewage generated in the city travels through the collection system to the main station at 94th Drive and 270th Street NW, a block south of Stanwood Middle School. From there, sewage is pumped through a force main to the wastewater treatment plant.

If there are any issues with the line, all sewage would back up into town.

The station was found to be generally performing well but in need of some electrical upgrades and redundancies to the station and force main, as well as well as improvements at the headworks. Now the project moves into the design phase.

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Putting the distance in social distancing

A lone kite surfer takes advantage of windy weather last week off the west side of Camano Island.

Inslee

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The public can find the latest information on site openings at dnr.wa.gov/open.

Officials urge people to stay close to home. If the destination is crowded, be prepared to go somewhere else or come back at another time, officials said.

"This is not a return to normal today, the virus is too rampant to allow that," Inslee said. "This is only a beginning phase of relaxing our outdoor recreation."

As of Monday afternoon, there were 2,356 cases, 203 probable cases and 103 deaths in Snohomish County — up from 2,163 cases a week prior. There have been 81 cases and seven deaths in Stanwood. In Island County, there have been 171 cases and nine deaths, including 36 cases and no deaths on Camano Island.

Inslee announced Friday a plan to allow low-risk construction to resume with new COVID-19 safety requirements to protect workers.

The plan allows existing projects to resume only if safety requirements, including social distancing, personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitation and cleanliness, screening of employees for COVID-19 symptoms, among other measures, are followed.

A majority of construction, including residential, was halted and deemed nonessential by the statewide stay-home order that went into effect in March.

Inslee said there is no timeline yet for reopening the economy and that "all our data shows if we (reopened) today the virus would return with a vengeance."

Nationally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new recommendations Monday designed to help restaurants, schools, churches and businesses safely reopen as states gradually lift their coronavirus restrictions. Among the new guidance is that businesses should close break rooms, restaurants should consider disposable menus and plates, and schools should have students eat lunch in their classrooms.

However, the new federal guidance amounts to advice. State and local officials will adopt and enforce steps to return to normal.

In Washington, where more than 13,500 people have tested positive for the virus and at least 749 have died, Inslee has expressed caution about fully reopening the state too quickly.

He said the removal of certain restrictions would be phased in based on statewide health data.

In the case of outdoor recreation, Inslee said those who are exhibiting signs of illness must stay home and that people must limit their partners in these activities to those who live within their household. He also said people must recreate locally and not make overnight trips to other areas.

Inslee said that the Golf Alliance of Washington has established several limits, including spacing out of tee times, limits on the number of people golfing together and takeaway food and beverage service only.

OBITUARIES

ANN DOREEN SCHLOTMAN
1933 - 2020

Ann Doreen Schlotman, 87, of Stanwood, left the world April 8, 2020.

She leaves behind her husband George, of 64 years; daughter Vicki Aungst of Arlington and her husband Tim, daughter Kelly Ruhoff of Stanwood and her husband Bernie; granddaughter Chelsea Lee and husband Jordon and two great-granddaughters; granddaughter Jessica Taylor, her husband David and two great-grandchildren; granddaughter Whitney Eng her husband Colin and two great-granddaughters; grandson Christopher and his fiance Angie; brother-in-law John Hunt of Gloucester, England and nephew Phillip Hunt and his family; sister-in-law Kathy Kleisath of Anacortes, her four children and families.

Ann grew up in Gloucester, England and married in 1956, arriving in America by ship with her U.S. Air Force husband.

The couple settled in Everett, Wash., where they raised their family, enjoyed winters skiing, a river cabin in summers and family vacations at Seaside, Ore. After retiring, they traveled and lived winters in Sun City West, Ariz., for 20 years.

Ann had a sharp sense of humor, well read, engaging, loved her family and had a penchant for crusty bread and flaky pastries. She never forgot her English roots. Her hugs and wit will be sorely missed.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Eileen, brother-in-law David, sister-in-law Sally, her in-laws and great-niece Sara Hunt. She will be laid to rest at Anderson Cemetery, Stanwood.

Card of Thanks

The family of Vicki Anderson sincerely appreciates the many cards, calls, flowers, and outpouring of love and support after her passing.

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Snohomish County Sheriff among those pushing back against stay-home order

By EVAN CALDWELL
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Gov. Jay Inslee pushed back last week against people who are questioning the stay-home order, including Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney.

Fortney said he will not enforce the shutdown order, calling it drastic measure that is a "suspension of constitutional rights."

"I believe that preventing business owners to operate their businesses and provide for their families intrudes on our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," Fortney wrote in an April 21 Facebook post. "I am greatly concerned for our small business owners and single-income families who have lost their primary source of income needed for survival."

He followed up the post with a press conference on April 22 to reiterate his stance in the post and to advocate for a clearer path forward from Inslee.

But Inslee said at a separate press conference on April 22 that "we can't have individual law enforcement officers arbitrarily decide which laws they are going to enforce and which laws they are not going to enforce. If people have disagreements with the law, that can be decided by the courts."

Franklin County Sheriff J.D. Raymond also announced plans to not enforce the stay-home order. The board of commissioners in Franklin County voted to reopen businesses in the county. And on April 19, about 2,500 protesters gathered in Olympia to urge Inslee to lift the stay-home order.

"It is disappointing when elected officials promote illegal activity that puts their community's well-being at risk," Inslee and Attorney General Bob Ferguson wrote in a joint statement April 22. "People's lives are deeply impacted by this crisis. We are working hard to turn the tide on COVID-19 and begin lifting restrictions. These decisions are guided by science. Our priority is keeping Washingtonians healthy."

Adam Fortney
Snohomish County Sheriff

Inslee said no court "anywhere in this state or anywhere" has ruled that the governor's emergency order violates the Constitution or any other law.

"Do not be misled by local officials who encourage you to risk your health and violate the law," Inslee and Ferguson wrote. "Please continue to take care of yourself, your family and your neighbors."

During the press conference, Inslee applauded those who are voluntarily following the stay-home order, saying their actions have kept the outbreak from becoming more severe.

Inslee said that there has only been one instance so far in the state where law enforcement has been needed to enforce an order — when a landlord was threatening renters with evictions.

Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney Adam Cornell said in a statement that while residents are "understandably anxious, confused and afraid for their own health and that of their loved ones not to mention their own economic well-being and that of their neighbors," the constitution and laws of the state of Washington are "crystal clear" that the governor has the authority to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens.

"I fear that the recent statements of Sheriff Fortney will be interpreted by some citizens around the state, to grant license to willfully and blatantly violate the law," Cornell said. "Let me be clear: actions have consequences. State and local emergency proclamations are legally binding on all of us whether we agree with them or not. A violation of the law carries consequences and as county prosecutor I will continue to uphold my oath and exercise my prosecutorial discretion."

Fortney said during the press conference that he wanted to spark a conversation about a "better path forward."

"As your elected Sheriff I will always put your constitutional rights above politics or popular opinion," Fortney wrote. "We have the right to peaceably assemble. We have the right to keep and bear arms. We have the right to attend church service of any denomination. The impacts of COVID 19 no longer warrant the suspension of our constitutional rights."

Inslee's stay-home order runs through May 4, but he said he hopes new health modeling will allow resumption of some activities.

Inslee has said a return to public life will take a series of steps and that until several markers are met — including adequate testing and a vaccine — preventing an increase in new cases is the main priority. And on April 21 he announced a plan to have about 1,500 workers focused solely on contact tracing in place by the second week of May.

House Minority Leader J.T. Wilcox, R-Yelm, said last week he was disappointed that Inslee has yet to announce when restrictions would begin to be lifted or say what specific metrics he would be using to make the decision.

More than 12,280 people in Washington state have tested positive for the virus and at least 682 have died. The virus is highly contagious and can be spread by those who appear healthy and can cause severe illness and death in some patients, particularly the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.

A new survey finds Americans remain overwhelmingly in favor of stay-at-home orders and other efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus. A majority say it won't be safe to lift such restrictions anytime soon. The survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found only 12% of Americans say measures to fight the outbreak where they live go too far. About twice as many believe the limits don't go far enough.

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State Supreme Court denies prisoners' request for release

By SKAGIT PUBLISHING

The divided state Supreme Court denied a request to release thousands of inmates — potentially including ones convicted of violent crimes — in an effort to protect them from COVID-19.

The case was fast-tracked to the Supreme Court after a lawsuit asking for the release of the inmates was filed in March by Columbia Legal Services.

Columbia Legal Services was seeking the release of its five named plaintiffs, and is asking the Supreme Court to order Inslee to substantially reduce the prison population.

"COVID-19 is so dangerous and so contagious that it's actually illegal for us to be in the same room," Columbia Legal Services lawyer Nicholas Straley said, referencing the state's first-ever Supreme Court hearing held via the video conferencing app Zoom. "Nonetheless, my clients sleep in rooms with two or three or 25 others."

The justices, in a 5-4 decision, said that the prisoners who had sued failed to show that the Department of Corrections was not properly addressing the risk of COVID-19.

Columbia Legal Services was asking the Supreme Court to order the state to release inmates who fall into any of three categories: over the age of 50, pregnant or with underlying medical issues, including mental illness; and those whose sentence would be completed within 18 months.

"They know it's dangerous inside the prisons," Straley said. "They know it's essential to release people."

In its response, Inslee and the Department of Corrections assert that should the Supreme Court side with Columbia Legal Services the state would be required to release nearly 12,000 inmates, including some of the state's most notorious and violent offenders, such as "Green River Killer" Gary Ridgway and Isaac Zamora, who killed six people and injured four others in a shooting spree in Skagit County in 2008.

When asked by a Supreme Court justice if Columbia Legal Services was really requesting the release of such violent offenders, Straley said no.

"We've never taken the position that every single one of those people be released," he said.

However, he said, it was requesting the release of inmates whose sentences would be completed within 18 months and whose offenses are such that they do not require victim notification upon release.

Assistant Attorney General John Samson said that still wouldn't quell the fears of many victims as some offenders are serving sentences for offenses that have been reduced as part of plea deals and don't require victim notification.

"The fact that they're currently serving a nonviolent offense doesn't meant they're not a danger," Samson said.

Already, Inslee and Sinclair have made efforts to reduce the prison population, including the release of about 1,100 inmates accused of low-level crimes and who were set to be released by June.

Citing information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other sources detailing a possible second wave of coronavirus infections in the winter and the potential for a vaccine within 18 months, only releasing inmates two months early is not enough to protect those who are serving longer sentences, Straley said.

"We are in an 18-month odyssey," he said. "This is not a two-month blip, this is going to be an issue until there is a vaccine."

By last weekend, Corrections estimates it will have about 16,000 inmates instead of about 18,000, Samson said.

"It's the (state's) position that is enough," Samson said. "If it becomes necessary to release more individuals they will do that."

The reduction has allowed Corrections to — with the exception of situations where the facility's age and design make it impractical — practice proper social distancing among inmates.

New inmates coming into the state's prisons from county jails are screened and quarantined for 14 days, he said. Those who show symptoms of COVID-19 are isolated, and contact tracing is done to see with whom they have been in contact.

Employees — including those transporting inmates to and from county jails and state prisons — are also medically screened.

Already, about 300 inmates have been tested for the coronavirus, Samson said. Thirteen, including 12 at the Monroe Correctional Complex, have tested positive, he said.

Justice Barbara Madsen argued that without reentry plans, jobs and housing, many of the released inmates may become homeless, a group that has a higher risk of contracting the coronavirus.

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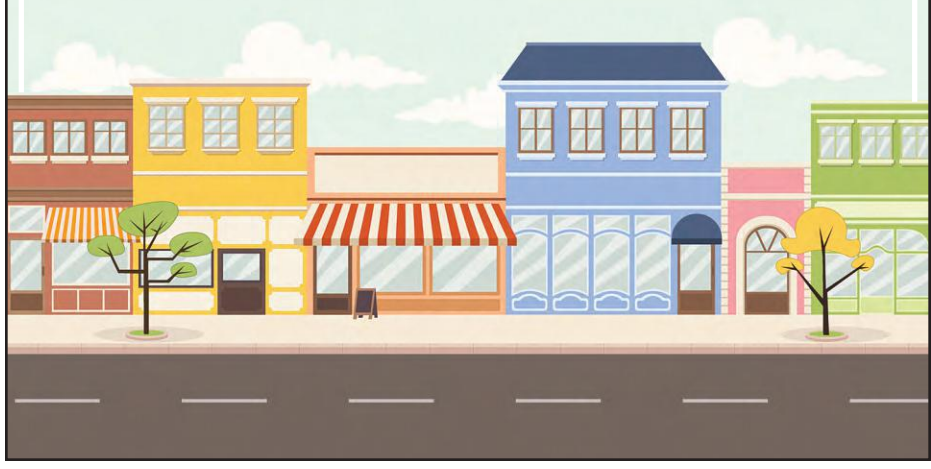

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Alyshia Main, the School Age Care director at the Stanwood-Camano YMCA, center, works with children on April 21.

YMCA

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Mikayla Hundahl, center, helps children with an art project on April 21 at the YMCA.

downstairs making colorful homemade windsocks.

"The first couple of days were a bit odd to them, having this big empty building to themselves," said Alyshia Main, the School Age Care director at the Stanwood-Camano YMCA. "But now we're the normalcy of their day. It's an opportunity to focus on something other than the crisis."

The staff has created some curriculum such as dinosaur digs, a week of virtual travel, a weather unit. This week, the YMCA will use school district Chromebooks to help kids embark on remote learning.

Just 18 hours after Stanwood-Camano schools closed on March 11, the YMCA unveiled a child-care option for members' children. But two days later, Gov. Jay Inslee issued the stay-home order, and the YMCA again quickly transitioned to child care for front-line workers.

About 80% of the staff has been temporarily laid off. All but three were part-time workers. Now, five staff members keep the operations running, some working from home when they can.

"Originally, we were expecting lots of kids, but we quickly found that people were staying home, which is a good thing," Alyshia said. "But there are those who can't."

Police officers, firefighters, teachers, nurses and doctors are among the parents who use the YMCA's child care. There are 32 kids enrolled, but the YMCA averages about 20 a day, Main said.

Children are provided breakfast, a mid-morning snack, lunch and an afternoon snack consistent with the YMCA of the USA's Healthy Eating and Physical Activity guidelines of trans-fat free, no fried foods, no foods with more than 8 grams of sugar per serving and using only whole grain breads, cereals and crackers along with fresh fruits and vegetables.

The child care staff, which was originally hired for part-time child care in the morning and late afternoon, now mostly works full time. Child care is offered 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents wait outside and call a phone number for a staff member to escort their child in or out of the building.

While there are no more than 10 people to a room, it's hard to maintain social distancing with children. Powell said he's appreciative of the child care staff who are putting their health on the line.

Child care worker Mikayla Hundahl said she understands the risks.

"Helping these parents out is very important to me," she said.

However, she lives with her grandparents in Stanwood and worries about them, so she pays extra attention to keeping her distance from them at home.

"That part is stressful, trying not to get close to them," she said. "But we're OK with it."

Like most other organizations and businesses, the YMCA is running at a deficit while also seeking federal financial assistance through programs such as the emergency loans. In addition, it's still soliciting donations through its annual campaign on its website, ymca-snoco.org.

"We were in the middle of our annual fundraising campaign when this thing hit, and we were halfway to our goal," Main said.

But tight finances won't stop them providing child care, she said.

"Seeing the impact it makes on the kids and the parents has been the most moving part of this," she said.

State report: No more Diobsud wolf pack

By SKAGIT PUBLISHING

WDFW

A lone wolf during hours of darkness in the Diobsud Creek area, as seen here March 17.

A pair of wolves in Skagit County were deemed the first pack of the recovering species west of the Cascade Mountains a year ago, but without enough information to verify more than one wolf remains in the area, the state has scratched the Diobsud Creek Pack off of its annual list.

In the Washington Gray Wolf Conservation and Management 2019 Annual Report released Monday, the name for the short-lived Diobsud Pack was typed in strike-through text.

"Surveys indicated a single wolf maintained the Diobsud Creek territory this winter, which had been considered the only Western Washington pack, but no longer meets the definition of a pack for 2019," according to a news release.

The state Department of Fish & Wildlife defines a pack as two or more animals sharing a territory. In order to maintain pack status, there must be continued evidence of more than one wolf in a given area.

In the Marblemount area in east Skagit County, that evidence was not obtained this year, using state and private wildlife cameras and track surveys conducted in the snow.

Statewide wolf specialist Ben Maletzke said photos were obtained in February and March from wildlife cameras, but they were dark, grainy, showing just one wolf at a time.

While that lack of evidence meant one fewer wolf and one fewer pack counted in the state's annual report, the Washington wolf population as a whole saw growth for the 11th year in a row, according to a news release.

Fish & Wildlife and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation together counted 145 wolves in 26 packs. That's an 11% increase over 2019.

Since 1980, gray wolves have been listed under state law as endangered throughout Washington.

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UNBRIDLED ENTHUSIASM

Therapeutic horsemanship program at Warm Beach helps people with a variety of health conditions

Editor's Note: *This story was researched and written prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the stay-home order.*

By KIM HILDENBRAND
For the SC News

Austin Osburn wanted to go faster.

"Trot!" the 12-year-old exclaimed a few weeks ago with a grin, as two volunteers led Cameo — the brown-and-white horse he rides each week — around the ring. "Trot!"

Across the arena, Sue Lamoree rode atop Sapphire, flanked by three volunteers.

"Sue, you can weave through the cones now," said instructor Ginger Reitz, directing the hour-long lesson from the center of the ring on a recent afternoon at the Warm Beach Camp and Conference Center.

Austin and Sue are two of the about eight served each session by the 3-year-old Warm Beach therapeutic horsemanship program, which helps people with a variety of health conditions, including ADHD, vision issues, autism and multiple sclerosis.

ONLINE

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Within the arena, participants gain strength, confidence and life skills, said Ginger Reitz, a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International-certified instructor who moved from Maple Valley in 2017 to start the program.

"The benefits are physical, cognitive and emotional," Reitz said. "Riding a horse develops core strength, and there is also a sensory stimulus when the horse moves. It can settle someone who is on the autism spectrum, and for someone with MS or neuropathy, it actually hits the pause button on the disease."

Because the horse's gait mimics a human's walk, it stimulates the spinal cord, the endocrine system and the circulatory system, Reitz said.

Eligible participants can take a therapeutic riding lesson or a therapeutic vaulting lesson. The difference between the two lies in the equipment used: Riding requires saddles, bridles and reins, while vaulting relies on a surcingle — a strap around the horse — to enable five points of contact for people who have balance challenges.

"Both riding and vaulting incorporate the same core moves, but people who are vaulting aren't restricted by the saddle," Reitz said. "Riders can even lie down."

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Participants work in February during the Warm Beach therapeutic horsemanship program, which helps people with a variety of health conditions, including ADHD, vision issues, autism and multiple sclerosis.

COURTESY OF WARM BEACH CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Participants gain strength, confidence and life skills, according to Ginger Reitz, a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International-certified instructor at the camp.

Typically, Warm Beach offers a host of horse-related activities, including year-round riding lessons, year-round equestrian vaulting, and overnight and day camps. The camp also offers other activities to benefit the community, including weekend retreat camps for tribal children in foster care.

"The horses do the healing," Reitz said. "We just facilitate it."

'You can do this'

Austin has apraxia, which is a neurological disorder. The Port Susan Middle School seventh-grader is gaining confidence, becoming more limber and honing his ability to follow directions during these lessons, according to his mother.

"He has no fear," said Austin's mom, Revallee Osburn, while watching him from the stands. "He loves this so much."

Sue is an incomplete quadraplegic due to transverse myelitis, which is inflammation of the spinal cord. She spends much of her time in a wheelchair and treasures her time on Sapphire.

Before moving to Camano Island, Sue rode for 25 years in another facility. Even years later, she still notices gains: Atop the horse, she builds core strength and finds the motivation to work even harder on building strength at home.

"So many therapies are about what you can't do," Sue said. "It's amazing to be in a position where people say, 'You can do this.'"

Sue also enjoys the sensation of riding a horse, she said.

"It's amazing how much I feel of the horse's movement," she said. "I can feel her step change or feel a slight difference in her left hip. It's a thrill. I don't feel that in a wheelchair."

Powered by volunteers

Warm Beach is home to 37 horses, and five of them participate in the therapeutic horsemanship program, which runs mostly on donations and volunteers.

The Hooves & Hearts scholarship fund, created in memory of Bill Ste. Marie and Samuel Matthew Lousberg, is geared specifically toward therapeutic horsemanship.

"We don't want cost to be an issue if someone has a need," volunteer coordinator Pam Whims said.

Reitz said the experience is valuable for volunteers and riders alike.

"We have a vibrant, multigenerational community of volunteers," she said. "People come to touch a horse, but they stay to be part of our community."

Holly Barnes, who lives in the Warm Beach Camp, said she enjoys watching people and horses interact when she volunteers. Tracy Thoms of Stanwood said she and her sister-in-law Deb have forged new friendships through volunteering. Deb Thoms normally travels from Oso to volunteer each week.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic has prompted the cancellation of an open house as well as all lessons and therapeutic sessions. Lessons will resume when health officials give approval and schools reopen. The staff and volunteers will be ready to help when that day comes.

"We have raised the bar with education, inclusion, and community," Reitz said. "We welcome everyone."

Visit warmbeach.com/camps/horsemanship/therapeutic-horsemanship to learn more about the program.

For Austin and Sue, their sunny afternoon session on a horse is an experience to savor.

Since entering the world of therapeutic horsemanship, Sue is a self-proclaimed "animal person" — she even wrote a book about a horse titled, "The True Adventures of Carbon." On Mondays, she always carries treats so she can feed them to Sapphire after they ride.

After Austin finished his arm circle exercises, wove through the cones and high-fived a volunteer when directed, his horse Cameo broke into the much-anticipated trot.

Austin laughed aloud, giddy with delight, as the horse trotted through the ring and the volunteers jogged beside him. Everyone nearby couldn't help but smile.

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Island Transit launches delivery service

By SC NEWS STAFF

Island Transit launched a new service Friday to assist Island County social service agencies and food banks with the delivery of essential items during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The service, Island Transit Cares, delivered 50 boxes of food from the North Whidbey Help House in Oak Harbor and to several Island County locations in its maiden trip.

"As a public transit agency, offering free delivery service for essential items is just another way to fulfill our mission," said Island Transit Executive Director Todd Morrow, adding that buses are still operating on a reduced emergency service plan. "While many people are staying home and not riding the bus, we're adapting our service to meet today's needs and bring essential items to them through established programs and service organizations."

Island Transit Cares will deliver groceries, medicine, meals and essential items that are not considered dangerous.

"We will deliver whenever and to whomever the social service agency or food bank needs us to go," Morrow said in a news release. "Deliveries will be done safely, with social distancing and no-contact practices."

Morrow said driving for Island Transit Cares is voluntary and that the work is authorized as a legitimate service by the Federal Transit Administration during the pandemic.

"We live in a rural community, and people take care of each other really well here," Morrow said. "Island Transit Cares is not meant to replace neighborly love and support, but to fill a gap where there is a need."

Morrow said the service also is not meant to replace the businesses and private delivery services available to the public. The service will not take delivery requests from individuals.

The transit agency is working to extend services to Camano Island, as well. The service is limited to Island County boundaries.

The FTA is encouraging transit agencies across the United States to support their communities with similar delivery services. Funds for these services are federally reimbursable expenses so local tax dollars are not used. Morrow said he expects Island Transit Cares to run for several months.

"It's hard to say what the future holds, but as long as we have available drivers and there is a need, we'll keep it going," he said.

Social service agencies and food banks that need delivery service for essential items during the COVID-19 pandemic should contact Shawn Harris, Island Transit Operations Manager, at harris@islandtransit.org or 360-678-7771.

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At top, Eunice Brezicha pets Magnum. Above left, Alice Prall visits with Ebon. Right, Robert O'Brien greets Caelum during the parade at Warm Beach Senior Community.

Ponies

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"You could see some tear up," Dewhirst said. "I had to walk away a few times. I'm not surprised it made a connection."

Some residents were excited to see familiar faces in the group from the Warm Beach Horsemanship Program. The program helps people with a variety of health conditions, including ADHD, vision issues, autism and multiple sclerosis.

"You have a lot of people talk about community, but this is what community really looks like," Dewhirst said.

Joan Stubblebine, a Warm Beach Senior Community resident, was quick to step outside to visit the horses and staff.

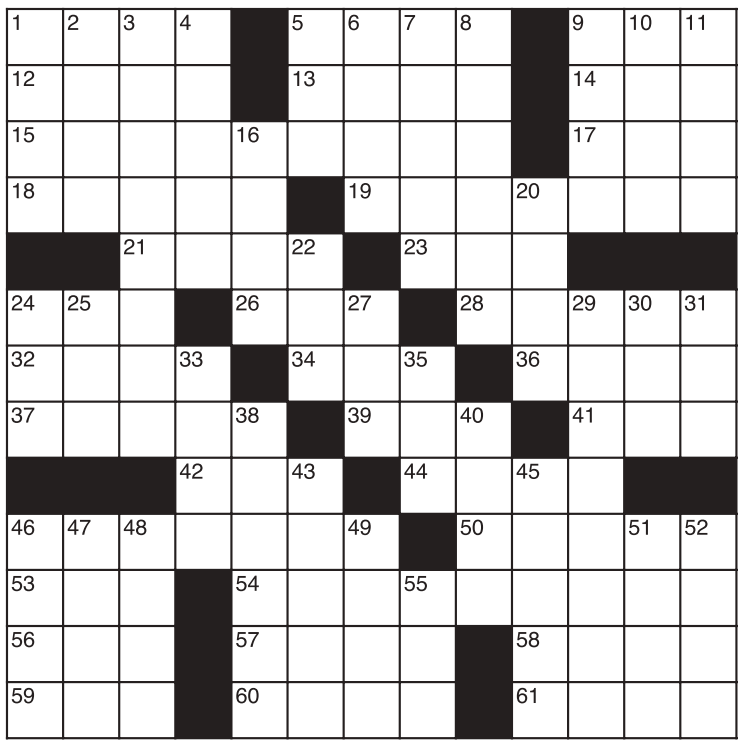
"Such a wonderful visit," she said. "They really have been trying to do stuff for us here during this tough time. We appreciate it, and they've kept us safe."

Dewhirst said his staff of about 150 have been "heroic" and keeps coming to work with great attitudes.

The Twin City Idlers and their classic cars may be the next group to parade through the cozy streets of the Warm Beach Senior Community.

"This place is founded on prayer and faith," Dewhirst said. "We are just staying positive."

Coffee break



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5. On the peak
9. Picnic crasher
12. Among
13. Exec's car
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15. Explain
17. Blazed the trail
18. Farmyard honkers
19. Paints
21. Advance
23. Hog's pad
24. Marry
26. Ewe's mate
28. Alternate
32. Listen
34. Father
36. Brave-deed doer
37. More aged
39. Baby wear
41. Snare
42. Fold over
44. Biblical boatbuilder
46. Motors
50. Unsociable
53. Scramble (for)
54. Exit
56. Small hotel
57. Track shape
58. Totally confused
59. Say yes
60. Simple
61. Take ten

DOWN

1. Guzzle
2. Chardonnay, e.g.
3. Waited upon
4. Not those
5. High peak
6. Fatigue
7. Portents
8. Spud
9. Skilled
10. Christmastime
11. Boys
16. Posterior
20. Legendary story
22. Hip-hopper's music
24. Which person
25. Skinny fish
27. Gang
29. Coop
30. Significant period
31. Burglarize
33. Pastrami vendor
35. Bowler's target
38. Haphazard
40. Wild hog
43. Irk
45. Church table
46. Mischievous
47. Cat-o'-____-tails
48. Lady's man
49. Sail pole
51. Mine outputs
52. Accomplishment
55. Foamy brew

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY :

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once. Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: **You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.**
Below are the answers to last week's puzzles:

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Filing deadline approaching for 2020 election

Several positions on ballots this fall in Snohomish and Island counties

By SC NEWS STAFF

Registration begins soon for state and local races in the 2020 election.

Filing runs from 9 a.m. May 11 until 4 p.m. May 15, according to the Secretary of State Office. Prospective candidates can file online, by mail or in person at the Snohomish or Island county Elections Departments.

At the Stanwood-Camano level, two non-judicial offices will be on the local ballots ballot.

Island County Commissioner seats currently held by Helen Price Johnson and Jill Johnson are up for election. Both seats — Position 1 and Position 2 — represent parts of Whidbey Island.

The Snohomish PUD Commissioner seat held by Sid Logan will also be up for grabs.

Island County Superior Court has two positions on the ballot, and Snohomish County Superior Court features 15 positions on the ballot this year.

This year's primary election is set for Aug. 4 and the general election for Nov. 3.

All three seats in the state Legislature that represent the Stanwood-Camano area will be on the ballot this year.

In the 10th Legislative District, seats belonging to both state Reps. Norma Smith, R-Clinton, and Dave Paul, D-Oak Harbor, will be on the ballot, as will the state Senate seat filled by Ron Muzzall, R-Oak Harbor.

Smith, who has held the seat since she was appointed in 2008, announced in March that she would not run for re-election.

Gift ideas for your tech-savvy mom

Is your mom "addicted" to her smartphone or tablet? On Mother's Day, think outside the box and give her a high-tech gift that will surprise her. Here are some accessories that are easy to find and always appreciated.

- **A protective case.** She'll be able to take her device everywhere she goes and it will always be protected from bangs and scratches. You can find any number of elegant and feminine protective cases in genuine leather, polyurethane or silicone. Some cases can even be personalized.
- **An activity tracker.** If your mom is physically active, she'll love to receive a bracelet or watch that calculates the number of steps she takes, the distance she walks or jogs, her heart rate and calories burned. Most can be synchronized with a smartphone or tablet.
- **A stylus pen.** For moms who hate seeing fingerprints all over their screens, a stylus is a great gift. Choose a drawing stylus for the mom who loves to create virtual art, or for a business woman, buy a universal stylus that works with all touch screens.
- **A combo clock radio and USB charging dock.** Give your mother the chance to wake up to her favorite music every morning with an alarm clock that also charges her smartphone or tablet.

A portable keyboard, SIM card, earphones and Bluetooth speakers are some other ideas for the techie mom.

Three ways to show your love

Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to express all your love and gratitude to the mother of your children, whether they're still small or all grown up. Embrace the woman in your life with tenderness, and highlight this special day with a gift she'll never forget.

- **Give her some of her favorite flowers and accompany your bouquet with a message that's both touching and sincere.** Write "I love you," tell her how happy you are to live with her and thank her for bringing your beloved children into the world.
- **Choose some jewelry with special meaning:** a "mother-and-child" or heart-shaped pendant; a ring; earrings or a bracelet in gold or silver. Have it engraved with a loving word, your initials or an important date.
- **Get takeout for her from a fancy restaurant.** It's a great opportunity for her to discover local specialties or flavors from around the world. She's sure to remember this Mother's Day after enjoying a feast fit for a queen.

A day to make Grandma happy

This Mother's Day, don't forget Grandma. Regardless of her age and state of health, your grandmother deserves special attention too, and there are thousands of ways you can give her some. Just remember that it's usually the simplest treats that make her happy. Whether or not you can organize a family get-together online, take advantage of Mother's Day to share quality time with your grandmother.

Is your grandmother housebound? Send her a small cake or other dessert she really likes and take a moment to enjoy it with her. Make her laugh, and talk about things that are close to her heart. Ask for her advice, and make sure she knows that you love and care for her.

A photo can be another way to please your grandmother. Give her a recent photo of yourself or the whole family or a souvenir photo that will remind her of a wonderful time. Other great gift ideas are a soft cashmere shawl to keep her warm, a personalized mug that she can use to enjoy her favorite drink or a nice cushion to support her back.

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0526 EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

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0534 FREE

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0554 MISCELLANEOUS

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0568 SPORTING GOODS

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Failure to obtain a certificate of registration from L & I or show the registration number in all advertising will result in a fine up to $5,000 against the unregistered contractor.

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Businesses & services mandated to have a contractor's license number (or provide said service) shall include the number within their advertisement.

0042 PERSONALS

In Memory

On Memorial Day, May 25th, 2020, place an *In Memory* message & photo of your loved one that has passed.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-18-813158-BB Title Order No.: 191049980-WA-MSI Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 200603270189 Parcel Number(s): 00597400000805, 310337 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: VLADIMIR GALLE, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): U.S. Bank N.A., as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC2 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2 Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. I.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 5/8/2020, at 10:00 AM Outside The North Plaza Entrance to the Snohomish County Courthouse, located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of SNOHOMISH, State of Washington, to-wit: THE SOUTH 300 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, OF THAT PORTION OF LOT 8, PLAT NO 3, THREE LAKES LUMBER COMPANY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 10 OF PLATS, PAGE 28, RECORDS OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ALL LYING EASTERLY OF THE COUNTY ROAD More commonly known as: 6715 STORM LAKE RD, SNOHOMISH, WA 98290 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 3/23/2006, recorded 3/27/2006, under Instrument No. 200603270189 records of SNOHOMISH County, Washington, from VLADIMIR GALLE, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as grantor(s), to BISHOP & LYNCH OF KING COUNTY, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE CORP, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank N.A., as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC2 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 200905120423 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $64,293.15. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $395,007.11, together with interest as provided in the Note from 8/1/2017 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 5/8/2020. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 4/27/2020 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 4/27/2020 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 4/27/2020 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). 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ment of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice.org/what-clear Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-18-813158-BB. Dated: 12/30/2019 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Shawn Sta Ines, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-18-813158-BB Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Login to: http://wa.qualityloan.com IDSPub #0159492 4/7/2020 4/28/2020.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-16-701808-SW Title Order No.: 160028187-WA-MSI Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 200509220922 Parcel Number(s): 007719-000-536-00 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: KEVIN L. SWANSON, A SINGLE PERSON AND DAN K. CONKLIN, A SINGLE PERSON Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN MORTGAGE TRUST MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-2 Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper I.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 5/8/2020, at 10:00 AM Outside The North Plaza Entrance to the Snohomish County Courthouse, located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of SNOHOMISH, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 536, SILVER FIRS DIV. 5-B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 49 OF PLATS, PAGES 83 THROUGH 88, INCLUSIVE, RECORDS OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 5427 139TH STREET SOUTHEAST, EVERETT, WA 98208 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 9/19/2005, recorded 9/22/2005, under Instrument No. 200509220922 records of SNOHOMISH County, Washington, from KEVIN L. SWANSON, A SINGLE PERSON AND DAN K. CONKLIN, A SINGLE PERSON, as grantor(s), to LAWYERS TITLE AGENCY OF WASHINGTON, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COMUNITY LENDING, INCORPORATED, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, DBA FIRST RATE MORTGAGE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN MORTGAGE TRUST MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-2, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 201511040553 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $61,296.93. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $245,333.08, together with interest as provided in the Note from 12/1/2017 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 5/8/2020. 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The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-16-701808-SW. Dated: 12/31/2019 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Kristen Oswood, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-16-701808-SW Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Login to: http://wa.qualityloan.com IDSPub #0159531 4/7/2020 4/28/2020.
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ISLAND TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

The Island Transit Board of Directors will hold a regularly scheduled business meeting on Friday, May 1, 2020, at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be telephonic. A call-in number will be posted on the webpage and the meeting agenda at least 24 hours before the meeting. Special needs accommodated upon request; please give ample time for a response to a request. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 360-678-7771 or email at info@islandtransit.org.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
ISLAND COUNTY
Case No. 20-4-00098-15
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET LOUISE MORRIS, 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 is barred by otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 21st, 2020
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Linda Louise Morris
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Charles Arndt of Kelly, Arndt & Walker, Attorneys at Law, PLLP
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: P.O. Box 290, 6443 Harding Ave. Clinton, WA 98236
COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Island County Superior Court Cause Number No. 20-4-00098-15
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-19-873705-RM Title Order No.: 1186780 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 201209210581 Parcel Number(s): 005419-000-008-04 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: DUSTIN JOSEPH BURKE SINGLE MAN Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): Freedom Mortgage Corporation Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Freedom Mortgage I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 5/29/2020, at 9:00 AM On the Steps in Front of the North Entrance to the Snohomish County Superior Courthouse, located at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of SNOHOMISH, State of Washington, to-wit: THAT PORTION OF TRACT 8 PECKS BAY VIEW TRACTS, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 10 OF PLATS, PAGE 99, RECORDS OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY AUDITOR; DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT WITH A LINE THAT IS PARALLEL WITH AND 195 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 8 TO THE EAST LINE THEREOF; THENCE SOUTH ON SAID EAST LINE 50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 8, THAT IS 55 FEET SOUTH OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. More commonly known as: 6113 EAST DR, EVERETT, WA 98203 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 9/13/2012, recorded 9/21/2012, under Instrument No. 201209210581 records of SNOHOMISH County, Washington, from DUSTIN JOSEPH BURKE SINGLE MAN, as grantor(s), to COMMONWEALTH TITLE, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR COBALT MORTGAGE, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 201811080080 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $11,737.32. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $180,544.41, together with interest as provided in the Note from 6/1/2019 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 5/29/2020. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 5/18/2020 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 5/18/2020 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 5/18/2020 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 12/9/2019. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice.org/what-clear Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-19-873705-RM. Dated: 1/14/2020 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Maria Montana, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-19-873705-RM Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: http://wa.qualityloan.com IDSPub #0159844 4/28/2020 5/19/2020
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-18-846778-SW Title Order No.: 611200334 TSG1812-WA-3487473 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 200502010754 Parcel Number(s): 00-3750-000-046-01, 00-3750-000-046-02 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: ROGER MURRAY, A SINGLE MAN AND JOCELYN B. SMITH, A SINGLE WOMAN, TENANTS IN COMMON Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Argent Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-W1, Asset-Backed Notes Series 2005-W1 Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: PHH Mortgage I.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 5/29/2020, at 10:00 AM Outside The North Plaza Entrance to the Snohomish County Courthouse, located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of SNOHOMISH, State of Washington, to-wit: PARCEL A: West 108 feet of East 238.03 feet of Lot 46, PLAT OF ALDERWOOD MANOR NO. 26, as per plat recorded in Volume 14 of Plats, Page 1, records of Snohomish County, Washington; EXCEPT South 20 feet thereof; TOGETHER WITH easement for ingress, egress and drainage and utilities over, under and across the North 20 feet of South 40 feet of East 130.03 feet of said Lot 46. Situate in the County of Snohomish, State of Washington. PARCEL B: The West 54 feet of the East 292.03 feet of the North 130 feet, Lot 46, ALDERWOOD MANOR #26, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 14 of Plats, Page 1, records of Snohomish County, Washington. More commonly known as: 14418 CASCADIAN WAY, EVERETT, WA 98208 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 1/26/2005, recorded 2/1/2005, under Instrument No. 200502010754 records of SNOHOMISH County, Washington, from ROGER MURRAY, A SINGLE MAN AND JOCELYN B. SMITH, A SINGLE WOMAN, TENANTS IN COMMON, as grantor(s), to ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclo-

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sure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice.org/what-clear Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-18-846778-SW. Dated: 1/22/2020 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Kristen Oswood, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-18-846778-SW Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Login to: http://wa.qualityloan.com IDSPub #0160015 4/28/2020 5/19/2020.
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LEGAL NOTICE
CALL FOR BIDS
ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sealed bids will be received by the Island County Auditor in the Courthouse Administration Building, attention Karen Hossfeld, at 1 N.E. Seventh Street, (P.O. Box 5000), Coupeville, Washington 98239, **until 12:30 PM, May 14, 2020** for the following:

2020 WHIDBEY ISLAND HMA OVERLAYS.
CRP 20-01
WHIDBEY ISLAND
JL 01111-0702.
TOWN OF COUPEVILLE JL 01117-0804 (TIB 2-W-827 (009)-1, TIB 2-W-827(008)-1).
CITY OF OAK HARBOR
JL 01117-0904.

Bids received after the date and time stated above will not receive consideration.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project provides for the improvement of various public roads on Whidbey Island by planing existing surface and placing HMA as identified in the typical section table, drawings, and vicinity maps and other work, all in accordance with the contract plans, contract provisions, and the 2020 WSDOT Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction

ESTIMATE AND TIME FOR COMPLETION: The project is estimated to cost in the range of $3,970,000 to $4,570,000. Please note the required time of completion in Section 1-08.5 of the Special Provisions.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Mathew Lander, Engineering Manager, m.lander@islandcountywa.gov. or Nick Tuttle, Engineering Manager, n.tuttle@co.island.wa.us. 360-679-7331. A bidder may be asked to send questions in writing. No verbal answer by any County personnel or its agents and consultants will be binding on the County. **All inquiries must be received by the County a minimum of four business days prior to the bid opening date.**

PRE BID CONFERENCE: There is no pre-bid conference or site tour scheduled. The sites are open to the public

BID OPENING: Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in Room 116 of the County Administration Building, or Outside on the Front Steps adjacent to room located at 1 NE 7th Street, Coupeville, Washington, at 1:00 PM, MAY 14, 2020. Bids shall be submitted on the forms provided in the bidding documents. All bids shall be in a sealed opaque envelope and plainly marked on the outside "NAME OF BIDDER" BID PROPOSAL FOR: 2020 WHIDBEY ISLAND HMA OVERLAYS, CRP 20-01. WHIDBEY ISLAND JL 01111-0702, TOWN OF COUPEVILLE JL 01117-0804, (TIB 2-W-827(009)-1, TIB 2-W-827(008)-1), CITY OF OAK HARBOR JL 01117-0904. No oral, telephone, telegraphic, electronic, or faxed bids or modifications will be considered. Island County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all informalities in the bidding.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Electronic copies of the bidding documents, plan holder list, and any addenda for this solicitation can be accessed through the website address listed below. The bidding documents are downloadable for a nonrefundable price of $15. Bidders must register for free with QuestCDN to download the bidding documents. Contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Lower resolution hard copies of the bidding documents may be purchased from Island County Public Works for a nonrefundable price of $70. If documents are to be mailed, there is an additional $20 shipping fee. Checks are to be made payable to Island County Public Works. Bidding documents are also available for review M-F 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. at the Island County Public Works counter in Coupeville at 1 NE 6th Street, Coupeville, WA., prior to, please visit Island County"s public website for additional information concerning closures or altered hours.

Download the bidding files or purchase hard copies of the bidding documents to be registered as a plan holder and receive notifications of addenda or other important information concerning this solicitation. Download the bidding documents by following the "Quest CDN Bid Management" tab **then** the project name referenced by this solicitation; from the following internet link.

WEBSITE:
https://www.islandcountywa.gov/PublicWorks/Pages/doingbusinesswithicpw.aspx.

BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY: All Bidders must meet the mandatory bidder responsibility criteria set forth in RCW 39.04.350(1). Bidders must also meet supplemental bidder responsibility criteria as set out in the bidding documents and Contract Provisions. See the bidding documents for further information.

BID BOND: All proposals shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid price. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the Contract Provisions, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to Island County.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR ISLAND COUNTY
NO. 20-4-00107-15
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re Estate of
ZEV BUFFMAN,
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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
Date of First Publication:
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Personal Representative:
Gil Bufman
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
ALICE L. BLANCHARD
Address for Mailing or Service:
PO Box 982, Langley, WA 98260
Dated this 23rd day of April, 2020.
Original signed by
ALICE L. BLANCHARD, WSBA #14942
Attorney for Personal Representative
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR ISLAND COUNTY
Case No. 20-4-00106-15
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GAYLE M. ZAWAIDEH,
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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 28, 2020
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Sharif Zawaideh
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Carolyn Powell, WSBA #24856
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Attorney At Law
1812 Hewitt Ave., Suite 203
Everett, WA 98201
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Notice of Public Hearing

Project: Floodplain Regulations Code Amendment
Project Number: 2020-0040

The City of Stanwood has issued a Notice of Public Hearing to hold a Public Hearing before Planning Commission on May 11, 2020 at 6:30 PM for the proposed Floodplain Regulations Code Amendment. The city is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to adopt the most current flood hazard map for the City of Stanwood as well as any associated development regulations to be consistent with FEMA standards in order to maintain participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

How to View the Project: All materials pertaining to this project may be examined online at www.stanwoodwa.org under public notices.

How to Comment: Your views for or against the proposed code amendment are invited by attendance, representation, or letter. Written correspondence, including e-mail transmittal or questions, may be submitted to: City of Stanwood, Community Development Department, c/o Patricia Love, 10220 270th St. NW, Stanwood, Washington, 98292. Written comments (e-mailed, mailed, or delivered) will be received at the Community Development Department until 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2020. Written comments may also be submitted at the public hearing.

Public Hearing Comment Period: Submit by 5:00 pm on Monday, May 11, 2020.

City Contact: Patricia Love, Community Development Director, patricia.love@ci.stanwood.wa.us
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SEPA Mitigated Determination of NonSignificance Decision

Project: Madison Place
Project Number: 2020-0009

The City of Stanwood has issued a MDNS Decision for Madison Place, which proposes 81 multi-family residential units and a self-storage building on approximately 5.66 acres.

How to View the Project: All materials pertaining to this project may be examined online at www.stanwoodwa.org under public notices.

How to Comment: Any person wishing to comment on the SEPA Determination shall do so in writing by either mail or email prior to the scheduled comment deadline. To appeal the decision, follow the requirements found in SMC 17.81B.710, fill out an appeal form and pay applicable fees prior to the appeal deadline.

SEPA MDNS Comment Period: Submit by 4:30 pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

SEPA Appeal: Submit by 4:30 pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

City Contact: Amy Rusko, Senior Planner, 360-454-5200, amy.rusko@stanwoodwa.org
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Island County has received the following application for review. This may be the only time to comment.
File: 089/20 VAR
Applicant: Andrew Cates
Location: S7440-00-01006-0, Camano Island
Proposal: The applicant is requesting a 13' 10¡É reduction to the standard 20-foot setback from a local access road. Additionally, the applicant is requesting a 6" encroachment beyond the allowable 18¡É roof overhang for a total of 24¡É into the reduced setback.

Site is in or near: Shoreline Jurisdiction, FWHCA, Critical Drainage Area, Vicinity of Cultural Resources
Staff Contact: Alexandra Plumb, a.plumb@islandcountywa.gov
PUBLIC COMMENTS: must be received by 4:30 p.m. on **May 12, 2020;** mail to Island County Planning Department, PO Box 5000, Coupeville WA 98239; deliver to 6th & Main Street, Coupeville; or to 121 N. East Camano Drive, Camano Island; or FAX (360) 679-7306.

Island County regulations under ICC 17.02B (Critical Areas), Title XI (Land Development Standards) and other applicable regulations will be used to review, and if appropriate, condition development to protect critical areas affected by this proposal.

To request notice of hearings, or receive a copy of the decision or information on appeals, contact us at the above address.
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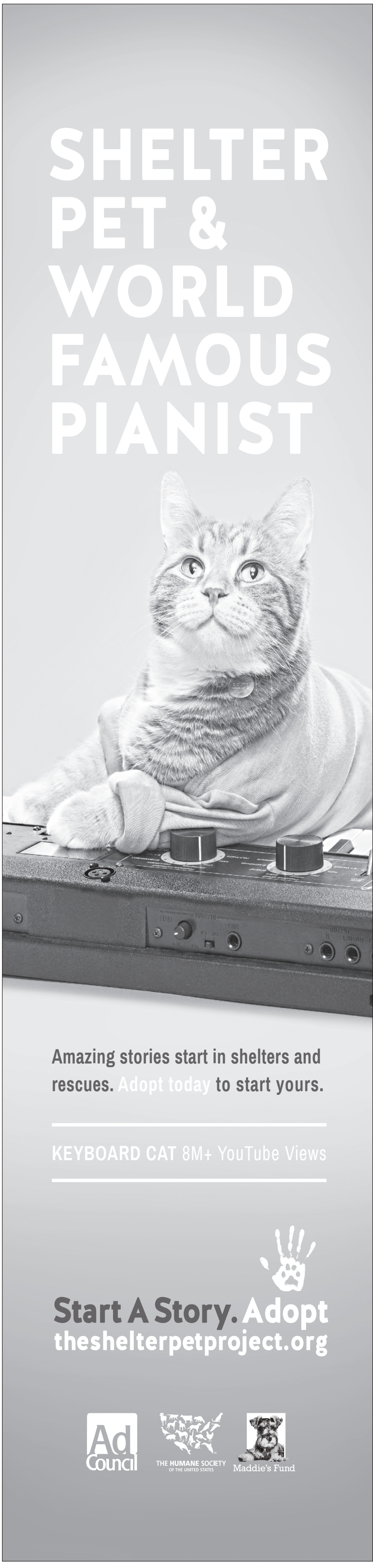

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Tulip Time

Above, some of the remaining Skagit Valley tulip fields are seen from the air Sunday. At right, workers harvest tulips April 22 in a field along Best Road west of Mount Vernon. Though the annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival was canceled this year, visit SCnews.com/gallery to see dozens of new and archived photos from the colorful fields.

CHARLES BILES / SKAGIT PUBLISHING

Pandemic puts dairy farmers in a tight spot

By SKAGIT PUBLISHING

At the start of the year, things were looking up for Skagit County's dairy farmers, with milk prices trending upward after five years of low prices.

The COVID-19 pandemic has reversed that, sending milk prices plummeting and disrupting markets. Markets for restaurants and schools — shut down to stem the spread of the virus — have collapsed, and the industry is rushing to reroute dairy products to grocery store shelves.

The massive shift in the supply chain has forced farmers throughout the country to dump excess milk, but dairy farmers in the Pacific Northwest appear to have avoided doing that — for now.

Darigold, which processes and sells milk from farmers who are members of the Northwest Dairy Association cooperative, has not had any farmers dump milk and doesn't anticipate that will happen, said Stan Ryan, president and CEO for Darigold..

Ryan said the company has upped shipments of dairy products to grocery stores to meet rising demand, but it's not enough to offset financial losses from major customers such as schools. He said exports of products such as milk powder and bulk cheese have also declined due to disruptions in global trade.

Meanwhile, farmers are bracing for less money in the coming months.

In January, farmers were receiving $19 and close to $20 per 100 pounds of milk, a price slightly above the cost to produce the milk, said Jason Vander Kooy, owner of Harmony Dairy west of Mount Vernon. Since the pandemic began, the price has fallen to between $11 and $12 per 100 pounds.

Vander Kooy said farmers will start to feel the impacts of lower prices in May and June, when checks arrive for milk produced earlier in the spring.

Don McMoran, director of the Washington State University Skagit County Extension, said the price drop may push some farms that were barely surviving over the edge. He said he knows of three county dairy farms planning to sell their cows this year.

Chris Sybrandy, owner of Legacy Dairy near Conway, said no dairy in the country will be able to survive if milk prices remain as low as they are forecast to go in the coming months.

"We hope that those prices won't hang around for more than a month or two," he said.

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COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Skagit Publishing has established a $500,000 grant fund to assist locally owned businesses with matched advertising during this challenging situation. As a family owned business, we understand what you are going through and have stepped forward to support our community.

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For more information email Duby Petit, Advertising Director: dpetit@skagitpublishing.com

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