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High heels and hot air balloons

Dignitaries shoot Ms. Senior USA promotional ad from the air

BY MATTHEW NASH
Sequim Gazette

Before the wildfire smoke came in, dignitaries took to the sky at Sequim Valley Airport to promote the upcoming Ms. Senior USA and Universe pageants.

Captain-Crystal Stout, Ms. Senior Washington United States, flew with Port Angeles' Cherie Kidd, Ms. Senior USA 2019-2020, in her Dream Catcher hot air balloon on Sept. 9.

The pair dressed in crowns, sashes, heels and sequin outfits to film a video with John Gussman of Double Click Productions.

"It was fantastic," Kidd said of her first time in a balloon.

"Quite the thrill."

"It's taking kids straight from their wheelchairs or hospital beds to fly. If I can do that, I want to be a part of it."

Captain-Crystal Stout

The women will travel to Las Vegas, Nev., for the Ms. Senior USA competition at The Orleans Hotel and Casino from Oct. 5-11.

Last year, Kidd was named Ms. Senior USA, and Stout, of Sequim, competes this year for the first time.

With COVID-19 provisions in place, competitors will be filmed on stage before a documentary crew and broadcast worldwide.

Stout said Kidd approached her to consider running and she felt

it would be a good opportunity to share the Dream Catcher Program, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that helps vertically challenged individuals, seniors, veterans and others ride in a hot air balloon supported by a seat rather than a basket.

Stout attended the Global Beauty Awards and felt many of the participants were entrepreneurs interested in more than beauty with their

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Cherie Kidd, Ms. Senior USA 2019-2020, left, and Captain-Crystal Stout, Ms. Senior Washington USA, film a promotional video from Stout's Dream Catcher balloon for the Ms. Senior USA pageant in October. This was Kidd's first time in a balloon on Sept. 9, and next month will be Stout's first time competing in a pageant. Sequim Gazette photo by Matthew Nash

City councilors choose no action against mayor over QAnon comments

BY MATTHEW NASH
Sequim Gazette

Following his recent on-air support for QAnon on 91.5 FM and vacation trip to Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Sequim Mayor William Armacost faced some opposition from residents Monday — some asking for his resignation.

However, city councilors opted not to take action, saying it was a matter of free speech and free will.

Armacost answered a question posed at the Coffee with the Mayor program in late August on KSQM 91.5 FM, encouraging people to investigate QAnon, a set of conspiracy theories

involving pedophiles plotting against President Donald Trump.

Armacost later apologized via press release about sharing his beliefs as a city representative.

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Drop in cases has Clallam, Jefferson in low-risk category

BY ZACH JABLONSKI
Olympic Peninsula News Group

No new COVID-19 cases were confirmed on the North Olympic Peninsula for a third consecutive day, although health officials continue to be concerned about wildfire smoke.

Both Clallam and Jefferson counties continue to be in the state's low-risk category with 17 new cases per 100,000 people in Clallam County for the past two

weeks and 3.13 cases per 100,000 in Jefferson County for the same time period.

Clallam County has had 226 confirmed COVID-19 cases since March, with one active case and one death, according to Clallam County Public Health data.

Jefferson County has had 71 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since March, with 10 active cases and no deaths, according to Jefferson County Public Health data.

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TRIBUTE IN THE SKIES



John Johnson and Dave Richardson look to make a landing at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, on Aug. 27 as part of the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Porch/ 25th Infantry Division

Pilots finish trek to honor 75th anniversary end of WWII

Collision halts some flights but friends focus on history

BY MATTHEW NASH
Sequim Gazette

It may not have been the trip they expected, but Diamond Point residents John Johnson and Dave Richardson helped honor a major piece of the U.S. and world's history.

The friends traveled thousands of miles recently to take part in the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific.

Their plan was to fly in all of the events of the Legacy of Peace Aerial Parade including the main event on Sept. 2, but a collision a few days previous prevented them from flying over the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor.

The event honored the signing of the Instrument of Surrender and the end of war in the Pacific on Sept. 2, 1945.

After years in preparation for the 75th year, concerns for COVID-19 led to reduced events, and a smaller number of historic planes and veterans that couldn't participate in person.

"Given the circumstances, everybody did the best they could," said Richardson, a retired California Department of Transportation employee and U.S. Air Force veteran.

"We were proud to be there," said



Diamond Point's Dave Richardson and John Johnson stand aboard the USS Missouri for the 75th commemoration ceremony for the end of World War II in the Pacific on Sept. 2. The friends left the Sequim area in mid-July to make the journey to Oahu.

About a dozen planes were able to participate in the festivities while many World War II veterans were unable to participate in the Sept. 2 presentation, including 14 veterans who witnessed the signing of surrender/peace, because

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UNDER SMOKY SKIES

Contributor Bob Lampert spots this scene coming into a smoky downtown Sequim on Sept. 13.



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WSDOT crews putting in new turn lane at US Hwy 101, Louella Road

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especially during morning hours.

The work is weather-dependent, state officials note, and could be rescheduled.

The new turn lane is the result of a WSDOT cost-effective effort to improve traffic flow and reduce the potential for collisions, state officials said.

The crews will have one-way alternating traffic for installation of the new turn-lane from 8 p.m.-6 a.m. both days.

Drivers are encouraged to plan extra travel time to reach their destinations,

OUT-OF-TREE TREE FROG



Contributor Mary Marsh spots a tree frog hanging out on her porch in early September.

WEATHER

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Date	High	Low	Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Sept. 8	75	57	Sept. 16	6:51 a.m.	7:21 p.m.
Sept. 9	80	49	Sept. 17	6:53 a.m.	7:19 p.m.
Sept. 10	85	52	Sept. 18	6:54 a.m.	7:17 p.m.
Sept. 11	66	50	Sept. 19	6:55 a.m.	7:15 p.m.
Sept. 12	59	48	Sept. 20	6:57 a.m.	7:12 p.m.
Sept. 13	62	47	Sept. 21	6:58 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
Sept. 14	62	50	Sept. 22	7:00 a.m.	7:08 p.m.

TIDE CHARTS

These tides are corrected for Dungeness Bay.

Sept. 16	2:13 a.m. 6.8	9:02 a.m. -0.6	4:13 p.m. 7.6	9:34 p.m. 3.3
Sept. 17	3:15 a.m. 7.0	9:45 a.m. -0.2	4:39 p.m. 7.6	10:16 p.m. 2.4
Sept. 18	4:16 a.m. 7.1	10:29 a.m. 0.5	5:08 p.m. 7.7	11:01 p.m. 1.4
Sept. 19	5:20 a.m. 7.1	11:13 a.m. 1.5	5:38 p.m. 7.7	11:48 p.m. 0.5
Sept. 20	6:26 a.m. 7.0	12:00 p.m. 2.6	6:10 p.m. 7.7	NA
Sept. 21	NA	12:38 a.m. -0.1	7:37 p.m. 6.9	12:50 p.m. 3.7
Sept. 22	NA	1:32 a.m. -0.5	8:57 p.m. 6.8	1:50 p.m. 4.7

RAINFALL

MOON

Rainfall for Week of Sept. 8-14, 2020

0.08 inch of precipitation recorded.

Rainfall recorded and reported at www.weather.com.

Sept. 17	New moon
Sept. 23	First quarter
Oct. 1	Full moon

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Organizers cancel Reach, Row for Hospice event

Yacht club looks to raffle, donations to fund respite care

BY MICHAEL DASHIELL

Sequim Gazette

Sequim Bay will be a bit quieter come late September, but local boaters are still hoping to make a difference for their yacht club's favorite charity.

After putting off a decision on the club's biggest annual fundraiser, Sequim Bay Yacht Club and organizers of its Reach and Row for Hospice have decided to cancel the 2020 event.

The threat of COVID-19 and corresponding health restrictions made hosting the event impractical and unsafe, event chair Susan Sorensen said last week.

"I think that there was a hope that the COVID restrictions would be lifted ... but the safety of all the community and the participants (is paramount)," Sorensen said.

The event, held from more than two-and-a-half decades, includes a sailboat regatta and, for the past two events, rowing and paddle races on Sequim Bay. Held at the end of September, the event also includes a large potluck for competitors.

The beneficiary is Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County (VHOCC).



Quiltmaker Dory Miller of Crazy Horse Quilting and 2020 Sequim Bay Yacht Club commodore Jerry Fine display a quilt up for raffle, with proceeds going to Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25. Organizers of the yacht club's annual Reach and Row for Hospice recently announced the cancellation of the event, and are urging those looking to continue support of the effort to purchase raffle tickets or make a tax-deductible donation. Sequim Gazette photo by Michael Dashiell

The yacht club's largest fundraiser brings in tens of thousands of dollars each year — about \$23,000 at the 2019 event and \$31,000 the year prior, Sorensen said — to help pay for respite care.

Over the years, the event has

raised about \$385,000 for VHOCC.

The funds help families get the rest they need from taking care of terminal family members.

While event organizers are unable to sail and row for funds, they are hosting a raffle for a quilt made



Boat captains and crew take to Sequim Bay for the Reach and Row for Hospice event in 2018. Sequim Gazette file photo by Matthew Nash

by club members and are taking donations as well. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25, and can be purchased until Dec. 7 and the drawing will be Dec. 9.

Raffle ticket purchases should be sent to SBYC, PO Box 1261, Sequim WA 98382; make the check payable to VHOCC with "Reach and Row for Hospice" on the memo line, and include an address or email address. For more about the raffle, email to waquilt@aol.com.

Though the event won't go on this year, the need for boosting Volunteer Hospice goes on, Sorensen said.

"People are still sick; family

members still need respite care," she said. "We're just trying to do what we can."

Donations are tax-deductible, Sorensen noted.

"This isn't the only organization running up to barrier to raising money," she said. "All of the non-profits are hurting because the usual venues aren't (open)."

For more information, see www.sequimbayyacht.club/reach-for-hospice.

Make tax-deductible donations to: VHOCC, 829 E. Eighth St., Port Angeles WA 98362, with "Reach and Row for Hospice" in the subject line.

See www.vhocc.org.



Above: Cherie Kidd, Ms. Senior USA 2019-2020, left, and Captain-Crystal Stout, Ms. Senior Washington USA, pose for a photo before they go up to shoot a promotional video for the Ms. Senior USA pageant. Right: John Gussman films Cherie Kidd, Ms. Senior USA 2019-2020, and Captain-Crystal Stout, Ms. Senior Washington USA, shoot a promotional video for the upcoming pageant in Las Vegas. Stout said she is excited for the opportunity to win because she could serve as an ambassador for Shriners Hospital for Children and offer rides to children. Sequim Gazette photos by Matthew Nash



Balloon

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charitable contributions.

"It changed my idea of beauty pageants," she said. "I felt like this was my tribe."

If selected as Ms. Senior USA, Stout would serve as an ambassador for the Shriners Hospital for Children and could provide balloon rides across the country.

"It's taking kids straight from their wheelchairs or hospital beds to fly," she said. "If I can do that, I want to be a part of it."

Ms. Senior USA organizers say it celebrates the accomplishments of women 60 and older, and the event looks to empower others and women of all nations and cultures, strive for equality, to make real and meaningful changes, and more.

Stout made the cutoff

by turning 60 during the competition, saying, "I'm so excited to see where this will lead us."

Kidd, 74, said the Ms. Senior USA pageant and title inspires people of all ages.

"We're out doing things we've never done," she said.

"We're breaking barriers. There are attorneys, doctors, concert pianists, opera singers (and more) doing this. Age is no longer a barrier."

Along with the promotion for Ms. Senior USA, the women

shot a video for Shriners International, International Women's Day, and the Ms. Senior Universe pageant set for March 1-8, 2021, in New York City.

For more information about the Ms. Senior USA program, visit msseniorusa.org.

For more information about the Dream Catcher Balloon program, visit facebook.com/DreamCatcherBalloon and DreamCatcherBalloon.org.

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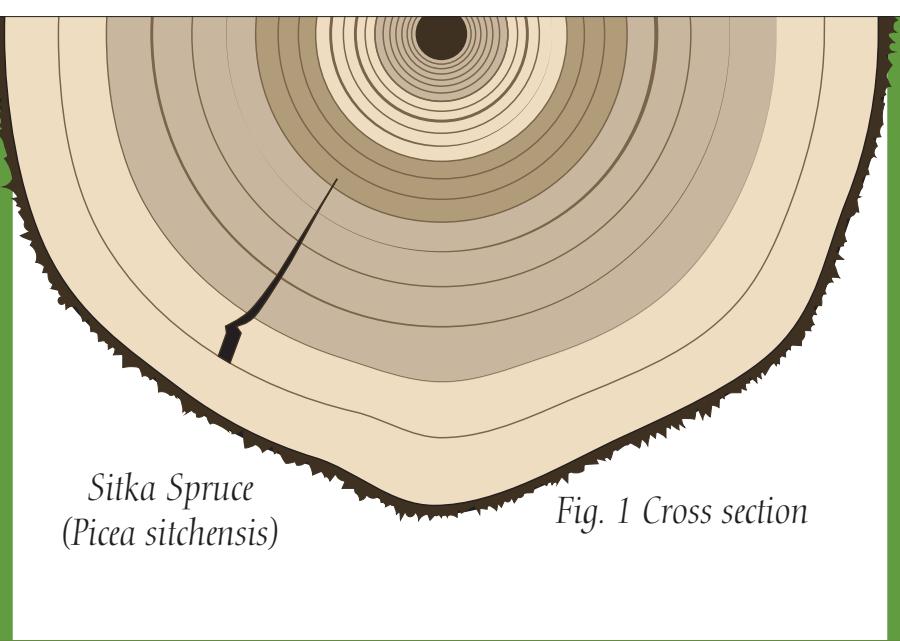
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Representatives from Welfare For Animals Guild — Barb Brabant, second from left, and Deb Bemm — accept a check for more than \$3,000 from Harper Harbor Ridgeview Funeral and Peninsula Pet Cremation at the nonprofit's Halfway House in Sequim. Representing Harper Ridgeview are Darren Delaney, left, and Mark Gustafson. Sequim Gazette photo by Michael Dashiell

WAG, OPHS get donations

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Peninsula Pet Cremation — an affiliation of Harper Ridgeview Funeral Chapel and Mount Angeles Memorial Park in Port Angeles and Sequim Valley Funeral Chapel in Sequim — collected donations in lieu of fees for pet services, to gift to the Olympic Peninsula Humane Society (OPHS) in July and Welfare for Animals Guild (WAG) in August.

The business presented OPHS with more than \$3,000 to WAG and nearly \$1,600 to OPHS in donations.

"We are honored to receive this donation from Peninsula Pet Cremation and their clients," OPHS Executive Director Luanne Hinke said.

"I understand pet parents were allowed to select their donation amount and often gifted more than the services received. It's such a wonderful outpouring of love that will help our animals here at the shelter."

Mark Gustafson, general manager of Peninsula Pet Cremation and Harper-Ridgeview, said, "We realize that at times our closest friends in this life get around on four legs instead of two. We established Peninsula Pets in April 2018 to allow our community to keep their pets here locally for all their memorial needs and allow them to honor their pet in any way they choose."

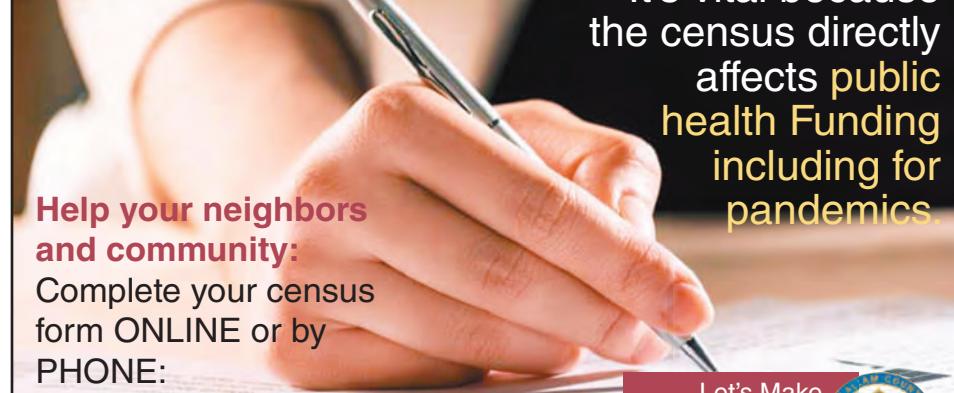


Celebrating a donation from Harper-Ridgeview and Peninsula Pet Cremation to the Olympic Peninsula Humane Society (OPHS) are, from left, OPHS development manager Jaquelene Petersen, OPHS executive director Luanne Hinkle and Mark Gustafson, general manager at Harper-Ridgeview and Peninsula Pet Cremation. Submitted photo

A cremation scattering garden is also available exclusively for pets at Mount Angeles Memorial Park for those who desire to have a place where they can return and memorialize.

"We are very devoted to supporting our community," Gustafson said. "This is why we established July as a month we offered our pet services for free and asked for a donation for OPHS. Owners all viewed this as a wonderful way to memorialize and honor their pet."

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Sequim schools to deliver meals starting this week

BY MICHAEL DASHIELL

Sequim Gazette

School meals are on wheels once again.

A proclamation from Gov. Jay Inslee in late August now allows school districts to use bus drivers and other transportation to deliver food, learning materials and technology to students, as the state and districts continue to grapple with health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Sequim School District looks to begin offering meal distribution this week, school superintendent Rob Clark said, with transportation and other staff bringing food to area youths twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Similar to what the district offered in mid-March through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, when the COVID-19 health issue struck, the meals — both breakfasts and lunches —

will be collated at the district's central kitchen and then delivered to locations in the Sequim area, available to any youths of ages 2-18.

On Mondays, each youth would be eligible to get four total meals (two breakfasts and two lunches) and six meals on Wednesdays (three breakfasts, three lunches), Clark said.

"It's the same as it was in the summer and last spring," he said.

The difference this school year, Clark said, is that "we want people to sign up for these meals," rather than having staff drive to pre-designated locations.

Clark detailed the district's meal plan to school board directors at their Sept. 8 meeting.

Clark said Inslee and state schools superintendent Chris Reykdal threw school districts a two proverbial "curveballs" recently, allowing districts to use school vehicles to transport meals as well as extending the summer food program through Dec. 31.

The Sequim superintendent said staff had developed plans to serve meals out of the central kitchen prior to Inslee's Aug. 26 proclamation.

"Both of those were good news (but) it did catch us a bit flat-footed," Clark said. "(We)



Nikki Hooker, foreground, and Lindsey Kester assemble breakfasts and lunches for Sequim-area students at the Sequim School District's Central Kitchen on Sept. 15. The district is once again distributing meals throughout the area on Mondays and Wednesdays starting this week. The program is open to all Sequim-area youths of ages 2-18. Sequim Gazette photo by Michael Dashiell

wish we could have had that news in the middle of August instead of at the end."

School board director Larry Jeffries pointed out that parents should fill out free and reduced meal applications (available at sequimschools.org, under the "Programs" menu), which helps the district receive federal funding.

Clark said the district does have the capability of, but has not yet, used school vehicles to help deliver learning materials such as textbooks or computers.

School opening on horizon?

As of last week, Clallam County's COVID-19 numbers had shifted from "high risk" (higher than 75 cases per 100,000 of population) to "moderate" (25-75 per 100,000) in recent days. Clark said that is positive news for the possibility of re-opening schools to some students soon.

"If we minded our Ps and Qs over this last (Labor Day) weekend we could be starting school (in person) in October," he said last week.

"It's a conversation that's going to be ongoing," he said. "I'm just hoping the numbers stay down."

Sequim, along with other school districts across Clallam County, opened the 2020-2021 school year virtually, with all but about a dozen students learning remotely.

Clallam County will need a drop in coronavirus cases to a rate below 75 per 100,000 and keep below that benchmark for four consecutive weeks (28 days) before bringing any students back to school campuses, Clark said in an Aug. 17 meeting. School district leaders who do not follow health official guidelines, he said at that meeting, could put their schools in "a place of great liability."

New SRO

Clark notified Sequim School Board directors last week that Sequim Police officer Kindry Leiter, the district's School Resource Officer (SRO), was recently promoted to sergeant and that a replacement has not yet been hired.

While the district does not have an urgent need for an SRO with so few students on campus, Clark said he'd like to see the partnership continue.

"It is my belief (that) we've always had a good relationship with our SRO ... and there's no reason to change," he said last week.

SROs are school-based law enforcement officers who work with parents, school administrators, teachers and school security staff to protect students, faculty and school facilities.

A new SRO may not be on campus until around the beginning of 2021, Clark said.

"By that time I hope we have students on campus," he said.

"That's probably a new low (number)," Clark said.

The school district and City of Sequim/Sequim Police Department split costs association with the SRO position.

Enrollment down, 3 new staffers

School District administrators had budgeted for overall enrollment to be around 2,630 students, while first day number showed the district is about 50 to 60 students short of what was budgeted, Clark said on Sept. 8.

"We're down but not as much as anticipated," he said. "We've lost some students to homeschooling."

Many of those students are in the younger age range (kindergarten-fourth grade), he said — situations where parents felt if their child's learning was going to be virtual that they could make the shift to a homeschool set-up.

In response to board director Eric Pickens' question about finding a way to serve those families, Clark said administrators would look at a way to "recapture" some of those former district students.

"I expected a hundred (students short of budget); it's a good news bad news situation," Clark said.

"I still feel relatively good about our numbers."

With a number of retirements, resignations and a few reduction-in-force notices, Sequim schools added just three new employees to start the 2020-2021 school year.

"That's probably a new low (number)," Clark said.

Sequim School District food service routes

Below are bus routes for Sequim-area youths of ages 2-18. Distribution is Mondays (two breakfasts, two lunches per student) and Wednesdays (three breakfasts, three lunches per student).

Meals are also available in three other locations on Mondays and Wednesdays: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Greywolf Elementary School, 171 Carlsborg Road, and Sequim Middle School, 301 W. Hendrickson Road, and 4:30-6 p.m. at Sequim Central Kitchen, 221 W. Fir St.

BUS ROUTE 1

9 a.m. — Louella Road-US Highway 101
9:15 a.m. — 7 Cedars Casino, 270756 US Highway 101
9:40 a.m. — Critter Country @ 9:40am
10:10 a.m. — John Wayne Marina parking lot (east end), 2577 W. Sequim Bay Road

10:25 a.m. — Independence Drive

10:50 a.m. — Many Feather Way-Woodcock Road
11:05 a.m. — Dungeness Schoolhouse, 2769 Towne Road

BUS ROUTE 2

9:10 a.m. — SkyRidge Golf Course, 7015 Old Olympic Highway
9:25 a.m. — W. Nelson Road-Old Olympic Highway
9:40 a.m. — Hogback Road-Cays Road (gravel area)
9:55 a.m. — Voice of America entrance
10:10 a.m. — Ridgeview Drive-Ridge Place
10:25 a.m. — Martha Lane (gravel area)
10:45 a.m. — House Road-Cottonwood Lane

BUS ROUTE 3

9:20 a.m. — Agnew Soccer Fields, North Bar Road
9:35 a.m. — Agnew Store, 2863 Old Olympic Highway
9:50 a.m. — R Corner Grocery, 256421 US Highway 101 Sieberts Creek Road

10:15 a.m. — Clallam County Transit stop at O'Brien Road
10:33 a.m. — Transfer Station, 1469 Blue Mountain Road

BUS ROUTE 4

9:50 a.m. — Robin Hill County Park (Agnew)
9:30 a.m. — Sherburne Road-Atterberry Road
9:50 a.m. — Fish Hatchery Road (gravel area)
10:05 a.m. — Mobile fuel station, 33 Taylor Cutoff Road
10:25 a.m. — Sequim Little League fields, 124 W. Silberhorn Road
10:40 a.m. — Dungeness Meadows
10:55 a.m. — River Road-Happy Valley Road (gravel area)

BUS ROUTE 5

9:10 a.m. — Mountain View Court Apartments, 303 S. Fifth Ave.
9:45 a.m. — Seabreeze Apartments, 525 McCurdy Road

BUS ROUTE 6

9:10 a.m. — Elk Creek Apartments, 90 S. Rhudefer Road
9:45 a.m. — Carrie Blake Community Park, 202 N. Blake Road

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Ways to discipline

**PARENTING IN FOCUS**

Cynthia Martin

It isn't easy knowing how to discipline or even when to discipline a baby or a toddler. It isn't easy to know if you should be disciplining a young person at all or what behavior you should ignore.

Young children are naturally curious and that is how it should be. The best way to handle some of the curiosity that is bound to lead them into problems is to eliminate temptations and no-nos.

Certainly cleaning supplies and medications should be kept well out of reach. Even special equipment such as video equipment or expensive items such as jewelry should be carefully put away.

When you are having issues with your child's behavior, determine if there is a cause for his behavior. Is he tired and has he been playing a long time? Has he become hungry from being on the go too long? Is he upset because he is not getting what he wants when he wants it? Is he feeling neglected and wanting attention?

How you handle temper tantrums now may play a large part in how your preschooler acts when he or she gets older. Incorrect handling could very well lead to behavior problems in the future.

Children of any age can have temper tantrums. Actually, parents can have them too. But for this article we will be discussing young children hav-

ing temper tantrums or discipline problems.

Handling a child having a tantrum is complex. However, there are some things you can do to help make it easier for you and for him:

- Relax

Take a deep breath. In fact, waiting a few seconds might even make things a bit easier to handle.

- Take control

He has lost control so when you take charge it helps. One easy way to show him you have control is to move him just a few feet away from where he is ... especially if that is the candy counter.

- Do not yell

This will only make things worse. Keep in mind the goal is for him to regain control and the tantrum isn't the issue. Tell him you can see how upset he is. Try hugging him and perhaps the restraint of that hug will help him calm down. Speak calmly to him.

- Do not give in

The worst thing you can do is give him the item he is having a temper tantrum about. Your child is smart and will quickly learn that throwing a tantrum is a good way of getting what he wants.

- Offer him choice

You can ask him if he would rather go to the car or stay in the store. You can talk with him about what book he

might like to read this afternoon. The goal is for him to regain control—not to feel that you are bribing him to stop having the tantrum.

- If all else fails, leave with him

Return to the car or to your home. You will find that time will be on your side because temper tantrums take a lot of energy from both of you.

It is important to not spank, hit, or slap a child of any age. Babies and toddlers are especially unlikely to be able to make any connection between their behavior and physical punishment. They will only feel the pain of the hit.

Make sure you tell your child you love him. Let him hear from you that you understand his frustration or that he is hungry or tired. Ask him to calm down and hug him. You need to remember you are modeling good behavior for him by not losing your cool or raising your voice.

Your calm demeanor alone may calm them down. The opposite is also true when you react poorly and you become out of control (child-developmentinfo.com/ages-stages/preschooler-development-3-6/preschool-temper-tantrums).

Make the problem of today the teaching of correct behavior for tomorrow.

Cynthia Martin is the founder of the First Teacher program and former executive director of Parenting Matters Foundation, which publishes newsletters for parents, caregivers and grandparents.

Grant applications at YMCA for local youth leaders

SEQUIM GAZETTE STAFF

The Olympic Peninsula YMCA is accepting applications now for the 2020-2021 YMCA Dennis Watson Spirit of TEAM Grant.

Now in its fourth year, the grant is open to Olympic Peninsula youth group leaders and teachers working with middle school students who have a program or project idea that upholds the ideals of the YMCA and "promotes team-building, encourages inclusion, provides social emotional support or fosters good communication," YMCA representatives said last week.

Applicants can request up to \$1,500 to support their program or project. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25.

The grant was developed to honor the legacy of Sequim resident Dennis Watson, who died in December of 2016. Watson was deeply committed to the success of young people in the community and devoted nearly 20 years to the YMCA as a board member, volunteer and financial supporter, YMCA representatives said.

During his time with the YMCA, Watson promoted the YMCA Middle School Program T.E.A.M. that helped eighth-graders improve communication and team-building skills, increased leaderships, and helped them grow as compassionate individuals.

A team of former co-workers, YMCA teen program alumni, friends, family and YMCA staff partnered to create the Dennis Watson Memorial Fund and Grant.

Last year, three Olympic Peninsula Educators and Youth Programs were awarded grants through the YMCA Fund to support their team-building projects. Grant awards ranged from \$1,000-\$1,500 and checks were provided to: Port Angeles School District American Corps Program School, to support the creation of a new team-building club at Stevens Middle School; Port Townsend Maritime Center, to support the Bravo Team, a longboat seamanship, team-building and environmental learning program, and Jefferson County 4-H to support facilitator trainings at Gibbs Lake Challenge Course.

"As a grant committee, we are honored to carry Dennis Watson's commitment to youth programs forward," said Christine Loewe, Grant Committee Chair and former YMCA of Port Angeles Teen Program Director.

Learn more about the YMCA Spirit of TEAM Grant, download an application or make a donation at www.olympicpeninsulaymca.org/spiritofteamgrant.

For more information about the grant, email to grants@olympicpeninsulaymca.org.

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NOLS board suspends collection fees for 2020

BY MICHAEL DASHIELL
Sequim Gazette

Along with books, DVDs, magazine and other items, local libraries are putting collection fees on hold.

Trustees with the North Olympic Library System agreed last week to suspend collection of fees from materials deemed lost for the remainder of the year.

"The staff has a lot to do already," Jennifer Pelikan, NOLS Board of Trustees chair, said before the unanimous (4-0) vote on Aug. 27.

"I would much rather have them spend their time on that than taking money from people."

Library Director Noah Glaude said collection of fees from unreturned materials were shut down — along with all other library services — in mid-March as state and local health officials began to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

In late August, overdue notices began to go out to patrons who had materials checked out prior to the March 17 shutdown, Glaude said.

"We have seen quite an uptick in return in the last week," Glaude said at the Aug. 27 meeting held on Zoom.

Typically patrons receive a

bill through the mail 21 days after an item is deemed overdue, but generally that notice is designed to encourage the patron to return the item, Glaude said.

"We just want our books back so the next patron can check them out," he said.

Twenty-one days after the paper bill is sent, a collection agency that NOLS has a contract with begins attempting to secure funds owed. The agency collects \$10 from each item, Glaude said.

"Ten dollars isn't necessarily a lot but it can make a big difference in our patron's life," he said.

With the stress and unease surrounding COVID-19, Glaude said library officials expect more issues regarding unreturned materials. NOLS normally sees about 8-10 items per month necessitate collection bills in the past year, he said.

Glaude originally asked the board of trustees to suspend any fee collections through the month of September, but board members agreed to suspend the collection process for the remainder of 2020.

"All we want to do is get the materials back," Glaude said.

New normal, changes coming to libraries

Last week, Glaude detailed

the various changes the peninsula's libraries in Sequim, Port Angeles, Forks and Clallam Bay have made since the mid-March shutdown, including curbside service that started in June and, in July, NOLS began offering "grab bags" that feature staff-selected materials in patron-selected genres.

Influxes of new materials have kept coming in, he said, but noted, "we're able to move a lot of that through the grab bags."

Johnson said he was glad he could participate but felt his "heart was up there (in the sky)."

"That's how I wanted to pay my tribute," he said.

T-6 Texan

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Richardson said they flew

Glaude said NOLS is looking at providing curbside printing services as well. The printing — for items such as job applications or copies of one's insurance card — would probably be offered for free with a monthly cap, as NOLS staff is not looking to handle money during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He also said the library system is looking into checking out laptops on an hourly use basis.

"We know there's a great need out there for computer and internet access," Glaude told trustees.

Outreach to the Home-bound, a NOLS programs that sees staff deliver materials to those who are unable to access the library (when open) or curbside service, should start up again soon, Glaude said, with staffers leaving items on doorsteps in order to maintain physical distancing.

Inter-library loans should

start up once again soon, he said.

NOLS will also be adding picnic tables at each branch, Glaude noted.

The peninsula's libraries are unable to accept donations at this point, however, based on safety protocols, Glaude said.

"I don't think anyone is expecting Clallam County to be in Phase 3 any time soon (but we're) trying to be responsive during these times," he said. "It's not been normal in any sense."

While patrons are not able to access library buildings, staff are making some changes in preparation for their eventual re-openings to accommodate physical distancing guidelines, Glaude said. That means some shifting of furniture where possible. In Port Angeles' 25,000-square-foot main building, that means closing off a few alcoves, but in the heavily-used 6,000-square-foot Sequim Library it's a challenge, he said.

"I don't think anyone is expecting Clallam County to be in Phase 3 any time soon (but we're) trying to be responsive during these times," he said.

"What used to be nice and cozy is not a good thing anymore."

"I just found myself immersed in the history," he said.

Kaye Gagnon, Richardson's wife, was able to travel to the festivities from Diamond Point and said families watching along fences were visibly excited during the festivities despite stay-at-home orders.

"It was so appreciated," she said. "They took it upon themselves to come out because they felt it was important to show their respect."

Make a leaf keychain with library kits

SEQUIM GAZETTE STAFF

Library patrons can celebrate fall with a leaf macramé keychain take-and-make craft. Beginning Sept. 14, North Olympic Library System (NOLS) began offering craft kits during curbside service hours.

All supplies and instructions are included for this project that's recommended for tweens, teens and adults.

Kits are available while supplies last.

Curbside library service, including returns and holds pick-up, is available from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, at all NOLS locations, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturdays at Sequim, Port Angeles and Forks branches.

For more information about this and other programs happening this fall, visit www.nols.org, email to discover@nols.org or call 360-417-8500.



Local libraries offer leaf macramé keychain take-and-make kits, available for pickup until supplies run out. Submitted photo

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of travel concerns.

"We were saddened to make that call but done for the sake of their health," said Michael Carr, CEO of the USS Missouri Memorial Association.

The event was broadcast live and remains available for viewing at 75thwwiicommemoration.org.

Never forget

"Winning the war meant American freedom," said Gilbert Nadeau, a U.S. Navy signalman third class, in a video interview.

He and several other veterans spoke in videos as did several dignitaries through video and in-person like Mark Esper, the U.S. Secretary of Defense, and David Iglesias,

Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, thanked the veterans on behalf of the 2.3 million military men and women in the U.S.

He said World War II veterans fought to retain our freedom of speech, religion, press and more that we enjoy, and that those with firsthand knowledge of the war are becoming fewer and fewer.

Milley encouraged people not to forget "the sacrifices of those who went before us."

For the Sept. 2 event, Johnson and Richardson received tickets to participate aboard the Missouri and watch the event alongside state and federal officials.

There were some emotional moments for them, they said, particularly for the men who couldn't be there because of COVID-19 restrictions and stay-at-home orders.

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Richardson said they flew

out of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to work on formation training with one or two flights each day. There were three official flights for the planes to do for the festivities, and the friends were able to participate in the first.

After the flight on Aug. 29, they were parked when another plane collided with them.

"We were shut down and parked and (the other pilot) hit a (large fire extinguisher)

and added power, slammed on his brakes and pirouetted into us," Richardson said.

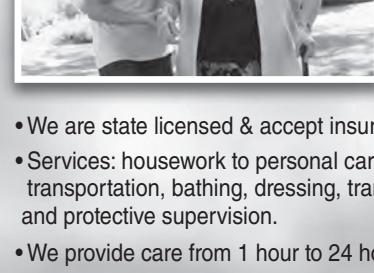
The men said the position of the engine and propeller saved them.

"When he hit us, it was like a grenade going off," Richardson said.

The damage is still being assessed, Johnson said, but the friends wanted to remain focused on what the trip was about.

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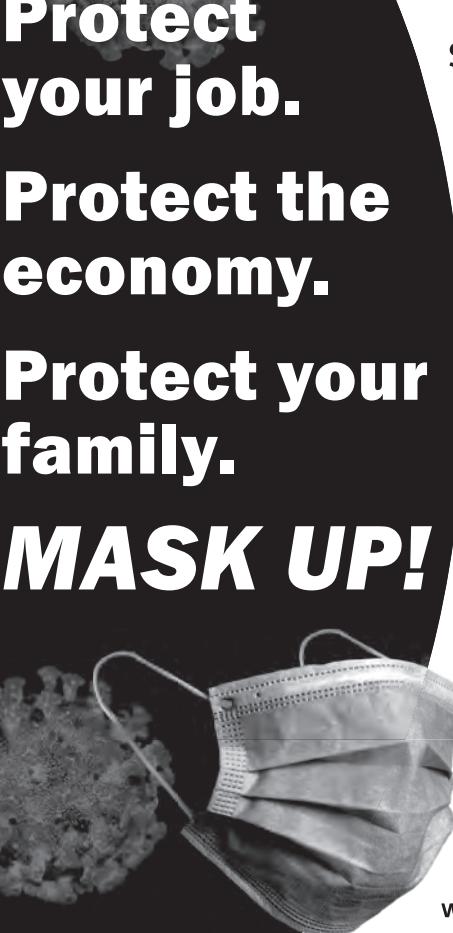
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An introduction to the Black Lives Matter man of Sequim

Retiree keeps 100-plus day streak advocating for equality at intersection

BY MATTHEW NASH

Sequim Gazette

felt about Black Lives Matter for the first time.

"That amazed me," he said.

Morris said he was unaware that Black Lives Matter was an organization upon starting but feels there's been bad connotations put upon it. He likened it to an attitude toward the Catholic Church, that being Catholic shouldn't connect believers to convicted criminal church leaders.

"Some people feel because I associate with Black Lives Matter, that makes me a Marxist or a communist."

His feeling: "For 400 years, Caucasians in this country have developed and purified a very sophisticated racist policy and it's wrong. White people, we have to realize it's our problem. We have to realize we created it."

Up north

Prior to retiring in Sequim in 1990, Morris was born in Kentucky, raised in Michigan and spent 26 years in Alaska.

In the village of Bettles, Alaska (pop. 13, as of 2018), he made his living owning and operating a telephone company, which he said wasn't unusual for Alaska due to primitive systems in place.

Beforehand, he and his brother Daryl had their own transport business for a number of years but quit because "we didn't make any money," Morris said.

He left Alaska for a few years, got married and came back to help his brother with his electricity business. With an electric generator, Daryl was able to sell excess power to locals.

"At that time, there was a single pay phone in the lodge ... and that was the phone system when we started,"



For more than 110 consecutive days, Sequim's Neil Morris has set aside 3-plus hours to wave and hold signs showing his support for Black Lives Matter and the Human Rights Campaign. "I just want people to be aware," Morris said. "I don't know what else I could do. I piss off a lot of people and I think that is a good thing." Sequim Gazette photo by Matthew Nash

Morris said.

"To receive a phone call, you hung around in the lobby of the lodge and answered the phone when it rang."

For a burgeoning business a lack of phones didn't work, so that led Morris to start his own telephone business.

He eventually divorced and remarried Suzi, a school teacher in Bettles, where his two daughters attended school.

The couple went on to adopt a teen boy, King, from Thailand.

Part of his push for supporting BLM stems from supporting King, who is black.

"It's a kind of obligation to protect your kids," he said. "We were familiar with a lot of the incidents he had experienced and the racist stuff."

Many years after starting their businesses, the Morris brothers sold both the telephone and electricity businesses.

His plan upon retirement? "To do nothing, and I was damn good at it."

To Sequim

Through his brother Daryl, Morris and his family became acquainted with Sequim because his brother's family would vacation here.

Over time, Morris and his wife worked with Clallam County's family court as guardian ad litem — individuals appointed to investigate cases, usually divorcees fighting for children's rights.

"They'd assign us to one of those kids and we would interview them and as many people as possible," Morris said. "We'd provide information on what we felt the situation was."

The couple enjoyed helping families in tough situations but due to hearing loss they both found it more difficult to continue.



Morris also took up woodworking to build his patience.

"I started making furniture and enjoying myself," he said. "Then the wood, if dealing with good wood, was getting more expensive, and

I wasn't selling it or giving it away. There's only so much space for furniture."

Suzi continues to paint, sew and weave, he said.

The latest endeavor for Morris is advocating for equal rights.

But how long will he continue his seated stand for Black Lives Matter?

"I've been asking myself that and I don't know; I'm shopping for winter clothing," he said.

"I think it's important that people keep these issues in mind," Morris said. "Hopefully we're making changes. People should be educated."

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Contributor Bob Lampert caught this scene recently in the Port Williams area, just west of Holland Road.

Best of the Peninsula 2020 winners to be announced

The time has come for the Sequim Gazette and Peninsula Daily News to announce the winners of the Best of the Peninsula 2020 contest.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, a print special section will be published in the Peninsula Daily News. That same section will print in the Sequim Gazette on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Inside, winners and finalists from each category in the Clallam County and Jefferson County contests will be listed.

Also on Sunday, a website-only story will be posted to the Sequim Gazette and Peninsula Daily News websites linking to the e-edition of the Best of the Peninsula 2020 special section. A link to each online ballot showcasing the winners also will be provided.

Congratulations in advance to all the Clallam County and Jefferson County winners and finalists of the Best of the Peninsula 2020 contest!

Temporary closure set in upper Dungeness

Forest service roads in the upper Dungeness area will be closed for two or three days, between Sept. 23-26, as staff from Olympic National Forest and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe work on a restoration project to improve fish habitat within the Dungeness River.

National Forest officials expect closures and traffic delays at Forest Service Road 2870, from the junction of the 2870-050 to the Lower Gray Wolf Trailhead (Mile Post 5.5) — including all roads and areas in between — and the Dungeness River from river mile 13.4 to 16.0.

Access to the upper Dungeness will be maintained from Forest Service Road 2880 and 2870,

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Mayor, city: 'Coffee' sessions no place for personal opinions

BY MICHAEL DASHIELL

Sequim Gazette

Mayor William Armacost said it was "inappropriate" to speak about his support of QAnon during a radio broadcast in late August, given that he was representing the City of Sequim.

Armacost and Sequim City Manager Charlie Bush on Sept. 9 released statements regarding the mayor's comments about QAnon and his recent trip to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally that he made during an Aug. 27 Coffee With the Mayor program on KSQM 91.5 FM.

Bush said the intent of the "Coffee" meetings — previously held in person but moved to the airwaves in May because of the COVID-19 pandemic — is to discuss issues specific to the City of Sequim.

"Any responses to questions reflecting the personal opinion of the mayor do not reflect policy positions of the Sequim City Council or the organization," Bush said in the statement.

"The Coffee with the Mayor program has taken place with four different mayors. This is the first time since I began working for the city in 2015 that a mayor has commented on national politics that have nothing to do with the City of Sequim," Bush said.

Armacost said in the Sept. 9 press release: "To date, as mayor I have kept my personal life separate from my professional life and, as a result, I will not comment as mayor on my personal social media presence."

"While I believe that people should fight for truth and freedom, it was inappropriate to respond to this question as mayor during a program designed to talk about City of Sequim issues."

Armacost spoke during the radio broadcast of his support of QAnon and directed listeners to a video on the conspiracy theory that ends in promoting President Donald Trump, the Republican nominee for president, who is seeking a second term.

Kim Bradford, director of communications and outreach with the state Public Disclosure Commission, said the commission received a complaint about Armacost's comments in regard to RCW 42.17A.555.

However, the PDC ruled on Tuesday that Armacost was not in violation.

The discussion did not support or oppose any candidate in Washington State or any federal candidate, nor any Washington State ballot proposition or political action committee in the State of Washington," the PDC noted on Sept. 15. "However, the discussion did involve Mayor Armacost offering personal opinions on issues that did not appear to have any nexus to City of Sequim official business."

Armacost, a salon owner in Sequim, also said he attended the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, held this year from Aug. 7-16 in South Dakota.

Responding to criticism from a



ARMACOST

letter in the Aug. 19 Sequim Gazette that he should follow health recommendations to self-quarantine for 14 days following the trip, Armacost wrote that the quarantine "is not required of me by science, experience, regulation or custom" and that "now is the time to advance with clear heads, not a time to regress into a pit of panic."

This year's Sturgis rally, reportedly attended by about 460,000 people, has been labeled a "super-spreader" of the COVID-19 virus by researchers at the Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies at San Diego State University. Joseph J. Sabia, one of the study's authors, estimated the event could have infected as many as 266,796 people across several states.

The study is described as "fiction" by South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem.

The Associated Press reported earlier this month that at least 290 cases nationwide were linked to the biker rally, with one death.

Armacost said in the Sept. 9 statement: "In my personal decision to take a vacation this summer, I attended Sturgis. While there, I took proper precautions to protect my health, my family's health, the health of my patrons upon my return, and the health of the Sequim community."

Additionally, some Sequim residents have suggested Armacost should not promote a commercial product on the voice-mail of his personal cell phone; a number to which the city of Sequim re-routes callers.

City of Sequim staff said that, although they do have city phone numbers associated with their personal devices, the mayor and other city council members do not have city-supplied cell phones and are not reimbursed or given stipends for any device.

Interview views

At the end of the Aug. 27 KSQM Coffee With the Mayor program, in response to a written question from a listener, Armacost said he supports QAnon, a conspiracy theory that's gained political traction recently, and he urged listeners to listen to a YouTube video on the topic.

Calling it a "movement that encourages you to think for yourself," Armacost said that QAnon adherents are "patriots ... fighting for humanity, truth, freedom and saving children and others from human traffic ..."

QAnon began in 2017 and is traced to an anonymous online persona claiming to be a government insider seeking to expose the "deep state" which is said to be working against Trump.

According to media reports, QAnon claims that public figures and institutions are secretly involved with child trafficking and civil unrest.

According to Kevin Roose's New York Times profile of the organization, "QAnon is the umbrella term for a sprawling set of internet conspiracy theories that allege, falsely, that the world is run by a cabal of

Satan-worshipping pedophiles who are plotting against Mr. Trump while operating a global child sex-trafficking ring."

Further, the Times reports, some QAnon followers also believe that, "in addition to molesting children, members of this group kill and eat their victims in order to extract a life-extending chemical from their blood."

Some of the most popular QAnon groups on Facebook, Roose wrote, have more than 100,000 members apiece.

"Even if you count only the hardcore QAnon believers — excluding "QAnon-lite" adherents who might believe in a deep state plot against Mr. Trump, but not a cabal of child-eating Satanists — the number may be at least in the hundreds of thousands," the Times story noted.

Multiple national news outlets point out that the QAnon theories have no basis in fact.

Armacost was unavailable for further comment about the extent of his QAnon views.

The Coffee with the Mayor program was developed in 2013 as a forum for the city's mayor to meet informally with community members who have questions, comments or concerns regarding the city. They are held at 8 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.

The program on KSQM is recorded and recordings — including the Aug. 27 interview — are posted online at www.sequimwa.gov/600/Coffee-with-the-Mayor.

Council From page A-1

Councilor Sarah Kincaid said Monday night she read the emails against Armacost and felt people were complaining about his personal life rather than actions as mayor.

Kincaid noted that residents have complained about his Sturgis trip and demanded he quarantine following his return, but that it would be hypocritical to not ask the same of all residents who travel off the peninsula.

"The idea that we have an 'Idea Police' in Sequim is frightening," she said.

"Every name I recognize (in the emails) would consider themselves a liberal. How liberal are you if you would stifle all speech other than your own?"

Councilor Brandon Janisse said he didn't have an issue with what Armacost said, but rather, "it's where he said it."

Janisse said he was concerned about a negative light

City council seat applications open

A seat is now open for applicants for the Sequim City Council Position No. 6 held by former councilor Troy Tenneson.

He announced his resignation on Aug. 21 because of a family emergency.

The city must fill the vacant position within 90 days, City of Sequim officials noted this week.

City councilors agreed this week to open the application period through 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Interviews will be held in a virtual public meeting on Monday, Oct. 12, with the possibility of an appointment and swearing in that evening.

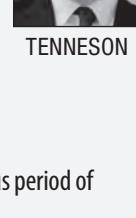
The appointee will serve through Nov. 2021 with a salary of \$250 per month.

Applicants must be registered voters of the City of Sequim, have a one-year continuous period of residence and hold no other public office or employment with the city government.

To apply, contact City Clerk Sara McMillon at 360-912-3701 or visit www.sequimwa.gov.

Candidates must submit a letter of interest, resume and completed application form with answers to supplemental questions to smcmillon@sequimwa.gov, or by regular mail at the Sequim Civic Center address listed above.

City Council members may ask additional questions at the interviews.



TENNESON

democracy of Washington and Sequim.

"He knows the constitution and he abides by the constitution," she said.

"He honors people of all nationalities. This is a man who should not be removed from city council. I encourage the other council members to remember what he has accomplished and all the positives and to stand behind your mayor."

Apolitical

Deputy Mayor Tom Ferrell said in his time on the city council, he's found his interactions with Armacost to be apolitical with no mention of conspiracies.

"His decisions have been mainstream and reasonable, and his dialogue has been appropriate and professional," he said.

As for QAnon, he said he doesn't plan to look it up but felt that freedom of speech applies with it and the mayor.

In reference to Armacost's recent trip to Sturgis — an event that some researchers

have called a "superspreader" of the COVID-19 virus — Ferrell said hopes everyone takes care of themselves anywhere they go.

"It's important to trust the people in our community," he said.

Ferrell asked city councilors and staff to "remember it may cause a lot of work on the seven members of the council" when commenting on something controversial.

"We all have to deal with this. We're all getting behind because of emails," he said.

As for the emails they've received on Armacost, Ferrell said they felt like a "gotcha format" and he can't read them anymore.

"I have to get back to business," he said.

"I want you all to understand. I've said this since day one. There are 7,860 people in this town. I'm guessing almost all of them want us to get back to business."

"Be productive and focus on economic development and safety: that's going to be my focus."

"(The) plan is for Oct. 5 at this point, if everything holds steady. Then each district has its own plan on exactly how they plan to do that, so which grades would start first depends on the district."

"But the hope is for each district, once we have some kids in class — if that's going well — every two weeks or so we could potentially add additional grades into the schools as we go."

The wildfire smoke blanketing the Peninsula — and the state — continues to be a concern for health officials as they have said it can make people more susceptible to COVID-19.

Smoke poses other respiratory concerns as well, Unthank said.

"What I've been noticing is people

don't seem as concerned about the smoke as they probably should be," she said. "I think people are just fatigued about being concerned about a variety of things."

"Right now, we really want everyone inside, whether you're in a high-risk group or not. The air outside is currently in the 'very unhealthy' category, so we really want everyone to bring their activities inside as much as possible."

Health officials are also preparing for a possible spike in cases caused by the Labor Day holiday this week, but Unthank hopes there won't be one.

"We're cautiously optimistic that we haven't seen that spike yet, but it is a little too early to tell," she said.

COVID-19

From page A-1

According to data compiled from state Sources by the Seattle Times, Jefferson County has third lowest COVID rate by population in Washington state; Clallam, the fifth-lowest.

Clallam County Health Officer Dr. Allison Unthank said Monday she is working with school districts as they prepare to possibly re-open to some in-person instruction if the current trend of a low case rate continues.

"We're all very hopeful that we can start bringing some kids back into the classroom," Unthank said.

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8:26 a.m. — Theft, 100 block of Fairway Place
4:27 p.m. — Theft, 270000 block of US Highway 101

Sept. 9
9:05 a.m. — Auto theft, 400 block of Gupster Road
3:38 p.m. — Vehicle accident, East Washington Street/South Brown Road

4:26 p.m. — Drug violation, 400 block of East Washington Street

Sept. 10
6:05 a.m. — Vehicle accident, 6500 block of Palo Alto Road
10:09 a.m. — Theft, 100 block of Fairway Drive

10:10 a.m. — Theft, 100 block of Fairway Drive
10:27 a.m. — Theft, 1700 block of Old Blyn Highway

10:42 a.m. — Vehicle accident, 261000 block of US Highway 101
Noon — DUI/DWI, 1000 block of West Washington Street

12:53 p.m. — Vehicle accident, near 100 block of Streit Road

2:58 p.m. — Vehicle accident, East Maple Street/South Sequim Avenue
6:11 p.m. — Assault, 100 block of East Lobelia Drive

Sept. 11
11:31 a.m. — DUI/DWI, 300 block of East Washington Street
11:37 a.m. — Theft, 100 block of West Cedar Street

2:39 p.m. — Vehicle accident, 100 block of Palo Alto Road
4:15 p.m. — Theft, 200 block of Blakely Boulevard

6:58 p.m. — Theft, 600 block of West Washington Street
8:17 p.m. — Assault, 100 block of West Washington Street

Sept. 12
2:43 a.m. — Drug violation, 270000 block of US Highway 10
1:57 p.m. — Vehicle accident, 100 block of West Washington Street

Sept. 13
3:07 p.m. — Drug violation, 500 block of North Brown Road
10:59 p.m. — Vehicle accident, 500 block of West Spruce Street

Sept. 14
11:06 a.m. — Theft, 1200 block of West Washington Street
12:57 p.m. — Vehicle accident, 900 block of West Washington Street

3:33 p.m. — Burglary, 200 block of West Anderson Road
4:56 p.m. — Theft, 400 block of Dryke Road

6:48 p.m. — Vehicle accident, 261000 block of US Highway 101

Vandalism at Helen Haller Elementary under investigation

Police: Graffiti found inside uncommon

BY MATTHEW NASH
Sequim Gazette

One Sequim elementary school and a concession stand were burglarized and/or tagged sometime in the hours after the first day of school.

Sequim Police Department report they are investigating a burglary and vandalism in at least one classroom at Helen Haller Elementary, 350 W. Fir St., and the nearby ticket booth/concession stand at the Sequim School District's athletic field.

Sequim Police Department Sgt. Mike Hill said the burglary occurred sometime between the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 2, and the morning hours of Thursday, Sept. 3.

The burglar(s) entered an elementary classroom near the main office and spray painted graffiti on white boards and walls and portions of the school's covered area by the playground, Hill said.

He said there were no signs of forced entry at the school



A vandal tagged the outside and inside of portions of Helen Haller Elementary and the Sequim School District's Athletic Field's concession stand sometime between the first day of school on Sept. 2 and the morning of Sept. 3. Photos courtesy of Sequim Police Department

but there were visible signs of forced entry at the ticket booth/concession stand.

A cost estimate was unavailable from the school district.

"It's not uncommon to find small bits of vandalism and graffiti outside of schools, but it's not common inside," Hill said.

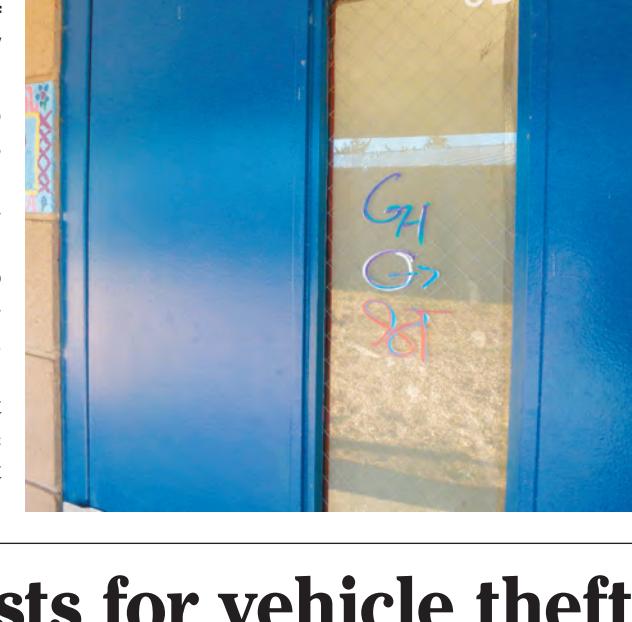
He said the last vandalism found inside a school was at the former Sequim

Community School prior to its demolition after vandals found an open window.

"It was a crime of opportunity then," Hill said.

Police will continue to speak with school staff seeking leads on the incidents, he said.

With information about the incident(s), contact the Sequim Police Department at 360-683-7227.



Clallam deputies make arrests for vehicle theft

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ter deputies recovered a Ford pickup that had been reported stolen.

At about 7:37 p.m. on Aug. 26, Clallam County deputies responded to a Sequim residence for the report of a possible stolen vehicle in the driveway. The vehicle and registration matched a vehicle reported stolen from the Forks area a couple days prior.

Deputies arrived to find Benson, who matched a description given to law enforcement officials, standing next to the truck, and Johnson in the passenger seat, Clallam County Sheriff's Office officials said.

Benson was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and an outstanding arrest warrant.

Johnson was initially arrested on

an arrest warrant, law enforcement officials said, but deputies during a search found a stolen fuel card belonging to the owner of the stolen pickup, and as a result Johnson was arrested for possession of stolen property-second degree and her arrest warrant.

The stolen truck was impounded for safe keeping.

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Pivot plan is critical for small business survival

When people describe entrepreneurs and small business owners as resilient, there has never been a time when that has been truer than the past six months.

As businesses deal with a new reality and "business as usual" takes on an entirely new meaning, most businesses need to rethink and retool how they do business in order to survive. A pivot plan is critical.

Being a small business owner can often feel lonely, with the world, clients and employees weighing on their shoulders. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC) want one message to ring clear for businesses figuring out a pivot plan: you are not alone.

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If they haven't already updated their business plan, business owners should be taking these three steps now:

- Determine how customers' needs and wants may have changed due to the pandemic, and then respond accordingly
- Evaluate business operations to find opportunities to work smarter and more cost-efficiently
- Review financials, short-term goals and long-term goals to have a viable plan to move forward

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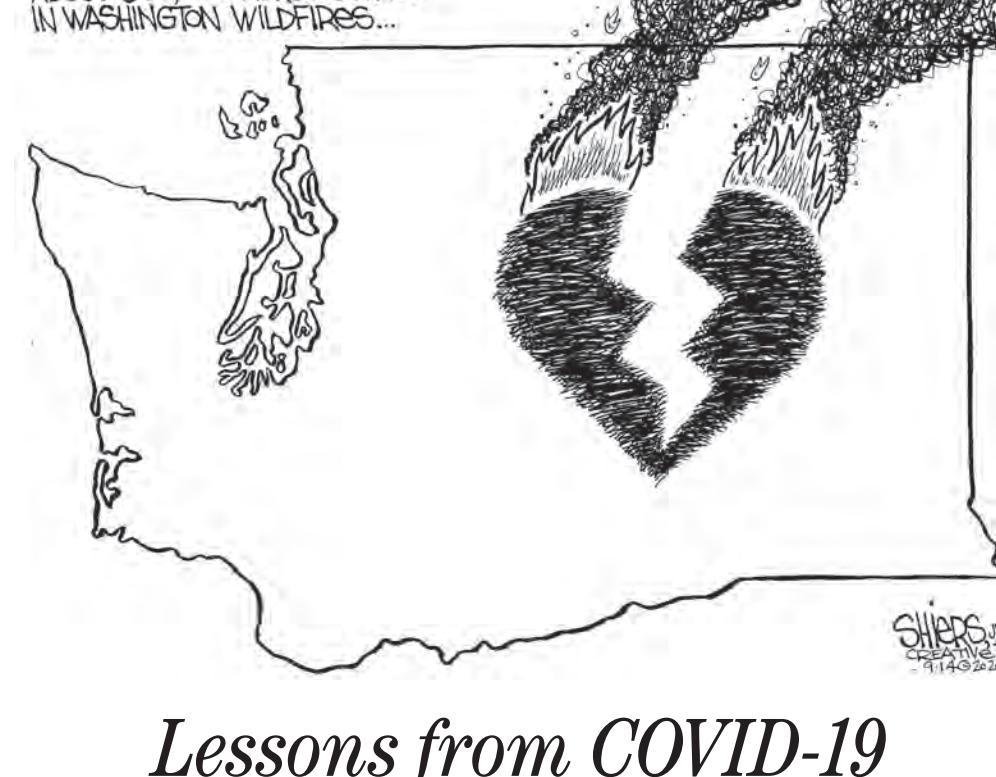
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Lessons from COVID-19

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Carroll Hull

Like most people living in Sequim, particularly those older than 65, I have been careful these past months and hopefully responsible about my social engagements and interactions. I am regarded to be in the high-risk group of people who could contact COVID-19 due to age and medical issues. I wear a mask when in any kind of a public place and my friends and neighbors have been very careful about meeting outdoors in groups of five or smaller 6 feet apart.

I recently experienced unusual symptoms of a gastric upset and heavy fatigue over a weekend and contacted my doctor who ordered a COVID-19 test. I have since done some research to find that stomach issues and fatigue are not uncommon symptoms of COVID-19.

While I waited to hear from my practitioner, I was overwhelmed by an enormous sense of responsibility as a caring citizen, neighbor and friend

in the Sequim community. I may have spread this terrible illness to someone else. My husband may have been put at risk as well.

I decided not to alert anyone to my situation until test information affirmed or reported negative results.

I reflected on the places I had gone and the people I walked or met with during the last two weeks. We behaved appropriately to the situation. I couldn't remember people being unmasked in the pharmacies or grocery stores where I shopped.

I remembered just one occasion where I was perhaps vulnerable. I drove to John Wayne Marina to pick up my husband after he had paddled from Dungeness County Park. The marina at the south end was very crowded and few people wore masks in the open air space. I parked between two open spots and left to meet him. Thinking I would only be close to my husband, I did not wear a mask.

When we returned to our parked truck, a family had pulled up beside us and got out

of their car. I was surrounded by unmasked people, one of which was holding a very sweet dog in their arms. I stepped forward to pet this irresistible puppy and immediately realized I was within 2 feet of them. I remembered that I too did not have a mask on. I too had a moment of carelessness.

In reflection it washed over me that not only could I have been exposed to COVID-19, but I could have exposed them. The thought was a terrible reckoning for me; I was filled with anguish over either possibility.

Today (Aug. 27), I learned the results of the test. The test was negative.

I am relieved but take to heart the lesson, something I've always believed and tried to apply to my life. We all have a greater responsibility in our lives other than our own personal wants and spontaneous responses.

I may leave this life sooner than I imagine or want. I just never wanted to cause harm to others while I'm here.

Carroll Hull is a Sequim resident.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mayor accountable for actions

As a new homeowner moving to Sequim, I was stunned by the selfish, self-centered, nonsensical response from the Mayor defending his trip to the Sturgis motorcycle rally this year (Letters to the Editor, *Sequim Gazette*, Aug. 19, page A-14).

I'm a 30-year motorcycle rider myself. Operative word: myself. As an official elected to serve as head of a city, town, the mayor is responsible for the safety of the city's citizens. Period.

Given the mayor is elected by the city council, the city manager controls the day-to-day City of Sequim operations and management. The city council sets policies and budgets and they are the ones the community relies on for basic public administration leadership.

We need to hold the city manager and the city council responsible as much as the mayor's actions.

Do the citizens of Sequim think they deserve better? I do.

Dennis Hamner
Sequim

Resignation is in order

In the past year, Mayor Armacost has shown that he does not deserve our support. His inability to adhere to the basic tenets of leadership are worrisome and should concern all of our citizens.

Two events come to mind that, to me, indicate his inability to lead. First, he showed complete disregard for other members of our community after attending a motorcycle rally in South Dakota and failing to follow proper health safeguards. His later described rationale did nothing to alleviate the concerns of many.

Second, the recent article where he expresses support for QAnon makes me question his ability to impartially support all members of our town.

QAnon is a delusion that supports

racism, bigotry and anti-semitic beliefs and is of concern to law enforcement due to these far-right beliefs. In fact it has been described by the FBI as a potential terrorist group.

Given the above it's my belief that, in the best interests of the Sequim community, Mr. Armacost should resign. Sequim deserves better.

Scott Clausen
Sequim

Let mayor do his work

William Armacost has been an active resident/member of Sequim for many years — about 35, I believe. He has been very well-known as a Christian, a Trump supporter, an avid health freak and a motorcycle enthusiast.

Get off his case! Let him work his magic! You'll be glad you did.

Maggie Philichi
Sequim

Drivers: Watch your speed

Your time is valuable, so why would you risk it by speeding through a residential neighborhood?

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Slow down, enjoy your time and let us enjoy ours.

Dan Bolton
Sequim

Signs will help keep motorists' speed reasonable

I live on well-traveled East Fir Street. From my front windows, I witness a stream of traffic seven days a week.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Grange flea market set for Saturday

Sequim Prairie Grange members host the organization's Fall Flea Market is set for 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at 290 Macleay Road.

The market will be outdoors only; because of COVID-19 restrictions and concerns, masks and social distancing will be required.

Vendors who would like to participate are asked to call Philomena Lund at 360-477-4742. Booth spaces are \$20 each. Vendors must bring their own tables.

Fundraiser car wash

A car wash to raise funds for Save Our Sequim is set for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the JCPenney plaza, 651 W. Washington St. Event organizers are seeking volunteers. For more information, call 360-582-6379.

Soroptimists seek applicants for Live Your Dream

Soroptimist International of Sequim is accepting applications for the Live Your Dream Award. This education grant is for women who provide the

primary financial support for their families and seek to "give women the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects."

The cash award of \$1,500 may be used to offset any costs associated with efforts to attain higher education, including books, childcare and transportation.

Eligible applicants are attending or have been accepted to a vocational/skills, training/certification program or undergraduate degree program.

Applications are available online at www.sisequim.org (click on "What We Do," "Awards & Scholarships" and then "Live Your Dream").

Submission deadline is Nov. 15.

For more information, call Janet Real at 360-582-1289.

OPAS to host free virtual trip of Elwha

The Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society hosts an "Elwha River Mouth Virtual Field Trip" from 1-2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25.

Judi White leads this free virtual meeting on the Zoom platform. To register, go to

Olympic Peninsula Audubon.org and click on "Events."

Find out why The Great Washington State Birding Trail and Important Bird Area recognitions were given to the area, with 180 bird species recorded. The presentation features maps, directions and photos of birds regularly seen across the seasons.

According to event organizers, the field trip is "a great planning tool for future birding, or just sit back and enjoy the Elwha River Mouth as it bursts with new life, restoring the estuarine ecosystem following the removal of the Elwha Dam in 2012."

Guild thrift shop boosts medical community

The Sequim Hospital Guild Thrift Shop at 204 West Bell is continuing a 50-percent-off sale on all white tag items; the sale will run for the rest of September.

The shop is open on 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. Staff wear masks and follow health guidelines for customer safety.

All proceeds go to medical needs in the community.

Walk For Poor is Saturday

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk is from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, starting and finishing at Carrie Blake Community Park, 202 N. Blake Ave. Registration opens at 11:30 a.m. There is no fee to participate in the walk, organizers note, but donations are encouraged and welcome.

The walk begins near the park's picnic shelter. Participants have the option of walking short loops within the park or as far as Whitefeather Way on the Olympic Discovery Trail (about 5 miles, round-trip).

For more information, call 360-683-0948 or 360-477-0837.

Visitor center reopens

The Sequim-Dungeness Valley Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center at 1192 E. Washington St. opened for in-person visitors on Sept. 14.

The center now features a "low interaction" walk-up window, limited lobby access (face masks and social distancing required) and a non-contact tourism information

desk next to the adjacent Olympic Discovery Trail.

Call 360-683-6197 or see sequimchamber.com for more information.

Fundraiser set for animal rescue organization

Center Valley Animal Rescue in Chimacum is putting on "For the Love of Animals," its first-ever Virtual Fundraising Auction and Celebration set for 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3.

Center Valley representatives will share stories from the 2020 rescue year, highlight some of their favorite animals and hear from director-founder Sara Penhaligon. The event includes an auction as the organization looks to raise funds to meet a matching donation of \$35,000.

A \$10 ticket earns a chance at a raffle basket; a \$45 ticket includes a special edition T-shirt, grab bag of pet treats and chance at the raffle basket, and a \$75 ticket adds a prepackaged vegetarian dinner catered by Crescent Moon Catering available for pick up at locations in Port

Townsend, Chimacum and Quilcene the day of the event.

All proceeds go to the medical care, feeding, rehabilitation and well-being of domestic, farm and wild animals at the facility.

For more information, contact Dinah DiNova at fundraising@centervalleyanimalrescue.org, or see centervalleyanimalrescue.org/events.

Flea market set at Fairview Grange

Fairview Grange will hold a Flea Market Fundraiser from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 161 Lake Farm Road, Port Angeles.

The market will be outdoors only. Booth spaces are \$20; vendors must bring their own tables. There will be other items for bid.

To reserve a space, call John Raske at 360-460-4525.

Masks and social distancing will be required according to COVID-19 restrictions.

Fairview Grange members have been unable to host the group's fundraising monthly dinners, placing more importance on the flea market.

Business, drones helping to restore scorched forestlands



GUEST OPINION

Don Brunell

lands is woefully lacking and that is unlikely to change—especially with the trillions we are spending to arrest the coronavirus and to restore jobs in our economy, and lost revenues to local, state and federal governments.

Replanting trees as quickly as possible is one of the most important ways of reducing CO₂, controlling

erosion and preventing floods, and, providing clean water for people, fish, farming and wildlife.

However, right now, we are fighting a losing battle. Every year worldwide, 15 billion trees are destroyed by fire or pollution and despite \$50 billion a year spent by governments on replanting, there remains an annual net loss of 6 billion trees.

Jad Daley, American Forest president, believes climate change is only going to ramp up the need for reforestation. "By one estimate, there

is room in the United States to grow 60 billion new trees, which could capture half billion tons of CO₂ from the atmosphere each year."

Financing is one thing, but the actual tree planting is quite another. That is where drones come in. An experienced and energetic tree planter can plant 800-1,000 seedlings over two acres each day. On the other hand, two operators equipped with drones are 150 times faster and 4-10 times cheaper.

Start-up companies, such as Seattle's DroneSeed, developed sophisticated 3D ground mapping software and precision tree planting techniques using swarms of drones. The drones survey the burned area designated for planting and identify suitable sites. They identified "micro-sites" such as stumps which would shade the seedlings and provide additional nutrients from decaying wood.

According to DroneSeed, biode-

gradable capsules loaded with seeds and liquid nutrients are fired from the drones. "This medium provides an ideal growing condition for the seed, and even deters deer and elk from eating it." With the mapping data, the swarm of drones fly precisely to the suitable location and replant the target area in a matter of minutes depending on the number of acres.

DroneSeed deployed the technology in southern Oregon two years ago. Hancock Forest Management, an international forest landowner with nearly 11 million acres of timberland, contracted with DroneSeed to replant a portion of its land burnt by wildfire in 2018.

On the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, when U.S. Forest Service scientists surveyed the 2018 Cougar Creek Fire site (41,107 acres), they found 30 percent of the soil burned in the Mad River drainage was so severely damaged it would

hardly hold water and grow trees while another one-third the soil had moderate damage.

If damaged soil cannot hold water, it increases the risk of flooding, erosion and muddy-debris filled streams. Those conditions are detrimental to fish, wildlife and people. DroneSeed planting works on the steep slopes.

Forests yield 40 percent of the clean water for the world's 100 largest cities. Trees stabilize slopes in watersheds, reduce flooding and cleanse our air of greenhouse gases.

Hopefully, drone planting works out as designed and private funding increases. It is a "game changer."

Don C. Brunell is a business analyst, writer and columnist. He retired as president of the Association of Washington Business, the state's oldest and largest business organization, and now lives in Vancouver. He can be contacted at theBrunells@msn.com.

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Act, the SBA provided the Washington SBDC with additional funding that has been used to offer in-depth technical guidance to small business that employ more than 104,386 full-time jobs and 55,822 part-time jobs.

For example, when panic started to set in for the owners of Pure Bliss Desserts in Bellingham, they turned to their SBDC adviser who helped them identify and focus on the most productive actions they could make for their business. With

his guidance, they focused on three channels of service: grab and go orders, whole cake pre-orders, and dessert delivery service. He helped them through the PPP application process; and, with help from the PPP and their SBDC adviser, Owner Andrea Vann says her business is back on track for long-term sustainability.

This is not the first obstacle small businesses have had to face. It will absolutely not be the last either. One thing is for certain though: for decades, the SBA and Washington SBDC have been there to empower small businesses to weather the storm and we'll continue to do so through every stage

of a business' lifecycle.

Jeremy Field is the Regional Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Pacific Northwest Region which serves Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. The SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small businesses with resources to start, grow, expand or recover.

Duane Fladland is the State Director of the Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC), an SBA-funded Resource Partner. The SBDC network provides management and technical assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their own businesses.

been taken?

The president has said that he could shoot someone on Fifth Avenue in New York City and nothing would happen to him. His irresponsible action has been far worse. We are now, this day breathing unhealthy, smoke-filled air. It certainly symbolizes the smoking gun of presidential irresponsibility for unnecessary deaths due to his failure to act against this deadly virus.

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Couple celebrates 66th anniversary

John and Bert (Albertha) McArthur celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary Sept. 11, 2020.

They were married in Cleveland, Ohio, on Sept. 11, 1954.

In 1960, the couple went to the World's Fair in Seattle and decided to retire in Western Washington.

When John retired in 1989 they moved to Sequim and have been in the same house on East Alder Street since.

Bert worked for about a decade at the Sequim Gazette as a proofreader, starting in 1989.

The McArthurs have three children — Joy Benson of Surprise, Ariz; Mark McArthur of Tampa, Fla., Scott McArthur of Sequim.

The couple has three grandchildren: Jessica Ochoa (Alex) of Goodyear, Ariz; Joseph Romero (Jennifer) of Gloucester, Va., and Dawson McArthur of Tampa, Fla. They also have three great-grandchildren: Triston, Briana and Ava Romero of Gloucester, Va.



John and Bert (Albertha) McArthur, Sept. 11, 1954. Submitted photo

Adeline Curtis



Addie passed away peacefully on March 13, 2020.

This past August 16th was her birthday and her boys, Erik (Son), Jarod, and Owen (Grandsons) had a private ceremony for Addie at The Tressel on The Dungeness River. This is the same place as the memorial ceremony held for her husband (Bud) nine years earlier.

Addie's urn was permanently placed at Mt. Angeles Memorial Cemetery in Port Angeles. She is at the top row of the crematory wall along with her parents Roberta and Virgil Bowers and her most favorite aunt, Mildred Falor.

Please feel free to visit her plaque and urn there any time. Any previously scheduled public ceremonies for Addie are cancelled due to Covid-19.

Thank you to all her close friends and neighbors of Sequim, Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap counties. She loved everyone. She loved Sequim, her son and two grandsons.

Any further correspondence for Addie can be sent to her son, Erik Curtis, P.O. Box 5101, Bremerton, WA 98312.

Gloria "Dodie" Therese Sparks

February 15, 1935 - August 22, 2020



In Memoriam: Gloria "Dodie" was born in Los Angeles, California on February 15th, 1935. She was relinquished by her biological parents to the California Children's Home Finding Society and was adopted along with a baby boy. Her adoptive parents were Dr. Frank Ralph Guido and Dorris Biddle-Guido. "Dodie" was called

Gloria Therese Guido, and they named her brother, Frank Guido, Jr., who was nicknamed "Chuck."

The siblings' early childhood was difficult -- her father ran a strict household -- but Dodie thrived in spite of it, becoming friendly and athletic.

Dodie grew up to be kind and quick-witted; a beautiful freckled-faced redhead. She could light up a room and was absolutely charming. William "Duke" Sparks fell in love with her and they became inseparable, promising to build a life together. The couple were married on June 29th, 1957 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Visalia, California. Their marriage lasted for 63 years.

After graduating from San Jose State University, Dodie worked in the field of education, as a teacher, childcare facility owner, and guidance counselor. Known as someone fair, who would truly listen, she touched the lives of countless students. The couple had three beloved children, Stephanie, Jeff and Chris, which they raised mostly in Visalia.

While living in California, Duke and Dodie built a home in Sequim, Washington to enjoy boating and fishing. Later, they made "the big move" and settled there. As beloved members of the community, they were socially active, took courses, and kept busy. The couple and their friends took many eventful boating trips and were avid promoters of boating safety.

While living in Washington, Dodie wrote two children's books, dedicated to her grandchildren, as well as poetry, and a memoir. She once wrote, "I love the kids and hope, in some small way, I was able to help guide them, along their way / To help them see that they have worth, cause that's why God put them here on earth."

Dodie's family includes her husband William "Duke" Sparks; her children Stephanie Clarke, William "Jeff" Sparks, and Chris Sparks; Her grandchildren Brent Clarke, Christie Clarke, Jonathon Sparks, Matt Clarke, Svea Sparks, Lily Sparks, and Olivia Sparks; And her great grandchildren William "Will" Sparks, Emmet Sparks, Jaxon Sparks, and Carson Clarke.

Dodie, you will never be lost to us. You will always live in our hearts.

Herbal healing through Old World Salves

While new this season to the Sequim Farmers & Artisans Market, Old World Salves has already generated a loyal following for an array of healing herbal salves that were previously found only at local grocery stores.

New owner Nicole Eagan has been broadening the line to include an impressive array of healing teas, tinctures, syrups and pet care.

Old World Salves arrived to Eagan's life in a completely synchronistic way about five months ago. With a background in health services in the U.S. Coast Guard, she early on established a clinical and emergency medicine background.

While transitioning from the military to stay-at-home parent, Eagan's interest in alternative healing prompted her to embark on an educational journey; she earned two master's degrees in herbal medicine and complementary alternative medicine.

After her family's move to the Olympic Peninsula, Eagan took a position at Sunny Farm Supplements. It was in the



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MARKET?

Emma Jane Garcia

supplement shop where her life took an expansive turn when she made the acquaintance of Victoria and Russell Fiorini, the original owners of Old World Salves.

"The business was humbly passed down to me," Eagan said. "They were looking to hand their life's work to someone who would carry the business and keep it strong and rolling."

"I took that gladly from them and have been trying to honor them ever since."

Eagan shares that she's drawn to the ever changing nature of herbal medicine.

"New things are constantly being discovered," she said. "Medicinal herbs can provide so much more than what they thought twenty years ago. I'm maintaining the original herbal formulas that have been passed down to me. I'm also finding ways to improve them."

Eagan has already expanded upon the Fiorini's original line, guided by the needs articulated by her conversations with market guests.

"People will often share that there's something going

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On the web: www.sequimmarket.com

on with their health that isn't represented in the product line," she said. "They want to create a trusting relationship with the person making their medicine."

Eagan said she's quick to dive into her research, working with guests to develop new formulas influenced by their evolving feedback, looking to provide her community with an alternative to conventional medicine.

"Right now, there is a health crisis," said Eagan. "A lot of people have fallen into quick conventional band-aids that don't truly heal. For a lot of people, conventional medicine has been a let down, with a lot of damaging side effects."

"Not being able to control your own health, or access your optimum wellness, it can destroy someone's life. Working with a community herbalist, you learn that you can do a lot of this yourself. You have the control to make those decisions."

The reception, she said, has been hugely positive.

"People come back to me with so much emotion and positive, vibrating energy," Eagan said. "For me to see the change that's been made by the products is so powerful. I'm helping people heal from the inside out or the outside in. To me, the best part is when people come back smiling."

Old World Salves already feels as if it's been a part of the Saturday market family for years. Eagan's passion for

farmers markets may have

something to do with that.

"Farmers markets are so important because they keep our community strong," she said. "If you're not buying locally grown food from the farmers in your community, you're not helping to provide them with the stability they need so they can keep doing the good that they're doing."

"It's a circle with a ripple effect."

Victoria Fiorini, the original owner of Old World Salves, recently passed away after coping with a long illness.

"I know that this is a very difficult time for the Fiorini family, as her passing is still very near," Eagan said. "I want to express how truly grateful I am for meeting Russ and Victoria. They humbled and blessed my life by giving me this business. I don't know how I could ever thank them for doing that."

Eagan's presence every Saturday is a testament to her gratitude to the original owners.

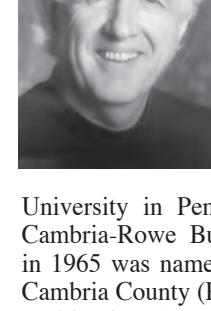
Thanks to Eagan's willingness to apply herself so passionately, individuals in Sequim now have an expanded opportunity to find new routes towards health and well-being.

You can find Old World Salves every Saturday, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Sequim Farmers & Artisans Market located at Sequim Civic Center plaza.

Emma Jane Garcia is Marketing Manager for the Sequim Farmers & Artisans Market. See www.sequimmarket.com.

Paul J. Martin

October 13, 1936 - September 1, 2020



Paul Martin, 83, passed away unexpectedly in Port Angeles on September 1 alongside his wife Ann and family.

He was born October 13, 1936, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to John and Olive Martin.

Paul entered college at age twenty one and worked his way through college, earning B.A. and M.A. Degrees from St. Francis University in Pennsylvania (PA). He then taught at Cambria-Rowe Business College for four years, and in 1965 was named the first Executive Director of the Cambria County (PA) Community Action Council. That position introduced him to the fascinating world of local politics, a discipline with which he conducted a lifelong love affair.

In 1968, Paul was recruited by the University of Pittsburgh to serve as the Medical School's first Area Representative/Administrator for the newly created Western Pennsylvania Regional Medical Program; it was a position he held till relocating to the west coast.

Upon his arrival in Port Angeles late in 1973, Paul soon thereafter became co-owner of Pen Print, Inc. He remained with the firm for more than twenty years, while simultaneously serving as sole owner and publisher of a small press, Peninsula Publishing, Inc. Among the numerous publications produced by PenPub, was the highly successful children's cookbook, "Kids In The Kitchen" (150,000 copies sold). In 1984 he authored the acclaimed Port Angeles, "Port Washington: A HISTORY" (7,000 copies in print).

In 1995 Paul fulfilled a long-held dream of helping children. After selling his interest in Pen Print, he became a Child Protection Investigator with the State of Washington DCFS, remaining with the department for 12 years, until he retired.

Summarizing this man's life is easy: He loved his family with all his heart and soul, loved immersing himself in local political campaigns, and enjoyed participating in community theater. Regarding politics, he believed good local officeholders were essential to his family's quality of life; helping Clallam County candidates get elected, therefore, became his avocation. Since 1977 Paul worked diligently in nineteen election cycles for various candidates (from both political parties), virtually all of them successful. He was a talented writer, passionate about electing qualified people, and frequently chaired their campaigns. judges, county commissioners, city council members, auditors, a sheriff, and a state representative sought his counsel and his help; he gave it gladly.

Many theatergoers will recall Paul as a skilled local actor and community theater activist. Beginning in 1978 he performed roles on nearly every local stage, with The Community Players, Olympic Theatre Arts (where he was also the second President of the Board), PALOA, and Readers Theatre Plus. He appeared in approximately forty five different stage productions, with many lead roles in shows ranging from "The Odd Couple" to "The Music Man" to "A Thousand Clowns" to "On Golden Pond". He was also an experienced narrator, often doing work for the Peninsula Singers, and on a regular basis with his favorite group of musicians, the Sequim City Band.

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He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Jack and Tom; and sister Mary Kearns. He is survived by his beloved wife Ann (McCloskey), and these children: son Patrick; daughters Jackie Mangano (Shannon) and Maureen Ercol; grandchildren Kris and Michael Martin, Megan Monds, Trey Hoover, Matthew Mangano, Aaron Monds, and great-grandchildren Georgia and Miles Monds. He is also survived by his beloved "little brother," Lee Sinnes and long-time friend Larry Harwood.

Services are in charge of Drennan-Ford Funeral Home and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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OPAS sets book club event

The Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society (OPAS) hosts a book club event via Zoom to discuss "The Double-Crested Cormorant: Plight of a Feathered Pariah" by Linda R. Wires, set for 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22.

The meeting, with discussion led by Susan Paulsen, is free.

The protection of the double-crested cormorant is a conservation concern of OPAS, club members say.

Register on OPAS website to receive meeting information at www.olympicpeninsulaaudubon.org. Event organizers urge participants to read the additional information sent in confirmation emails.

OPAA set virtual art show-sale, meeting

Olympic Peninsula Art Association (OPAA) is hosting "Fall Fantastic," a virtual art show and fundraiser sale through the end of September at opaashow.org.

The show features 60 works of art entered by 27 club members, using 11 different mediums to express their creativity.

OPAA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that "has always prided itself on presenting quality art shows representing its talented members for over 50 years," club members say.

In addition, local master ceramicist Linda Collins Chapman is offering a virtual studio presentation for the Olympic Peninsula Arts Association at the OPAA meeting set for 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24.

Visit opaashow.org or email to lclaylady@gmail.com for information about how to attend.

Collins Chapman has art



Linda Collins Chapman is the featured presenter at the Sept. 24 Olympic Peninsula Art Association meeting, being held on Zoom (see sequimarts.org). Submitted photo

in three regional shows: the "Fall Fantastic" exhibit; "Fluidity," a exhibit presented by the City Arts Advisory Committee and viewed currently in the windows of Sequim City Hall, 152 W. Cedar St. and at sequimwa.gov/705/Current-Exhibit, and the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art for the 2020 Gala Online Art Auction and Collector's Marketplace to be presented Oct. 1-11.

One-person 'Flora Ludmilla' show kicks off Sept. 22

"The Lost (and unfortunately found) Erotic Memoirs of Flora Ludmilla," a one-person show by Peninsula College drama professor Dr. Lara Starcevich and featuring Sarah Tucker, starts with its first show at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Based on a book of the same name, the show, Starcevich

says, offers "an intelligent look at what it's like to be a woman in a world that often doesn't give women permission to know their own bodies ... and how learning to have an 'o' is a metaphor for learning to love yourself."

Marina Shipova, Peninsula College's multimedia professor and an award-winning photographer, brings editing and animation skills to the show.

The trio plans to host episodes through the fall



Check out Linda Collins Chapman's ceramic art at the Olympic Peninsula Art Association's online show this month and the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art's 2020 Gala Online Art Auction and Collector's Marketplace in early October. Pictured is "Seed Pot." Submitted photo

and winter.

Tickets are \$10 (free with the purchase of the book, available at amazon.com).

For more information, email Starcevich at larastarsearch@gmail.com.

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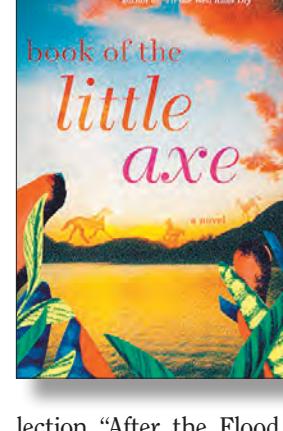
North Olympic Library System (NOLS), through the Washington Anytime Library's Libby app, is providing unlimited downloads of Lauren Francis-Sharma's eBook, "Book of the Little Axe" through Sept. 28 as part of the "Libraries Transform Community Read" program.

This title is available with no waiting list during this time. NOLS readers can participate by visiting overdrive.com or downloading the Libby app.

For help accessing eBooks, fill out the form at nols.org/technology-appointments to set up an appointment with NOLS staff.

"Book of the Little Axe" details a journey that spans decades and oceans, from Trinidad to the American West during the tumultuous days of warring colonial powers and westward expansion.

The Libraries Transform Book Pick program launched last fall with its inaugural se-



lection "After the Flood" by Kassandra Montag." For more about the Libraries Transform Book Pick, visit ilovelibraries.org/libraries-transform-book-pick.

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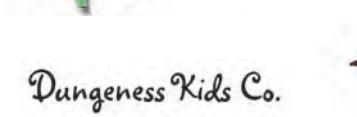
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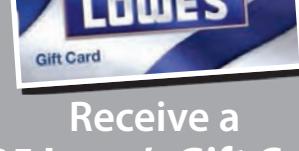
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Winning winter gardens

Think of it as an extravaganza of colors, shapes, fragrances, and textures. It's your winter garden! Spring, summer, and fall gardens are lovely, of course, but winter gardens pop out of the gray landscape and triumph over dreary days.

The foremost reason for a winter garden is to extend your garden pleasures year round. The colors brighten gray winter days, cheering and satisfying your sight and soul. An inspiring diversity of shapes and textures enliven you and encourage you to get outside, possibly to spend time on a bench in your winter garden.

As you sit on that bench breathing in the crisp fragrances of winter-blooming flowers, you are filled with the sense of peace and beauty.

It's fun and exciting to discover plants that love the winter, too. Your winter garden is a living decoration of your own creation, and the best part is that here on the North Olympic Peninsula, it requires little care and less watering!

Now are you ready to plant a winter garden? The easy part is choosing a location, preferably where you and your neighbors can enjoy it from the comfort of a toasty warm house. Large area or small, there are plants for all.

The hard part of creating a winter garden is limiting your choices from the hundreds—yes, hundreds—of potential candidates. Oh, the possibilities!

The main characteristics of a winter garden are color, shape, fragrance and texture.

Plants for a winter garden include deciduous trees, conifers, shrubs, bulbs, perennials, grasses and flowers. Mix and match! Here are some ideas.

Color

Foliage: gold thread cypress,



Pick primroses and other flowers with eye-catching color for those winter gardens. Photo by Sandy Cortez

Scotch heather, silver dollar hebe, ivy-leaved cyclamen, Japanese cedar, Chief Joseph lodepole pine

Flowers: primroses, hellebore, grape hyacinth, pink dawn viburnum, tulip, daffodil

Bark: red osier dogwood, paper birch, Japanese stewartia, paper bark maple

Berries: bearberry cotoneaster, beautyberry, holly, Chinese mountain ash, barberry

Shape

Trees: contorted filbert, witch hazel, weeping Norway spruce, cork-screw willow

Shrubs: spiral Japanese cedar, creeping blue juniper, Hinoki cypress, Wissel's saguaro

Grasses: ruby muhly grass, blue oat grass, black mondo grass, clumping bamboo

Fragrance

Tree: witch hazel, snowdrift crabapple, cherry

Shrubs: camellia, sweetbox, Mexican orange, Chinese paper bush, mahonia

Flowers: pansies, winter flowering honeysuckle, daffodils, winter aconite

Texture

Trees: birch bark cherry, lace bark pine, Scots pine

Shrubs: Oregon grape, Japanese thunderhead pine, Scotch heather

Gardens and websites and books, oh my!

Gardens

Witt Winter Garden at the Washington Park Arboretum at the University of Washington in Seattle Elizabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden in Seattle

The WSU Master Gardener Demonstration Garden on Woodcock Road in Sequim (winter garden in the planning stages)

Websites

botanicgardens.uw.edu/washington-park-arboretum/gardens/joseph-a-witt-winter-garden

millergarden.org

greatplantpicks.org

greatbritishgardens.co.uk/seasonal/winter-gardens.html

Books

"The Winter Garden," Val Bourne

"The Winter Garden: Plants that offer color and beauty in every season of the year," Rita Buchanan

"Winter Flowering Shrubs," Michael W. Buffin

"Winter Gardens: Reinventing the Season," Cédric Pollet

"Wonders of the Winter Landscape," Vincent A. Simeone

those creative ideas. Now is the time; start planning!

While designing your winter garden, keep in mind the requirements of the plants you choose — zone, sun, shade, water, soil, height and spread. With careful preparation and arrangement, however, you can have it all!

In reviewing Pollet's book (see sidebar), the Irish Examiner accurately concludes, "Winter is as alive and vibrant as summer—when you let it be."

Marlene Shinn Lewis is a WSU certified Clallam County Master Gardener. She and her team are planning a new winter garden at the Woodcock Demonstration Garden.

Green Thumbs series to spotlight pumpkins, squash

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Dr. Muriel Nesbitt discusses the different species of typically grown squashes and pumpkins at the next Green Thumbs Garden Tips education series session.

Nesbitt's "Pumpkins and Squash" free presentation is set for noon-1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24. To join, access the link at extension.wsu.edu/clallam/event/green-thumb-garden-tip-series-pumpkins-and-squash-2.

Nesbitt will address which varieties cross with which, how to avoid cross pollination, how to hand pollinate and how to approach seed saving, given the possibilities for cross pollination.

Attendees will also learn about squash bees and steps to take that encourage them to visit your garden.

Nesbitt will provide information on the optimal growing conditions, when to harvest and how to store harvested pumpkins and squashes. During her presentation, she will share a few of her favorite jack-o'-lantern images.

Nesbitt earned her PhD in genetics from the University of Washington and taught biology at the University of California-San Diego for 35 years.

She directed the Clallam County Master Gardener program from 2009-2012 and remains a community leader teaching courses, giving lectures, and sharing her knowledge.

Sponsored by WSU Clallam County Master Gardeners, the Green Thumbs Garden Tips education series looks to educate home gardeners on topics relevant to planting and maintaining sustainable gardens and landscapes in Clallam County.

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