

Crabbing delayed two days

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) delayed starting recreational crab season in Marine Area 7 North, which encompasses Blaine, two days until Saturday, August 21. The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community requested the state delay the season following the death of Swinomish tribal elder Lorraine Loomis.

Loomis, who died August 10 at the age of 81, served as the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission chairperson and Swinomish fisheries manager. Loomis became fisheries manager following the 1974 Boldt decision reaffirming treaty fishing rights and became commission chairperson in 2014 after Billy Frank Jr.'s death.

Postponing the season allows Swinomish tribal co-managers time to adjust and prosecute previously planned fisheries, according to a WDFW statement.

The season will be open Thursday through Monday every week until Monday, September 27. It will be open daily September 28-30.

Marine Area 7 North includes Blaine, Point Roberts and Bellingham. The daily limit is five Dungeness crabs per day, six red rock crabs per day and six tanner crabs per day.

For more information on recreational crabbing regulations, visit the WDFW website at bit.ly/3jZ-R3FZ.

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Allied Arts gallery deadline August 25

Allied Arts of Whatcom County is looking for local artists who want to showcase their work in the non-profit's 2022 exhibits. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 25.

The art organization is seeking multimedia and multidisciplinary artists with an expertise in everything from sculptures to wall hangings. No exhibition ex-

perience is needed.

Judges will base submissions on originality, subject matter and use of medium, according to Allied Arts.

Allied Arts is located at 1418 Cornwall Avenue in Bellingham and works to support emerging Whatcom County artists. Exhibits run about one month and have a few artists. Ninety per-

cent of the showcased art must be for purchase, and Allied Arts will take 40 percent commission. With few exceptions, all art must be created no more than two years ago.

To enter a submission, visit alliedarts.org/call-to-artists. Artists must be a \$75 Allied Arts business level member for their work to be displayed.

Whatcom Community College offers \$5.1 million in CARES funding

Whatcom Community College (WCC) announced students may receive up to \$2,300 of \$5.1 million in CARES Act funding is readily available for students to use during the upcoming academic year.

The priority deadline is September 7, but students can apply until October 5.

Current, new, returning, international and high school Running Start students are all eligible for the emergency funding, according to an August 5 news release. Funds are available starting fall quarter and all students are encouraged to apply.

"Paying for college can be a significant barrier that prevents people from seeing themselves at Whatcom Community College," WCC president Kathi Hiyane-Brown said in a statement. "These funding opportunities help ensure the community has access to high quality, affordable education. Anyone interested in taking a class at WCC is encouraged to explore these funding opportunities and apply."

Up to \$1,200 is available for fall quarter aid and students who apply for FAFSA or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) can receive up to \$2,300 more in aid during the 2021-22 academic year, according to WCC. More opportunities for winter and spring quarter aid will be available later in the year.

Visit whatcom.edu/emergencyfunds to apply for the CARES Act aid. Application language assistance is available by emailing foundation@whatcom.edu. For more information on more schol-

arships the community college offers, including one to help families unable to afford internet, visit whatcom.edu/fundingoptions.

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Due to Governor Inslee's proclamation in response to COVID-19, this City Council meeting will be conducted in-person and telephonically. Information on how to watch the meeting live will be on the City Council agenda which is located on the City's website homepage under Your Government, City Council, City Council Agenda. Please check the agenda prior to each meeting as the location may change.

Monday, August 23
5:00pm - Presentation by Whatcom County Health Department
5:45pm - Planning Commission Interview
6:00pm - City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 24
3:00pm - Civil Service Commission Meeting *CANCELLED*

Thursday, August 26
6:00pm - Planning Commission Meeting
 Public Hearing: Marine Park Shoreline Restoration - Shoreline Substantial Development Permit.

Monday, September 6
 City Offices Closed - Labor Day

Contact information for staff and Councilmembers can be found on the City's website.
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NOTICE OF GRANT REQUESTS
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TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Blaine is now accepting grant applications for 2022 tourism related proposals. Grant applications are available on the City's website www.cityofblaine.com or by emailing Alex Wenger, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator at awenger@cityofblaine.com. Applications must be emailed to Alex Wenger by 4 p.m. Thursday, September 16. For questions please email or call (360)543-9979. Please note grant funding levels have been reduced due to the lasting impacts of COVID-19.

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