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BBQ is smoking; eye clinic, accounting firm move

Plus, a new shop selling treasures opens in town

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An estate liquidator has moved into a prominent downtown Stanwood location, a BBQ joint opens, an eye clinic moves and an accountant takes his shop to Camano.

#### **Estate Liquidators**

Roaming through Estate Liquidators is like being on a treasure hunt. The store is attracting the attention of antique dealers and designers as well as homeowners looking for something different. Here they find antiques, custom furniture, rugs, art, a litter chair and fountains — there's even a mid-century Frigidaire Flair kitchen range like Samantha had on the '60s Bewitched TV

The storefront is interior designer Mark Mandelin's side gig. When COVID-19 hit and his sales outlets closed, he put his collections into storage and racked up huge fees. So he opened Estate Liquidators in Viking Village where Amundson's Auction used to be.

He's selling his collectibles at a loss, "but it's better than paying storage fees," he said.

His main work is as a designer, but his store is open noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

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# Swimming across the bay for grandma

Family conquers Port Susan to honor family matriarch



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Above: Brook Lathim, in teal wetsuit, swam from Tulare Beach to Camano Island for her grandmother Lorraine McKinnon, 99, in pink. At top: Brook Lathim is welcomed ashore after crossing Port Susan Bay on Saturday.



COURTESY JAKE GOETZE

**Swimmers cross Port Susan with support of** friends and family in water craft.

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he last time Lorraine McKinnon went swimming in Port Susan Bay, she was in her 80s.

She waded out using a walker until she was waist-deep, then plunged in to

She and her husband, the late Jack McKinnon, moved to Tyee Beach in 1975 and raised two daughters.

"I'd get up every morning at about 6

and go for a swim, from April to September. I'd always say, 'One day, I'll swim across the bay,' but I couldn't find anyone to go with me," she said.

She'd swim up and down the shoreline, using a number of different strokes

to use all her muscles. After her children grew up, they'd still congregate at Tyee — on the south end of Camano — raising another generation swimming, crabbing and boating at the beach.

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## COVID wave stressing hospitals, demand for testing increasing

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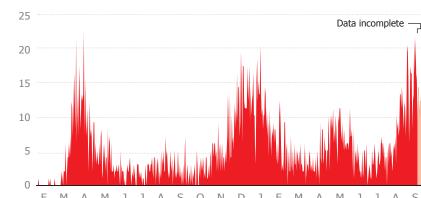
As the local COVID wave continues, it is straining area hospitals and creating a surge in demand for testing.

Hospitals in Snohomish County are seeing a steady increase of ill people needing treatment as the delta variant drives up new cases to the second-highest level so far since the pandemic began in early 2020, local health officials said in a virtual press conference Aug. 31.

The rate of new COVID cases during the most recently available two-week period stands at 446 per 100,000 people, said Dr. Chris Spitters, health officer for the Snohomish Health District.

Two weeks ago, about 15,000 CO-VID tests were performed in the county with roughly 15% coming back positive a level not seen since April 2020.

Snohomish County COVID-19 hospitalizations, per day



COVID hospitalizations have reached about 100 people a day - a

level not seen since before vaccines became widely available. "Without the benefits of vaccination afforded to the community by

the roughly half-million Snohomish

County residents who have lent their arm to the effort, our currently stressed health care system would be completely overwhelmed," Spitters said. But it can be better, he said.

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### **Swim**

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McKinnon will be 100 in April and lives in a retirement home. Jack has passed away. She has six grandchildren, 12 great grands and one great-great grand.

Daughter Marlene Horman bought the McKinnon home where they still go to gather.

On Saturday, the clan held a family event they call the Tulare to Tyee — Grandma Lorraine Invitational.

Because granddaughter Brook Lathim swam across Port Susan Bay for McKinnon. Longtime family friends, father and daughter Dave Swenson and Davy Swenson Goetze, swam with her. Family and friends accompanied the swimmers in a kayak, paddleboard and a couple of motor boats.

The wind ruffled the incoming tide, pushing the swimmers off course. They came in north of the house, but a boat took Lathim back to finish the last stretch as her grandma watched with delight on the porch.

This was the second year for Lathim to swim across the bay for her grandmother. Last year, she was eight months pregnant. This year,



Longtime family friends, father and daughter Dave Swenson and Davy Swenson Goetze in wetsuits, reach Camano's shore.

her husband Mark stayed ashore with their 4-month

It's about 2.4 miles across from Tvee to Tulare beach. Being blown off course makes it closer to 2.8 miles. Lathim made the crossing last year in 1 hour, 43 minutes.

This year was tough in the wind. It took about 2 hours. They swam in wetsuits, but Lathim got brain freeze toward the end. It was painful every time her head went under.

"It's motivational and fun to say you've done it - and I know that it makes my grandma happy," Lathim

"It would be cool to try it when I'm older," said Paisley Goetze, 12, who kayaked beside the swimmers this year.

McKinnon thinks back on all the wonderful years she's had living at the beach.

"It was a wonderful place to have grandchildren. I'd have them stay for a week every summer, and, oh, we had so much fun," she said.

They'd walk down the beach to explore the shore; they'd bounce in tree branches. At 11 p.m. one

night, she surprised them when they were going to

"I said, 'Get your swimsuits on."

The kids were confused, but when they saw the phosphorescence in the bay, they splashed and played in the glowing water.

"Everybody sparkled, and the water gets really warm,"

"The house has been such an amazing foundation of our family," said

Horman, the daughter who bought the house in 2017. "(McKinnon's) swimming has been a mainstay for discipline and enjoyment and entertainment and health, now with five generations.'

Horman said that the family was raised with a strong belief in doing everything to the glory of God. They call it their slice

"I love it; I get to raise my kids here, too," Lathim

of paradise.





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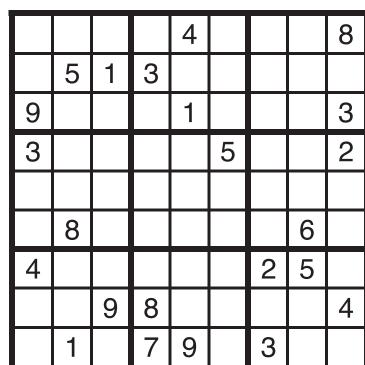


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43. Rock back and forth

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# Sudoku

#### **HOW TO PLAY:**

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

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