



STANWOOD CAMANO NEWS

Parents juggle jobs, virtual learning

By EVAN CALDWELL and SKAGIT PUBLISHING STAFF

Joelene Green has a new office mate: 9-year-old daughter Abby. Green is an office/accounting assistant for the Port of Skagit, and Abby is a fourth-grade student at Island View Elementary in Anacortes. Once a week, Abby will participate in online classes from her mother's office west of Burlington.

The port recently adopted a policy to allow some employees to bring their children to work. The goal is to help parents struggling to manage their jobs and remote schooling, said Patsy Martin, the port's executive director.

"Families are bearing the brunt of this, and when they can't send children to school, they get really stuck," she said.

The policy is one tool employers in Snohomish, Island and Skagit counties are using to offer more flexibility to working parents.

Many parents panicked when local districts, such as Stanwood-Camano, announced school would start with at-home learning this fall. Though some parents can work from home, others cannot.

Parents are adapting to the new pressures as they juggle jobs and kids.

"The biggest thing I have felt is that the amount of responsibility has increased," Green said. "Now I'm a mom, wife, a home caregiver, a teacher and tutor."

Making adjustments

In Stanwood, attorney Dale Wagner has hired a tutor and rented a space for his employees' school-age children to go to three days a week for remote learning assignments while their parents work.

■ SEE PARENTS, A6

CARVING A CREEK

Warm Beach waterway restored for salmon habitat, flood prevention



MAZEY SERVIN-OBERT / STANWOOD CAMANO NEWS

A 500-foot-long restored section of Martha Creek meanders between several homes from a steep ravine to Port Susan, providing habitat for salmon and flood prevention for neighbors.



Before (top) and after photos of the mouth of Martha Creek. Previously, the creek emptied into Port Susan through a cement pipe that often clogged with sediment.

By MAZEY SERVIN-OBERT | mseverin@skagitpublishing.com

Martha Creek didn't really resemble a creek. When it wasn't in a culvert, overgrown invasive plants in its ditch-like channel provided no shade for juvenile salmon trying to find refuge while migrating from the nearby Stillaguamish River.

Now, after two years of planning and design work, the Warm Beach area creek has been restored to a more natural state, the latest piece of new habitat in Port Susan that juvenile salmon can call home.

This project, funded with \$180,000 from the state Recreation Conservation Office, started in 2018 with design work to restore a 500-foot section of Martha Creek that meanders between several homes from a steep ravine to Port Susan.

The Tulalip Tribes managed the restoration project, part of a handful of large and small efforts to repair salmon habitat throughout Western Washington.

Neil Shea, forests and fish

watershed scientist for the Tulalip Tribes, said he hopes the results mirror the restoration of nearby Greenwood Creek that experienced the return of a surprising amount of juvenile fish just a year after the project.

"For the tribes, especially, salmon is kind of a way of life," Shea said. "They really invest in the wild population of Chinook and coho and other salmon to maintain and improve."

■ SEE CREEK, A6

Playtime opens at Church Creek

By PEGGY WENDEL
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Children have already discovered the new forest-themed playground at Church Creek Park in Stanwood.

The 20-year-old equipment — two swings and two slides — is gone. In mid-August, R&R Construction began installing multifaceted equipment from PlayCreation, a landscape structure company in Burien.

Now it's a fantasy land for tots to explore: swings and slides, plus a corkscrew climber, wiggle ladder, log stepper, crawl tunnel and talk tube. It includes a climbing "tree" and features that appeal to a wide age range.

While it opens the world for children who have been cooped up in these times of sequestering due to the COVID-19

■ SEE PLAYTIME, A5



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Children explore new playground equipment Thursday, Sept. 17, at Church Creek Park. See more photos of the new playground in a gallery at SCnews.com

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POLICE BLOTTER

Stanwood

Aug. 18

A Stanwood woman reported the theft of a phone case containing her credit cards and ID in the 27500 block of 72nd Ave NW.

A domestic disturbance was reported after a teenage boy became argumentative when told to stop playing video games.

Aug. 20

A Stanwood woman, 37, was arrested on suspicion of fourth-degree domestic violence assault on Fox Hill Drive N.

Aug. 21

A Stanwood man reported that a bicycle was stolen from his yard on 83rd Ave NW. A Stanwood teen, 16, was reported as a runaway but was later found in Richland and returned home.

Aug. 22

A loud argument broke out at a residence on 276th Place NW after a houseguest who had been drinking refused to leave. Police stayed on-site until a friend picked up the ousted guest.

Aug. 23

Police responded to a domestic disturbance on 83rd Ave NW after a man reported that his roommate threatened to hit him.

Aug. 24

A collision occurred on Highway 532 when a driver failed to notice traffic slowing down ahead.

Aug. 25

A Camano Island man, 28, was referred for charges for stealing a portable wood-chipper from a business on 90th Ave NW.

A Stanwood youth was referred for charges after assaulting his mother.

Two vehicles collided on Pioneer Highway when a driver clipped the rear corner of a vehicle while attempting to pass in a no-passing zone.

Camano Island

Sept. 3

Ten vehicles are parked on end of Iverson Road. Vehicles are not allowed after dusk.

A horse was found in a backyard on Highland View Lane.

A woman on Fir Lane said her brother kicked in her door.

A 50-pound dog fell off cliff, on N. Sunset Drive and was stuck 10 feet down in brambles.

A vehicle was reported on fire at stop sign at W. Dry Lake Road and W. Monticello Drive.

Sept. 4

A caller on S. East Camano Drive said a friend

is out of town and an older white Chevy van is parked in the driveway with back doors open.

Sept. 5

A man on Dodge Road said he was kicked off his own property by his neighbors.

Sept. 7

A caller on Lowell Point Road reported a brush fire out of control by the restrooms near the boat launch.

A caller on Shore Drive said a 20-foot pleasure boat is starting to sink.

Sept. 8

A black Honda hatchback was reported stealing mail on Heather Drive.

A caller on Elger Bay Road said it appears someone is living on the land across from the elementary school. The man seemed disturbed, was yelling and didn't appear happy.

A dead seal with its head cut off was found on the beach close to the end of Arrowhead Beach Road.

Aspen Drive caller found large cat tracks outside, suspects a bobcat or cougar.

Sept. 9

A woman on W. Dry Lake Road said her ex has one of her guns and he isn't supposed to have any weapons due to a domestic violence arrest.

SnoCo launches 'Boeing' campaign

Snohomish County and local leaders launched a "Better With Boeing" marketing campaign last week.

The effort is aimed at urging the airplane maker to keep jobs in the county as Boeing weighs consolidating production of the 787 in one location. Company officials have hinted that a decision could come as early as the end of the month.

"Our partnership with Boeing stretches over fifty years," Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers said in a news release. "Generations of Snohomish County residents have built their careers at Boeing — designers, engineers, machinists and other professionals. They've built the company and shaped its success, and we hope this relationship continues for many decades to come."

Hundreds of Boeing's suppliers operate in Snohomish County, accounting for \$60 billion in annual economic impact and 158,000 jobs, according to county officials.

Weekly jobless initial claims down

From Sept. 6-12, there were 18,403 initial regular unemployment claims, down 8% from the prior week. In total, there were 566,443 total jobless claims, up 6.6% from the prior week, according to the Employment Security Department.

Initial regular claims applications remain at elevated levels and are at 242% above last year's weekly new claims applications, according to the ESD.

In Snohomish County, initial regular claims filed decreased from 2,391 to 2,056, down 14% from the prior week. In Island County, initial regular claims filed decreased from 124 to 111, down 10.5% from the prior week.

Washington's economy added 19,800 jobs in August, and the state's

preliminary seasonally adjusted monthly unemployment rate for August decreased from 10.2% to 8.5%, according to the ESD.

Libraries expand Books by Mail

Sno-Isle Libraries has expanded its Books by Mail program to all customers as the system's community libraries remain closed due to coronavirus precautions.

"Books by Mail is available to any Sno-Isle Libraries customer who can't or doesn't want to go to a community library to pick up materials," Sonia Gustafson, manager of Sno-Isle Libraries Library on Wheels program said. "It's an additional contact-free service we're offering during this unprecedented time."

Library customers need to complete an online application form or call any community library to request the service. Information: sno-isle.org/wheels/books-by-mail#application or 360-651-7000

National Voter Registration Day

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, Sept. 22, and eligible Washingtonians are encouraged to register to vote in time for the Nov. 3 General Election.

Citizens can register online at VoteWA.gov using either a Washington state driver's license or identification card. VoteWA.gov is Washington's online voter portal and includes information about ballot drop box and election office locations and personalized voter guides.

Take precautions with fire outdoors

Recreating outside means taking precautions as fires rage in the Northwest. Hunters, anglers and those enjoying nature are advised to check fire conditions and related access closures before heading out.

Fire restrictions and closures are in effect on

lands managed by the state Department of Fish & Wildlife, the Department of Natural Resources, State Parks and North Cascades National Park.

Information: wdfw.wa.gov, dnr.wa.gov/open_parks.state.wa.us and nps.gov/noca/index.htm

Meetings

City of Stanwood

The Stanwood City Council meets online at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. The meeting is open to the public. Find a link at stanwoodwa.org.

Those who want to make written public comments for the council meeting must register by 9 a.m. Sept. 24 online or by phone: stanwoodwa.org/266/City-Council or 360-454-5213

The Stanwood City Planning Commission meets online at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28. Find a link at stanwoodwa.org.

Island County Commissioners

Island County Commissioners meet on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Videos can be viewed at islandcountywa.gov/commissioners.

Camano Island Fire and Rescue

Camano Island Fire and Rescue meets at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, for the first reading of the 2021 budget at their regular Fire Commissioner's meeting at the Administration office, 811 N. Sunrise Blvd., Camano Island. Information: 360-387-1512.

Stanwood-Camano School Board

The Stanwood-Camano School Board will hold a regular meeting at 1 p.m. Oct. 6, via Zoom. Information: stanwood.wednet.edu

Camano Island Library Friends

Camano Island Library Friends will hold their quarterly general membership meeting via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24. Email: camano-friends2020@gmail.com

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Colorful leaves cover the trails Sunday at Cama Beach State Park on Camano Island. Please send local fall photos to the Stanwood Camano News at newsroom@scnews.com.

Air quality back to normal as autumn begins Tuesday

Fall storms to bring wind, rain

By SC NEWS STAFF

Residents in the Stanwood-Camano area — and much of the Pacific Northwest — can breathe easy now as incoming autumn weather swept away wildfire smoke that had choked the region in thick smog. For more than a week,

the area's air quality had been classified as "very unhealthy" or "unhealthy," meaning health officials urged residents to stay indoors.

But a wet weather system rolled through over the weekend, bringing fresh air and up to two-thirds of an inch of rain in places, according to the National Weather Service.

Autumn — which officially began at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 — kicks off with a series of wet weather systems expected to wash over the area

Wednesday and Friday, bringing upward of 1 inch of rain and breezy conditions.

Temperatures in the Stanwood-Camano area should reach highs in the mid-60s this week with chances of rain through the weekend, according to the weather service.

The incoming weather should keep wildfire smoke from Oregon and California from sliding into the area.

However, burn bans remain in place locally and firefighters continue to battle several major blazes

in the state, including:

- Cold Springs fire, 189,923 acres, 3 miles south of Omak, 95% contained.

- Big Hollow fire, 24,788 acres, 15 miles northwest of Carson, 15% contained.

- Inchehium Complex, 19,399 acres, 1 mile north of Inchehium, 78% contained.

- Cold Creek fire, 626 acres, 38 miles west of Yakima, 35% contained.

- Downey Creek Fire, 2,570 acres, 15 miles east of Darrington, 0% contained.

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Hailey Smith
Grade 4, Stanwood Elementary

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Editorial

Resetting the rules on letters for the sake of civil conversation

Disagreement is inevitable, but the sharing of ideas and debate is an important part of the well-being of our community and nation. It only works, though, if civil conversation is possible.

What is the point of civil conversation? To build understanding. Even if people disagree, there is value in understanding a person's position and why they hold it.

Lately though, the sharing of opinions often looks more like a street fight than a discussion. The only result is anger and wounds.

With the rhetoric heating up prior to Election Day and the volume of letters to the editor growing, more are failing to make the cut for publication. Some are mean-spirited, and some are repetitive rants. Far too many — left and right — are just angry.

So we at the Stanwood-Camano News are taking a step back. This Views page will provide a space for civil expression of issues this community cares about — emphasis on civil.

We have a longer set of guidelines on the letters section of SCnews.com/opinion. But here are some basics:

We welcome opinion of current news events — why you approved or disapproved, or what you think should happen instead. The focus should be your opinion, more than a reporting of facts.

Certainly there are times when a fact or two is needed to support an opinion. In those cases, letter writers need to be accountable for their words because our focus on covering local news means we do not always have time to fact-check letters. So please include where you read the information in parentheses after the fact presented. "Facts" without sources will not be printed. If we find the source questionable or indicative of a conspiracy theory, we will not print it.

We avoid letters with personal reporting of things you have seen or heard because they are things we cannot confirm. Leave the reporting to the journalists, and we'll leave the opinions to you.

We do appreciate news tips. If you learn of local news that you think should be covered, please email newsroom@scnews.com.

When it comes to local elections, we allow 200-word maximum endorsements for candidates you support. Focus your comments on why you support them, but avoid statements about the competitor. State and national politics is somewhat different. Criticism of candidates is acceptable, but we ask that you watch your word choices. Avoid name-calling, cursing and yelling (as in all caps). Claims made as facts must include sources.

We will not print anything that we believe could be deemed racially offensive. Just because it doesn't offend you doesn't mean it won't offend others.

We reserve the right to edit. We may remove inappropriate phrases if the letter makes sense without them. Or we may dismiss a letter entirely. We will not necessarily contact you about edits or letter rejection. Processing letters is just one of many tasks here,

and we don't always have time to send letters back or to debate what is fit for print.

Rather than focus on every rule (some of which cannot be anticipated), write letters as if you are in a formal setting where polite behavior is expected. This is a 129-year-old newspaper, and a little formality isn't too much to ask. Remember that the writers printed on these pages are your neighbors.

And fair warning: After the election, we will avoid letters that gloat about outcomes. That goes for local and national races. Loss is going to be painful for a significant part of our population no matter how this election goes. And yet we all will still be neighbors. Salt in wounds helps no one.

Civil discourse has become a lost art, but it is something we desperately need to recover for our community's sake, especially now.

We will aim to do our part here. Thank you for doing yours.

— SC News editorial board

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Art

Stained glass donation appreciated

Dear Editor,

Artist Jack Archibald's stained glass art for the new Island County Administration Building on Camano is awe inspiring.

He not only donated some materials, his time and his labor, he gave us the gift of his creativity, originality, craftsmanship and artistic vision.

His piece, "Convergence," is apropos of our current times when viewed as social commentary of our divided nation. Colorful and sharp edges exist on opposite sides of a colorless smooth circular center. This tranquil center is hope. Hope waiting to be fulfilled by the convergence of peoples into a united nation.

Clara Riddle
Camano Island

Election

Cliff deserves our votes for judge

Dear Editor,

I support Carolyn Cliff as a Superior Court judge because she is an excellent attorney and judge pro tem who cares about the law and the citizens of Island County. By electing Cliff to serve on the bench, our community will greatly benefit from her 30 years of experience as an attorney and 20 years of experience as a judge pro tem.

As an attorney in Island County, I often represent juveniles. I admire Cliff's ability to communicate effectively with young people who usually are quite stressed and nervous about appearing in court. She always conveys a calm demeanor and a willingness to listen. She takes time to explain to them the legal process and her decisions in words they can understand.

Cliff's knowledge and skills as an attorney have enabled her to become an effective judge pro tem. She knows our community and what resources are available to those appearing before her. Her track record makes it clear she will be a terrific Superior Court judge, and she deserves our votes.

Sara Andrews
Coupeville

We need a change in direction

Dear Editor,

I was born in 1927. I have seen a good number of election cycles, but this is the first one that frightens me.

We have a would-be dictator being aided and coached by his friend Putin to wage war on our American institutions.

We have a Republican Senate who has lost all sense of honor or duty. They have forgotten they pledged to serve the American people, not a president who believes the White House belongs to him.

Beginning with Ronald Reagan, every time Republicans touch the tax code, most of the benefits have gone to the well-off, including the latest tax cut when 83% went to the wealthy. Which brings us to where we are now with the top 1% now owning about 40% of the nation's wealth. (Washington Post)

Please vote for a change in direction.

Peter Vanderlugt
Stanwood

NEWS FILES

Steamer Gleaner moved people, goods to and from Stanwood

Compiled by CAROL SCHMIDT
For the SC News

EARLY HISTORY

The Steamer Gleaner carried 73 passengers from Mount Vernon while the Great Northern train was out of commission; the Stanwood Lecture Course speaker couldn't get here because of washouts on the railroad. Built on the Stanwood waterfront near the former Stanwood Lumber Co., it was one of three steamers owned and operated by Capt. McDonald of the Skagit Navigation Co.

90 YEARS AGO (1930)

Forest fires along the Lake Goodwin highway were spreading with alarming rapidity, jumping from the north side of the highway to the south. People had to drive slowly with headlights on through the smoke from the fires, and game was seen fleeing to safer sections.

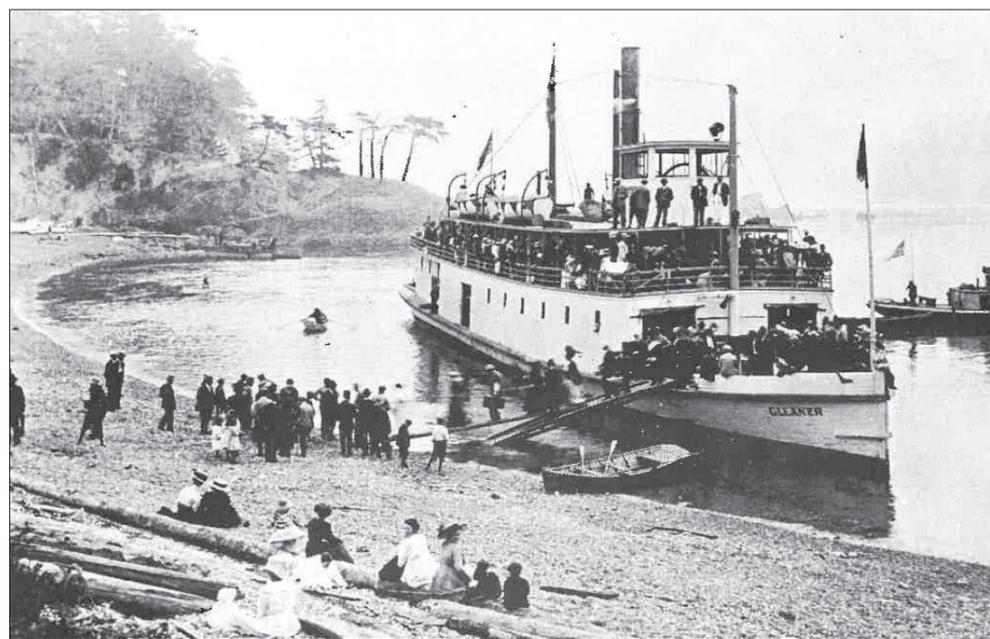
Three loaves of bread cost 10 cents at Stanwood stores.

80 YEARS AGO (1940)

What was said to be the most violent electric storm to ever visit this area, struck the night of Sept. 11, 1940. "The sky was vivid time after time with electric flashes and the roar of thunder was deafening," the Twin City News reported. A lightning strike hit a hay-filled barn on Leque Island turning it into "a flaming inferno."

70 YEARS AGO (1950)

Maple Grove Resort on Camano was sold to Frances and Robert Neale of Seattle, and the sellers, the Hagstroms, bought Stanwood Dry Goods and Variety Store (formerly S.A. Thompson store) from John Goss. Neale, who flew a Curtiss-Wright P-40 Tomahawk in World War II, operated Maple Grove Resort where he lived until his death in 1994.



SC NEWS FILES

Besides passengers, the Steamer Gleaner carried cargo to and from Stanwood docks, as well as other ports along Puget Sound.

60 YEARS AGO (1960)

A new lifetime milk production record for milk for the United States was set by a purebred Ayrshire cow on an East Stanwood farm. The cow, named Ole-Aye Ida, produced 223,413 pounds of milk in 17 years — regularly pumping out 41.2 pounds per day. "The hardworking cow holds three state class leader records for milk and one for fat," reports the Ayrshire Digest, an official breed magazine.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Construction crews began digging footings for the new overpass for the west lanes of I-5 traffic at Heichel's Corner (Exit 212), Brandstrom's Corner (300th Street) and Dawson Road (formerly where King's Inn stood).

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Stanwood School Board

approved a new contract with the district's 60 classified employees. The deal secured a 12% to 15% raise, giving positions, such as bus driver, a wage increase to just more than \$5 per hour. The federal minimum wage at the time was \$3.10.

30 YEARS AGO (1990)

Stanwood Middle School was remodeled and opened, as well as the new Twin City Elementary School.

There were three barn fires on Camano over a two-week span. Authorities said they suspect at least one was deliberately set.

20 YEARS AGO (2000)

Elger Bay and Utsalady elementary schools opened on Camano Island.

Lindstrom Development was to pave a trail around the perimeters of the new Stanwood Camano Village, anchored by Haggen's Grocery.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

When Island County's 2011 draft budget appeared before the public at an upcoming hearing, it would be \$2 million slimmer than this year. In order to meet budget goals, departments were asked to cut between 5% and 40% in expenditures. "One option commissioners are looking at very closely," said Elaine Marlow, budget director, "is eliminating dog control at a cost of \$111,000."

As part of the improvements to the intersection at Pioneer Highway and Highway 532 near the fire station, an automated traffic light was synced to the fire alarm. Deputy Chief Darin Reid explained that when the alarm goes off, the traffic light automatically gives priority to northbound traffic on Pioneer Highway, which is the direction the fire trucks would be traveling.

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COVID-19 infections slowly decreasing

By SC NEWS STAFF

Snohomish County continues to record fewer COVID-19 cases each week but the rate that virus cases are decreasing is slowing, according to state data.

“We continue to see (about) 10% improvements every week,” Dr. Chris Spitters, the county’s top health officer, said last week.

Snohomish County’s rate of infection dropped to 41.5 cases per 100,000 residents over the most recent two-week period, Health District data showed Monday. It is a slight improvement from 42.7 infections per 100,000 last week. The state’s goal to advance phases is fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 people.

Island County is seeing 8.3 infections per 100,000 people.

Overall, the state is seeing declining rates, though the decrease has slowed in

Clark, Pierce, Snohomish and Whatcom counties, and cases are increasing in Lewis County.

In Eastern Washington, decreases have plateaued in Benton, Franklin, Grant and Spokane counties, and cases are increasing in Adams and Whitman counties, according to the state Department of Health.

Risk remains high throughout the state. Because the vast majority of the population does not have immunity to COVID-19, an outbreak can quickly spread through a community and into the most vulnerable population, officials warn.

Statewide, there have been more than 82,500 confirmed cases and more than 2,030 deaths, according to the state Department of Health.

“While we continue to see some encouraging declines in case counts, it is clear we cannot let our guard down,” Secretary of

Health John Wiesman said. “The counties where we are seeing plateaus or increases in case counts illustrate the continued importance of limiting the size and frequency of our in-person gatherings, wearing face coverings and staying home when we are sick. We must all consistently take these steps in order to safely reopen schools and protect

our communities.”

Snohomish County has recorded more than 6,700 COVID-19 cases to date. Stanwood — which has had 197 total cases as of Monday — recorded 13 new cases last week.

Island County has had 291 cases to date. Camano Island has recorded 57 cases, including four new cases last week.



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Children explore the net at Church Creek Park.

Playtime

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pandemic, Stanwood City Administrator Jennifer Ferguson said last month that parents will need to be mindful of their surroundings.

“Avoid large gatherings, wear a mask and stay socially distant,” Ferguson said. “Parks crews are trying to wipe down more areas and equipment as best they can, but ulti-

mately it’ll be up to parents to allow their children to play.”

The Parks and Trails Advisory Committee worked with the city to design the playground with a natural woodsy feel, choosing an earthy color scheme and natural elements. The cost was \$102,847. Snohomish County provided part of the money through a Small Capital Projects Partnership grant, which comes from excise taxes paid on property sales.

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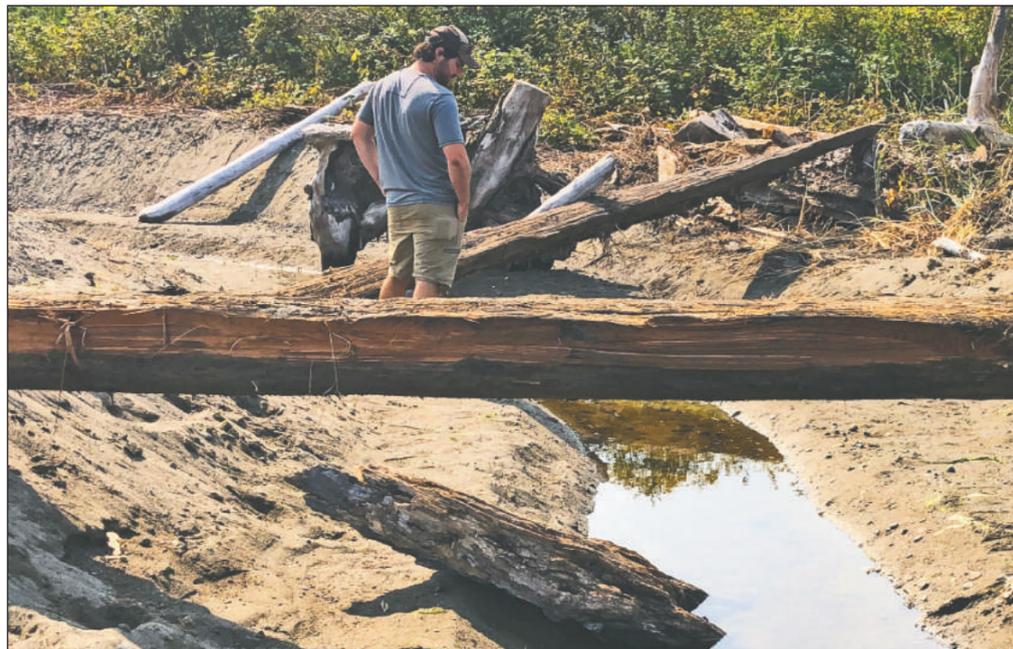
In recent years, the state and tribes have restored and protected local sites such as the 250-acre Leque Island estuary between Stanwood and Camano, the 88-acre zis-a-ba estuary site south of Stanwood and the 4,122-acre Port Susan Bay preserve. Earlier this year, the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians agreed to buy about 248 acres of farmland to restore to fish habitat near the mouth of the Stillaguamish River adjacent to the Port Susan Bay preserve.

The local habitat projects aim to help restore all salmon populations, including Chinook — the preferred food of orca whales. The efforts aim to help reverse dwindling populations of both species.

“We can apply for state and federal grants funding to do projects that restore salmon habits and a project that we perceive as important for keeping the local salmon population alive because the numbers have been pretty bad. So we are focusing on local and small-scale projects,” Shea said.

Starting in the 1950s, Martha Creek has been transformed by local property owners. The creek, which flows from Martha Lake, had been funneled through a ditch and a series of culverts that crisscross the land.

“For the past 60 or 70 years, the condition of the creek has been



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Neil Shea, forests and fish watershed scientist for the Tulalip Tribes, surveys part of a restored section of Martha Creek that meanders between several homes from a steep ravine to Port Susan, providing habitat for salmon and flood prevention for neighbors.

getting worse,” Shea said

During the past two winters, all three landowners at the mouth of the creek experienced major flooding. As large volumes of water flow out of the steep ravine, massive amounts of sand and fine gravel have filled the culverts and the ditch, allowing the creek to overflow.

At the end of the creek, an

18-inch concrete pipe connecting to the Stillaguamish delta made it difficult for fish to make it to the creek, Shea said.

“This creek was in such a degraded state from being put in a ditch that those fine sediments were accumulating over time and aggregating over time,” Shea said. “The pipes were undersized, so they started to fill up with sedi-

ment.”

The flooding was so bad in 2018 that the creek carved a new channel through a neighbor’s yard, Shea said.

“Essentially this was becoming a headache for them,” Shea said.

Fixing the constantly overflowing creek is what really convinced one of the landowners.

“We were having troubles with

the creek overflowing,” neighbor Glenn Forslund said. “But the salmon enhancement part of it is something that interested me because I’m a conservationist. I’m a hunter and fisherman, and anything to help the salmon around here would be a good thing.”

The new, larger channel mitigates flooding risk and should help salmon recovery, Shea said.

“It has its own natural geometry, it needs to be able to move around a little bit, establish its own bed and banks,” he said. “That creek was just never given the chance to do it because it was kind of forced to be in a ditch.”

Crews also ripped out invasive plants from the creek bank and will plant native species in October.

“We really want to reset the land, start from the beginning and plant species that would naturally be out here,” Shea said

Originally, planners sought to create a small, pocket estuary. But since the creek wasn’t originally a natural estuary, it will technically become a coastal wetland.

However, due to the close proximity of the Stillaguamish delta, juvenile fish are still expected to swim into Martha Creek’s lower reaches to mature — something that hasn’t been possible for decades.

“The closer to the delta in Stilly that you are, the more important a creek like this is to the juvenile fish,” Shea said. “So we are expecting to see a lot come back.”

Parents

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“We’re forced to make some hard choices, and there is no good solution,” said Wagner, who specializes in disability and workers’ compensation issues. “What are you going to do with working parents who have to choose between working and their students? It’s a complicated issue.”

The employees’ school-age children gather at the South Camano Grange and use cellular hot spots to connect to the internet to complete classwork.

Wagner has also invested in a cell signal booster for the building.

“I need my employees here, so if this is what it takes, then I’ll help any way I can,” said Wagner, whose employees help process monthly claims for clients.

“There are some things that can be done remotely, but not many. I don’t want my employees to be short a paycheck, but I also want to run a business.”

Mandi Blevins, who works for Wagner and

lives in Stanwood, said she wasn’t sure how to juggle her full-time job and shepherding her two children through remote learning.

“I was really stressing because I need to work, and I don’t really have another option for childcare,” Blevins said. “It was a huge weight off my shoulders for (Wagner to help) ... but I know there are others out there still trying to figure it out.”

Mount Vernon manufacturer Goodwinds Composites has purchased laptops and set up a virtual private network for employees with kids to work at home, co-owner Amelia Cook wrote in an email.

“None of our production personnel have children, so we haven’t had to look at accommodations for those in the physical manufacturing plant, only at the administrative level,” she said.

Cook said the last thing the company wants to do is make employees choose between their children and their jobs.

“We will do what we can, for as long as we can, to keep the business running smoothly with everyone

working,” she wrote.

Janicki Industries is providing flexible schedules and expanding use its leaves of absence. It’s also allowing employees to use company printers for school materials, said Steven Lynn, director of marketing for Janicki.

In La Conner, the Museum of Northwest Art (MoNA) restructured its education department to provide more flexibility to employees.

As MoNA’s full-time education director, Ellie Cross found she had fewer child care options for her 16-month-old daughter and could not rely on her mother-in-law to babysit due to concerns about spreading COVID-19.

To help, MoNA created a new position — community outreach coordinator — to allow Cross to work fewer hours, and then reallocated some of her duties to two other staff members.

“I feel fortunate as a family we were able to afford me taking a pay cut, and my workplace was willing to work with me,” she said.

Cross said the current challenges exacerbate

issues such as the wage gap between male and female workers. When parents decide who stays home with the kids, it is often mothers who have to give up their jobs if their incomes are lower, she said.

John Sternlicht, CEO of the Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County, said another reason more women may leave the workforce is because of societal pressure to be caregivers for their families.

“Employers need to recognize that fathers are parents the same as mothers, and it does not automatically fall on the mother to be responsible for what happens to the children,” he said.

Sternlicht said companies can help by offering flexible hours and exploring bring-your-kid-to-work policies or on-site child care.

“The best-case scenario for someone who has children at home is that the parents are able to work remotely, and they can all be in the same physical space,” Sternlicht said.

But that isn’t always possible for jobs that don’t involve sitting at a computer.

Even in situations with both parents working from home, there are challenges such as technology and online access, Sternlicht said.

He has heard from families who find that poor internet connections make it difficult to do remote work and learning under one roof.

Israel Arreola, a Sedro-Woolley High School sophomore, said it’s impossible for two people to use Wi-Fi at the same time in his home.

He goes to the Helping Hands Solution Center, where he volunteers, to use its Wi-Fi while school is in session so a sibling can work at home. Yet, traveling to Wi-Fi isn’t an option for everyone.

“Some families only have one car, and that’s for the parents going to work,” Arreola said.

He is increasingly concerned about how others are managing.

“I’ve been worrying about the Hispanic community going through this,” he said. “They don’t have fair access to Wi-Fi.”

OBITUARIES

MAXINE B. MILLER
December 27, 1929 -
September 13, 2020

Maxine B. Miller Knapik, 90, of Camano Island and most recently Burlington, Wash., passed away Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020.

She was born Dec. 27, 1929 in Vancouver, BC., Canada to Asa B. Miller and Jane E. Carroll.

Maxine attended Fairview High School of Commerce in Vancouver her freshman and sophomore year and then attended Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane where she graduated in 1947.

She worked at Farmers New World Life in both Spokane and Seattle. It is at the insurance company that Maxine met her soul mate, Bernard F. Knapik and they were married Feb. 29, 1952.

Maxine cared deeply for her family and friends and was always ready to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever needed.

She loved taking walks along the beach and playing tennis as well as knitting. There was never an empty cookie jar at her home and a glass of lemonade was always at hand. She was an avid reader and loved the trips she shared with her husband.

Maxine was a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She was devoted to her church which was very influential and important in her life.

She volunteered for many years at the Camano Center, one of the many organizations she donated her time to.

Maxine is survived by her children, Brian Knapik and partner Beth Glines, Denise (Bob) Taylor; grandchildren Drew (Sherrie) Knapik, Danielle (Josh) Benjamin, Abby Taylor, Cameron (Sabrina) Taylor and great-grandchildren Connor, Riyan, Jaxon and Cash.

Special thanks to Creekside Continuing Care Community and Hospice of the Northwest for their kindness and compassion.



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Private graveside services were held at the Camano Pioneer Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Northwest online or at 227 Freeway Dr. Ste. A, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 or the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd., Camano Island, WA 98282.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbertson Funeral Home Stanwood



STEPHEN WAYNE SCOLES
May 15, 1953 -
September 7, 2020

Steve Scoles, 67 of Bellingham, Wash., passed away peacefully Sept. 7, 2020, at his home with family by his side. He was born May 15, 1953, in Seattle, to Larry and Glaine (Ellis) Scoles.

Steve leaves behind his life partner of 30 years, Maureen Sanders, and her sons Philip (Kimberly) and Jason (Evanne) Sanders; grandchildren who adored him, Lily, Taiven, Levi, Lacie, Kendahlyn, Kain and Kiah; siblings (The Scoles) Mike Scoles, Barb Bodin, Robin Lilgreen, Rick Scoles, Laurie Love, Sue Haatveit, David Olson, Jerry Scoles, Colleen Johnson and Ron Olson and lots of relatives and friends.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Glaine Olson and Larry and Shirley Scoles.

He will be laid to rest at the Woodland Cemetery in Ferndale, Wash.

A huge hug and thank you to Maureen for making it possible to be at his side. Thank you also to Mike, Jenny, Krissy, Josh and the Hospice team for all you did to make him comfortable in his final days. Steve was a wonderful guy and will be greatly missed.

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POP UPS: Sept 24-26. A Guided Gallery hosts Pop Up Art shows in its classroom Thursdays-Saturdays through October, each day featuring an artist. This week's offerings are: Thursday, Theresa Alu; Friday, Norm Kearsley; Saturday Roger Patterson. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 8700 271st St. NW, Stanwood.

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Sept. 26 through Oct. 2. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites the public to a virtual walk with the St. Vincent de Paul and parishioners from St. Cecilia Catholic Church to assist those in need. Participants pick the walk and start time and use the week to fulfill walking goals. Pledge and invite others to help neighbors in need. Pledges should be mailed to St. Cecilia Catholic Church, P.O. Box 1002, Stanwood, WA 98292 and marked St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk.

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SNO-ISLE LIBRARIES EVENTS:

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Growing giant pumpkins takes careful study, precision

By SKAGIT PUBLISHING

As he watched his giant pumpkin get lowered onto the scale Saturday, William Beauchere said he hoped for at least 600 pounds.

At last year's Skagit Valley Giant Pumpkin Festival — his first experience growing a giant pumpkin — his entry clocked in at a measly 199 pounds. The Mill Creek man finished 19th out of 21 competitors.

"I made every mistake in the world," he said.

A year of studying how to grow a better giant pumpkin paid off.

On Saturday, his pumpkin weighed 959 pounds.

Beauchere placed second out of nine who entered giant pumpkins at the Skagit Valley Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off at Christianson's Nursery west of Mount Vernon. The festival was canceled this year and the event limited to growers and their families due to COVID-19.

Beauchere credited the improvement to watching YouTube



OLIVER HAMLIN / SKAGIT PUBLISHING

Lily Hirdler measures a pumpkin Saturday during the 10th Annual Skagit Valley Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off at Christianson's Nursery.

videos by pumpkin growers and an educational DVD by fellow competitor Joel Holland of Summer.

Giant pumpkins are finicky and require special growing conditions, from the right nutrients in the soil to the temperature of the water, according to growers.

"I became a student of nitrogen, fertilizer and keeping water warm," Beauchere said.

He also gave the pumpkin more space to grow and buried its vines with dirt — a tip multiple growers mentioned helps the pumpkin root into the soil and take

up more nutrients.

Holland took first place with a 1,934-pound giant pumpkin — the second largest he has grown since he took up the hobby more than 40 years ago. His largest pumpkin weighed 2,363 pounds, and he has won two world championship weigh-offs.

The top three giant pumpkins will be on display at Gordon Skagit Farms, Coastal Farm & Ranch and the Skagit Valley Food Co-op.

Several growers said they didn't do as well this year because of the weather.

"We had a really cool spring with lots of rain, so pumpkins got a late start," said Matt Radach of Camano Island, who entered two pumpkins. His largest weighed 649 pounds and won fourth place.

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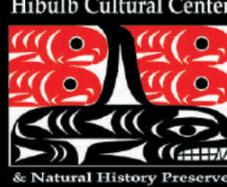
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Schools form group to study issues of racism and equity

By EVAN CALDWELL
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The Stanwood-Camano School District recently started an Equity Leadership Team to examine issues of race and equity.

George Floyd's death earlier this year in Minneapolis while in police custody "spurred many districts, including ours, to really take a deep look at what our vision is, what are beliefs are and what our practices are around racism and equity," said Maureen Stanton, district executive

director of human resources, during the online School Board meeting Sept. 15.

The death of Floyd, a Black man in the hands of white officers, sparked protests nationwide against racial injustice in America.

The district has hired Cultures Connecting, a Renton-based professional development and consulting firm that provides culturally responsive solutions to issues. The district's 11-member Equity Leadership Team consists of two parents, three teachers, two

classified staff members, two principals and two district administrators.

"We are really in the beginning stages of this," said Stanton, adding that the initial focus of the group is on racial equity.

The group plans to next survey students and staff.

"The first step is to educate ourselves on what racism is and what equity is," Stanton said. "Then we'll determine what we want to accomplish in our first year."

School Board President Natalie Hagglund said

she's happy with the direction of the Equity Leadership Team.

"I know the work is just beginning, but it's definitely a priority for us," she said.

Enrollment declines

The district has enrolled 211 fewer students than it estimated in the spring largely due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, said Steve Lidgard, the district's business and finance director.

There are 4,424 students enrolled in the district for September, according to the monthly enrollment report. That's 174 fewer students than last September.

All schools posted enrollment declines except

for the district's alternative learning programs — Saratoga School, Lincoln Academy and Lincoln Hill High.

"We know more than 100 students have opted for online learning with other options throughout the state," Lidgard said.

2 students join School Board

A pair of Stanwood students were sworn in as student advisors during the School Board's Sept. 15 meeting.

Andrew Norton, a sophomore at Stanwood High School, also serves as the ASB's Public Relations Officer.

Kiki Ruljancich, a senior at Lincoln Hill High School, was selected for the job by peers and teachers.

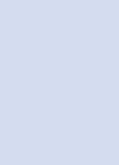
Comment on proposed oil train changes

By SC NEWS STAFF

The public can comment on proposed changes to expand the reporting requirements for companies in the state receiving crude oil by rail and pipeline. The changes would require facilities to report the type and vapor pressure of the oil transported by rail, and the type and gravity of the oil transported by pipeline, among other changes. The updated standards will help the state Department of Ecology and emergency responders better understand the oil moved through the state and prepare for a potential spill, according to an Ecology news release.

A majority of the crude oil by rail transported through the state moves through Stanwood en route to refineries to the north. From April to June 2020, 10,283 crude oil railcars moved through the area, equivalent to 6,992,440 barrels or 293,682,480 gallons, according to a quarterly report from Ecology on crude oil movement by rail and pipeline.

The public can comment on the proposed changes via webinars on Oct. 7, 13 and 20. Written comments can be submitted online or mailed to Kim Morley, Department of Ecology, Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Program, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504. Comments will be accepted through Nov. 1. See more at ecology.wa.gov.

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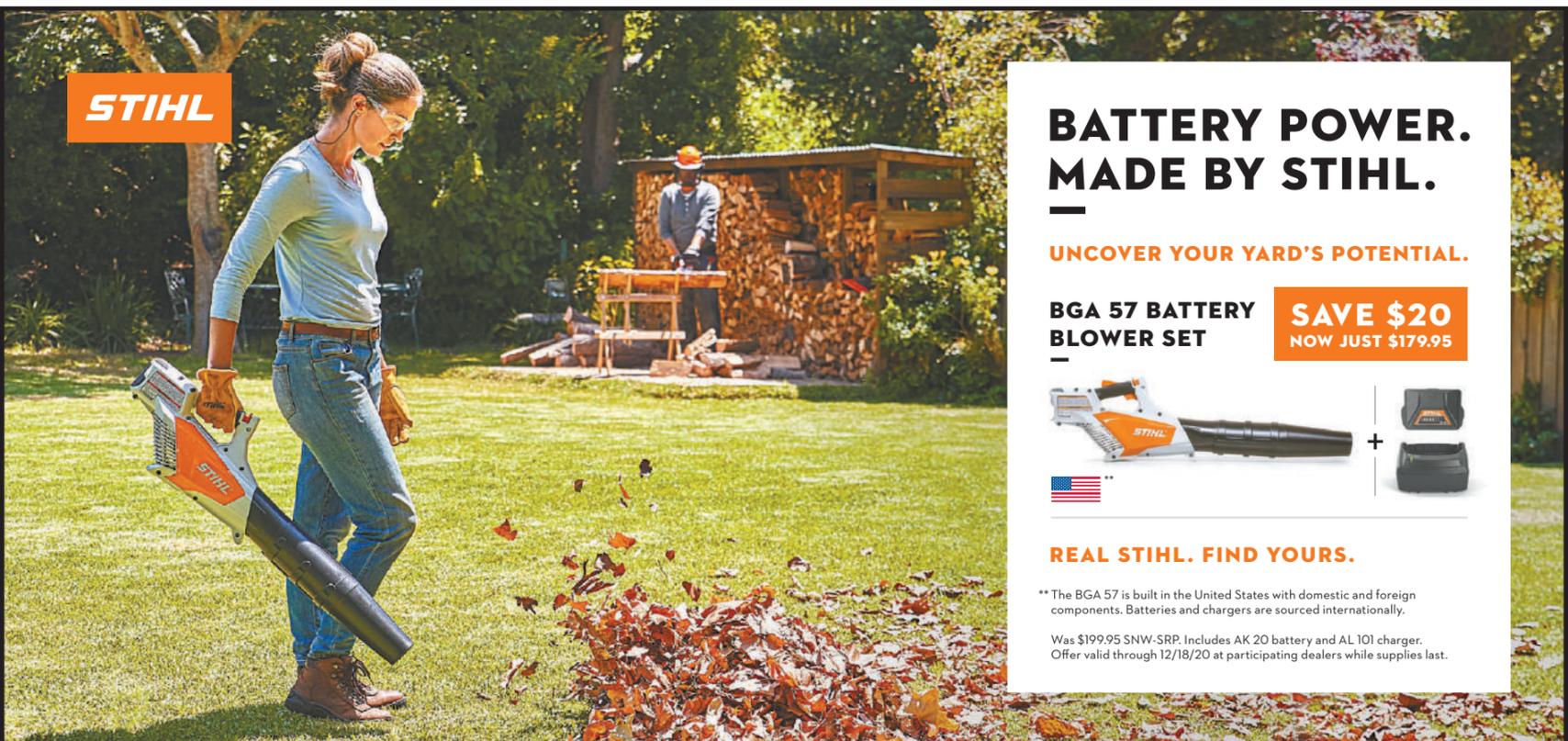
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0042 PERSONALS

AA Camano Group meets Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. 141 E. Camano Dr., blue building. Concurrent zoom meeting #84909005235.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SKAGIT IN PROBATE
No. 20-4-00302-29
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of Kevin C. Johns, Deceased.

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

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY
NO. 20-4-01277-31
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

Estate of
ROBERT J. STONICH, SR.,
Deceased.

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

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY
NO. 20-4-01322-31
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF:
RICHARD D. BANFIELD and
VIOLA J. BANFIELD
Deceased.

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

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SKAGIT IN PROBATE
No. 20-4-00311-29
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estates of HAROLD E. SIGLER and PATRICIA A. SIGLER,
Deceased.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE
ISLAND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET

The Island Transit Board of Directors will hold a regularly scheduled business meeting remotely on Friday, October 2, 2020, at 9:30 AM. A public hearing to receive input on the 2021 Budget will be held in conjunction with the meeting. The draft budget is found on our website, or send an email to info@islandtransit.org, or mail Island Transit, 19758 SR 20, Coupeville, WA 98239. Join the meeting by clicking <https://zoom.us/j/93566986628>

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY
NO. 20-4-01331-31
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
MARK F. HOLZKNECHT,
Deceased.

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

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RCW 11.40.030

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON
No. 20-4-00363-29
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.020, 11.40.030

IN THE ESTATE OF ANITA M. ELDER,
Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. 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. The Notice to Creditors will be published in the Stanwood-Camano News.

Date of First Publication: Tuesday September 15th, 2020. The Second Date of Publication is Tuesday September 22, 2020. The Third Date of Publication is **September 29th, 2020.**
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Telephone: (360)488-7802
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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-20-883772-RM Title Order No.: FIN-20001301 OF COMMERCIAL LOAN Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 201906210585 Parcel Number(s): 005168-642-001-00, 004391-475-015-01, 004391-475-013-00 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: Riddell Commercial Ventures LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Com-

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pany and Brandon Riddell, an unmarried person, as to Parcel A, Riddell Properties LLC, a Washington Limited Liability, as to Parcel B and Nicholas S. Riddell, a married man, as his separate estate, as to Parcel C Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): Veristone Fund I, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Veristone Capital, LLC I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 10/23/2020, 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: Lots 1 and 2 in Block 642 of Mitchell Land & Improvement Co's First Addition to Everett, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 3 of Plats, Page 1, records of Snohomish County, Washington. Parcel B: The West half of Lots 15 and 16, Block 475, Plat of Everett, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3 of Plats, Page 32, records of Snohomish County, Washington. More commonly known as: 3418 EVERETT AVE, 2231 LOMBARD AVE, 2233 LOMBARD AVE, EVERETT, WA 98201 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 6/20/2019, recorded 6/21/2019, under Instrument No. 201906210585 records of SNOHOMISH County, Washington, from Riddell Commercial Ventures LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company and Brandon Riddell, an unmarried person, as to Parcel A, Riddell Properties LLC, a Washington Limited Liability, as to Parcel B and Nicholas S. Riddell, a married man, as his separate estate, as to Parcel C, as grantor(s), to Reconveyance Professionals Inc., as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Veristone Fund I, LLC, as original beneficiary 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 the remaining balances due, including principal and interest, along with late charges and/or any accrued fees and costs as due pursuant to the terms of the loan documents on the maturity date of 6/15/2020, as specified in the promissory note dated 6/20/2019. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. IV. The sum owing on the matured obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: \$173,588.55 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. The sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 10/23/2020. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured prior to the foreclosure sale to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before the foreclosure sale 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 before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the amount referenced in Paragraph IV, along with late charges, foreclosure fees and costs, any legal fees, and/or advances that have become due 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. The written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, or the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, where applicable, with said written Notice of Default, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such posting or service. 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 5/11/2020. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to any entitled party 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

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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. SPECIAL NOTICE TO GUARANTOR CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR POTENTIAL DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT: Pursuant to RCW 61.24.042: (1) The guarantor may be liable for a deficiency judgment to the extent the sale price obtained at the trustee's sale is less than the debt secured by the deed of trust; (2) The guarantor has the same rights to reinstate the debt, cure the default, or repay the debt as is given to the grantor in order to avoid the trustee's sale; (3) The guarantor will have no right to redeem the property after the trustee's sale; (4) Subject to such longer periods as are provided in the Washington deed of trust act, chapter 61.24 RCW, any action brought to enforce a guaranty must be commenced within one year after the trustee's sale, or the last trustee's sale under any deed of trust granted to secure the same debt; and (5) In any action for a deficiency, the guarantor will have the right to establish the fair value of the property as of the date of the trustee's sale, less prior liens and encumbrances, and to limit its liability for a deficiency to the difference between the debt and the greater of such fair value or the sale price paid at the trustee's sale, plus interest and costs. X. 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. XI. 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/fo/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-20-883772-RM. Note: This form has been modified to account for the loan being matured. Dated: 7/10/2020 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Jeff Stenman, President 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-20-883772-RM Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Login to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0172332 9/22/2020 10/13/2020 PUBLISHED IN THE STANWOOD CAMANO NEWS SEPT. 22 & OCT. 13, 2020.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY
NO. 20-4-05106-1 SEA
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

Estate of
JOSEPH ROBERT ROBERTS,
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

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

Date of first publication: September 22nd, 2020 /s/

Michael Roberts
Personal Representative
Attorney for Estate and Address for Mailing or Service
Wesley D. Bates
Bates & Ely, PLLC
18530 156th Ave. NE, Ste. 200
Woodinville, WA 98072
Court of probate proceedings and case number: see above

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY
No. 20-4-04786-1 SEA
AMENDED PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(RCW 11.40.030)

IN RE THE ESTATE OF ROBERT JAMES SMITH,
Deceased.

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: September 22, 2020
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Susan Ann Watkins
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Miriam J. Ayoub, WSBA No. 44118
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On October 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the Board of Island County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing at the Island County Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room #102B), located in the Island County Annex Building, 1 NE 6th Street, Coupeville, Washington, to take public comments and consider adoption of Resolution No. C-70-20 Adopting the Island County Budget and Diking District #4 Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. After several public meeting budget workshops, the proposed resolution will adopt the final budgets for all Island

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County funds and Diking District #4 for fiscal year 2021.

The full text of the proposed Resolution will be placed on file and summaries of the budgets may be obtained by calling 360-678-7254, or dropping by the office of Island County Budget Manager during normal office hours. In accordance with Governor's Proclamation 20-28.9, in-person participation is limited and the Board highly encourages public attendance via phone or video. Interested persons may provide their testimony for or against the proposed resolution. The phone number is 1-669-800-5335, meeting ID 470782 2844, or via video at <https://meet.starleaf.com/4707822844/app>. You can also submit comments via U.S. mail at the address below or email at DA.Martin@islandcountywa.gov.

Persons requiring auxiliary aids/services should call Island County Human Resources at 679 7919, 629 4522, Ext. 7919, or 321 5111, ext. 7919 (use whichever number is applicable for the area) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Douglas Martin
Island County Budget Manager
P. O. Box 5000
Coupeville, WA 98239-5000
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310 CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE SIMONSON PLACE OUTFALL PWP 04-02, JL 00024-0001

RCW 47.48.010 authorizes the closure of or restricted access by the traveling public to county rights-of-way when they are being constructed, altered, repaired, or improved to ensure safety for motorists. PWP 04-02 has been approved to construct improvements including segments of road reconstruction for the Simonson Place Outfall project.

RCW 47.48.020 authorizes the closure or restriction of vehicular traffic on such roads through publication and notice thereof, including the effective date in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation.

A notice of such closure shall also be posted on or prior to the date of publication of such notice in a conspicuous place at each end of the portion of Simonson Place to be temporarily closed. The construction project begins 110-feet east of the Simonson Place Cavalero Road Intersection and ends 264-feet northeast at the Cavalero Beach parking lot.

The road reconstruction requires the closure of Simonson Place Outfall project area from September 21, 2020 through October 1, 2020 or until the County Engineer determines that the safety of the roadway for public use is restored.

The following road is to be closed to through traffic during the period of road reconstruction activities:

ROAD/ROAD LOG NO.	FROM M.P.	TO M.P.
Simonson Place / 77230	0.02	0.07

WILLIAM E. OAKES, P.E.
Director/County Engineer
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Tom Little, 101 N Sunset Dr Camano Island, WA 98282-8643, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, Tom Little Stanwood, is located at Parcel ID 32041900310900 at the SE quadrant of the 92nd Ave NW intersection with 276th Street NW in Stanwood in Snohomish county.

This project involves 9.66 acres of soil disturbance for Other (Fill material) construction activities.

The receiving waterbody is Roadside Ditch.

Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department

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of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320.

Comments can be submitted to:
ecyrewqiano@ecy.wa.gov, or
Department of Ecology
Attn: Water Quality Program,
Construction Stormwater
P.O. Box 47696, Olympia, WA
98504-7696
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312 NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Island County has received the following application for review. This may be the only time to comment.

File: 225/20 CPU Applicant: NW Builders, Inc **Location:** S6235-00-00031-0, Camano Island

Proposal:
Construction of Single Family Residence within buffer of deepwater habitat. Site is in or near: Wetland, FWHCA.

Staff Contact: Grant Johnson, g.johnson@islandcounty-wa.gov

PUBLIC COMMENTS: must be received by 4:30 p.m. on **October 6, 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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City of Stanwood Notice of Public Meeting

Project: 2019/2020 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendments

Project Number: 2020-0160

The City of Stanwood has issued a Notice of Public Meeting for the 2019/2020 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendment Docket Applications.

How to View the Notice: The notice may be examined online at www.stanwoodwa.org under public notices.

Notice of Public Meeting: Held on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:30 pm via a zoom meeting in front of the Planning Commission. The zoom meeting link can be found on the city's website at <https://stanwoodwa.org/>. This is a public meeting and not a public hearing. The public meeting will be informational and to hear public comments/concerns. The public hearing will be scheduled and advertised at a future date.

City Contact: Amy Rusko, Senior Planner, 360-454-5220, amy.rusko@stanwoodwa.org
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Community Golf

Camaloch Ladies

There were 31 golfers at the club's annual fundraising event benefiting the Stanwood Camano Food Bank.

The field was divided into two teams — Smackers and Whackers — battling for the lowest average net score. All the weekly payouts were donated to the food bank in the winning team's name.

The Smackers won with an average net score of 77.1, just ahead of the Whackers' 77.5.

The 18-hole club also filled bags with food donations in addition to the winnings and additional cash donations, which totaled \$715.

Camaloch Lassies

The nine-hole golf club also participated in the fundraising event, raising money for the the Stanwood Camano Food Bank's "H.O.P.E. Backpack" program in addition to donating food.

The Lassies' Tee It Up fundraiser raised \$1,739 for H.O.P.E., which provides local students in need meals for the weekend. In March, there were 360 students receiving these weekend meals. In August, there were 997 students receiving the meals — which, because most students are at home for remote learning, now contain food for seven days.

"You can only imagine the additional costs they will now incur to take care of our hungry students," Lassies organizers said in a statement.

On Sept. 15, there were 15 golfers in a Low Net competition on the front nine.

Flight 1: Kathy Nielsen shot a 35 to finish in first. She was followed by Hollie Caley (38) and Roberta Hubbell (38).

Flight 2: Jackie Girard shot a 35 to claim the top spot, edging Nancy Bentley (35) by tiebreaker and Jean Helaas (36).

Flight 3: Sandy Simmons shot a 36 to seize the victory. She was followed by Stacey Learned (37) and Rae Ann Shearer (38).

Birdies: Kathy Nielsen, Hole 9.

Under 50: Patty Kukuk (49), Hollie Caley (49) and Kathy Nielsen (49).

Camaloch Men's Club

On Sept. 9, there were 69 golfers in a competition of Low Gross, Low Net by flight.

Flight 1: Cem Mattson shot a 77 to take the Low Gross title. In the Low Net competition, Glenn Case shot a 70 to finish in first place, edging Tim Fagan (70) by a tiebreaker. They were followed by Michael Young (71), Charles White (72) and Jon Hamlin (73).

Flight 2: Wallace Farley shot an 85 to claim the Low Gross victory. In the Low Net competition, Michael Evans won with a 68. He was followed by Rick Bentley (71), Jim Thayer (74),



COURTESY PHOTO

Camaloch Ladies and Camaloch Lassies golfers help stuff a Stanwood Camano Food Bank van with donations after their annual fundraiser.

Steve Precup (75) and Lyle Nysether (75).

Flight 3: Tom Olsen took the Low Gross win with an 88. Dennis Tanji shot a 70 to take the Low Net title. He was followed by James Dingwall (71),

Ragnar Nordvik (72), Jerry Henebry (73) and Bradley Falk (73).

Closest to the pin, Hole 9: From green tee, Mark Ross (2 feet, 7 inches). From orange tee, Mike Nickels (33 feet).

WIAA details steps needed for fall sports to return

By SC NEWS STAFF

There are plenty of hurdles that need to be cleared in order for high school sports to resume soon, according to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association.

About two weeks after 150 people — mostly high school athletes — marched on Olympia asking state leaders to let them play, the WIAA released details on where prep sports stands.

Bottom line: high school athletes likely won't return to courts, fields and tracks en masse until 2021.

The recently formed State Athletes of Washington group has been advocating the return of all high school fall sports seasons.

However, WIAA officials said last week that in order to bring back fall sports, at least five key areas need to be addressed:

- Gov. Jay Inslee would need to recommend a return to play.
- The State Department of Health needs to provide

new guidance on required steps to return to play.

• The state Office of Risk Management, which handles insurance, would then need to review any new recommendations.

• School leadership then would need to commit to returning to play, most likely once students return to school in at least a hybrid model. And coaches, under collective bargaining agreements, would need to support return to play.

• WIAA Executive Board would need to review new schedules and guidelines.

WIAA officials also highlight several other potential hurdles, includ-

ing whether a fall schedule would amount to more of less games than the plan to play in 2021.

That current plan adopted by WIAA pushes most fall sports into next year.

If the schedules stay unchanged and COVID-19 infection rates allow, prep sports will start with Season 2 on Dec. 28 with basketball, wrestling and boys swimming.

Season 3, which runs March 1 to May 2, will feature cross country, football, soccer and volleyball.

Season 4, starting April 26, is home to tennis, golf, track and field, baseball and softball.

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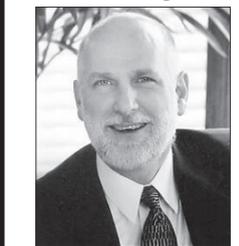
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once. Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: **You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.**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

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