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Lynnwood Times' 2023 Campsite Guide for Snohomies

By KIENAN BRISCOE

With summer months and warmer weather in sight, the time at last has come to withdraw from our glum Winter and rainy Spring hibernation to experience our state's greatest gem: its nature! Last year, around this time, the Lynnwood Times compiled a list of great hiking locations but this year we're focusing on all things camping.

In this special Lynnwood Times camping story, you'll find a complete

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The Edmonds School Board and Student Advisors to the Board (back row) with (front row) Lynnwood High School students, Lynnwood Mayor Christine Frizzell (second right), and Derek Fada (right) at the 2023 Mayor's Challenge recognition event at the Administrative Building of Edmonds Schools on May 23, 2023. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

By MARIO LOTMORE

LYNNWOOD—Lynnwood Mayor Christine Frizzell joined by Director of STEM/Career & College Readiness Mark Madison of the Edmonds School District, presented certificates to

students of Beverly Elementary, Lynnwood High School and Mountlake Terrace High School for completing the 2023 Mayor's Challenge.

What started as a partnership between former Lynnwood Mayor

Nicola Smith and the Edmonds School District, has inspired scores of students to explore and propose solutions to authentic issues within the community by using Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) prin-

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Brian Smith appointed President and CEO of VOA of Western Washington

By VOAWW



EVERETT—The appointment of Brian Smith to President and Chief Executive Officer of Volunteers of America (VOA) Western Washington provides continuity of leadership for Snohom-

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Housing Hope celebrates Groundbreaking for new 52-unit Madrona Highlands in South Edmonds



Groundbreaking ceremony for its new 52-unit affordable housing community, Madrona Highlands, on Tuesday, May 23, in South Edmonds. SOURCE: Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

EDMONDS—Well over one hundred residents attended Housing Hope’s groundbreaking ceremony for its new 52-unit affordable housing community, Madrona Highlands, on Tuesday, May 23, in South Edmonds. The \$30 million dollar project will be the first of its kind for Housing Hope by working with churches owning “excessive land,” in south Snohomish County to offer housing options.

Located at 236th Street SW, near Highway 99, the new building will hold six one-bedroom, 34 two-bedroom, and 12 three-bedroom low-income units to address the region’s affordable housing crises. Residents can expect to move into Madrona Highlands by October of 2024.

The introduction to Edmonds Lutheran Church came from Duane Leonard, Executive Director of HASCO, who Housing Hope’s former CEO Fred Safstrom, told the Lynnwood Times last year, he is “indebted to” for the introduction. This introduction led to a memorandum with the church in November 2020 allowing Housing Hope acquisition land for its housing project.

Currently, 22% of Snohomish County’s rental households are paying more than 50% of their income for rent and utilities and one third of Snohomish County residents are renters, Safstrom

told the Lynnwood Times in a March interview last year.

In attendance for Tuesday’s Groundbreaking was the Housing Hope Board of Directors, Snohomish County Councilman Strom Peterson, Edmonds Mayor Mike Nelson, Lynnwood Mayor Christine Frizzell, Edmonds City Council Members Susan Paine, Will Chen, Neil Tibbott, and Diane Bushnis, Lynnwood City Councilman George Hurst, Mountlake Terrace City Councilman Dr. Steve Woodard, Edmonds Municipal Court Judge Whitney M. Rivera, Hazel Miller Foundation Board of Director Alicia Crank and it’s Executive Director Maria Montalvo, and representatives from Senator Cantwell’s Office, Congressman Rick Larsen’s Office, and Rep. Suzan DelBene’s Office.

“This is great,” Lynnwood Mayor Frizzell told the Lynnwood Times. “We need more affordable housing, we need more places where people can be safe and know that they have a bed to sleep in at night, and our kids have stable places to grow up in.”

After some live music and light refreshments, Donna Moulton, Housing Hope’s new CEO, began by saying a few words about the project.

“We’re gathered here to share our vision and our common goal to address the pressing need for affordable hous-

ing in our community,” said Moulton. “This groundbreaking marks the beginning of a transformative journey, one that will empower families by providing them the solid foundation in which they can build their lives, and their dreams.”

Following Moulton’s introduction, Edmonds Lutheran Church Pastor, Tim Oleson, took to the stage sharing his own excitement for the project. The project will be built on the vacant field on the east side of the church’s prop-

erty. Oleson explained it had been a dream of Edmonds Lutheran Church to utilize the property for something meaningful for some time but it all came down to finding the right partner.

Other speakers included Maria Montalvo, Executive Director of the Hazel Miller Foundation, County Councilman Peterson, and a representative of Senator Cantwell’s Office, and Edmonds Mayor Mike Nelson.

“It is really, really, inspiring to me that now we’re going to have 52 families in our city who are going to be able to have an opportunity,” said Mayor Nelson. “An opportunity to be treated as humans, as people who are morally equal, people who deserve a chance, deserve an opportunity.”

Bobby Thompson, Chief Housing Officer for Housing Hope, closed out the ceremony by thanking the project’s many partners.

ABOUT HOUSING HOPE

Housing Hope owns and operates 541 affordable units at 23 locations throughout Snohomish County and has helped 301 households attain home ownership through their sweat equity Team HomeBuilding program. In Housing Hope’s first decade, its focus was in and around Everett. In its second and third decades, the focus shifted to north and east counties, and now, in its fourth decade, the strategic focus

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Congressional Medal of Honor recipient recognized at Memorial Day Proclamation

LYNNWOOD—Mayor Christine Frizzell and the Lynnwood City Council made a Memorial Day proclamation during their business meeting on May 22, declaring their continued “commitment to making Lynnwood a Veteran-Supportive City where Veterans and their families can live, work, play, recreate, educate, and thrive.”

The primary section of the proclamation reads: “we, Mayor Christine Frizzell, and the Lynnwood City Council, proclaim May 29, 2023, as Memorial Day, a day to honor the members of our Armed Forces who gave the ultimate sacrifice and express our gratitude to the families and friends of our fallen service members. Additionally, we urge all people of Lynnwood to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our Nation’s veterans and join us as we strive to create a Veterans-Supportive City.”

“I think it is important for our listeners to know the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day — I think that’s a really distinct thing we need to honor and remember that [Memorial Day] is for those who died fighting [for] our country,” Council President Shannon Sessions said.

After the proclamation, Sessions introduced artist Michael Reagan, founder of the Fallen Heroes Project and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, and Gary Walderman, the executive



Michael Reagan, Vietnam Combat Veteran and Founder of the Fallen Hero Project speaking after the council dedicated him and Gary Walderman the Memorial Day Proclamation. SOURCE: Snapshot from Lynnwood City Council Business Meeting on May 22, 2023.

director of the Heroes’ Cafe.

Reagan and the Fallen Heroes Project provide a custom hand-drawn portrait of “fallen servicemen and women” to their families free of charge. He worked as a professional portrait artist for celebrities and politicians, but decided to begin the nonprofit after doing a portrait for a widow of a corpsman who died in Iraq and finding out just how much it meant to her. Twenty years later, over 8,900 portraits have been drawn and given out by Reagan, a Vietnam veteran himself, and the Fallen Heroes Project.

“I’m glad to be doing this. The most important thing I’ve ever done in my life are these portraits,” Reagan said. “And it’s also the hardest thing I’ve ever done in my life. I will never forget.”

Walderman — who started the Heroes’ Cafe in 2017 to “bring veterans together” in a safe, judgment-free space to socialize, eat and connect them with resources — echoed Reagan’s sentiments.

“Memorial Day, like Mike said, is everyday for us,” Walderman said. “Everyday, I am told that one of our He-

roses’ Cafe or friends of a Heroes’ Cafe attendee just passed away.”

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR VOTE

The council also confirmed Frizzell’s hiring of Annie Vandenkooy as the city’s human resources director in a 4-0 vote, with council members George Hurst, Shirley Sutton, and Josh Binda abstaining from the vote.

“I am uncomfortable confirming without knowing costs,” Hurst said before the vote. “I understand that we won’t know what the salary and benefits package is for this director, but for that reason I will abstain.”

Frizzell immediately commented after Hurst.

“As has been common practice in the past, salaries and benefits are not discussed at this point,” Frizzell said.

After the vote and Vandenkooy spoke, Sessions elaborated further on her yes vote.

“There are parameters around how much our directors make and we know what those are,” Sessions said. “We saw them during the budget time and so I have no problem voting yes for this.”

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Shake Shack is opening a location at Alderwood Mall

By KIENAN BRISCOE

LYNNWOOD—Shake Shack, the popular New York City-based burger chain, is opening a location at 18800 Alderwood Mall Parkway in Lynnwood. The opening date, however, has not yet been publicly announced.

Last month, Matt Wilson with Chandler Signs on behalf of Shake Shack, applied for a variance associated with sign permits for two drive through menu signs along Alderwood Mall Parkway, according to city records. That application was deemed complete on May 2.

Zebra Architecture sent a project design review to Lynnwood Development and Building Services recently, highlighting some of the project's concepts. Included in that document the restaurant is stated to have a drive through, partially covered patio, and parking. Additionally, the brand new building will have both a light and dark masonry veneer, a steel canopy that will wrap around the building and provide coverage for pedestrians and drive through customers, large windows, and outdoor dining furniture.

Next steps in the process are to acquire necessary permits, including but not limited to grading, building, mechanical, and electrical permits. A public hearing before the Lynnwood Hearing Examiner will also be scheduled for a future date.

Shake Shack opened in 2001 as a standalone hotdog stand in New York



Artist rendition of the upcoming Shake Shack of Alderwood in the Lynnwood City Center on May 11, 2023. SOURCE: City of Lynnwood Development & Business Services.

City's Madison Square Park, as an initiative by the city to rebrand and repurpose the park, which had fallen into disuse.

What was intended to be a single New York City hot dog stand, evolved into one of the fastest-growing fast food chains with over 400 locations globally, expanding its menu from New York-style hotdogs to burgers, crinkle fries, and the Shake Shack's namesake milkshakes. The average hamburger price at a Shake Shack runs

from \$4.75 to \$7.7.

Danny Meyer, Shake Shack's founder, made a name for himself within the New York City restaurant scene for opening the Union Square Cafe, Gramercy Tavern, and Cafe 2 within the Museum of Modern Art, prior to opening the first Shake Shack restaurant.

According to CNBC, the average Shake Shack location generates \$4 million in revenue, which is more than twice of

your average McDonald's restaurant. According to permit records, the construction of the Lynnwood location is valued at \$1 million.

The Shake Shack at Alderwood will be the latest dining and shopping option in Lynnwood's City Center after the most recent opening of Fogo de Chão steakhouse last month and the "live, work, play," addition of the Avalon Bay apartment complexes last year.

Officer Dan Rocha and 555 others, gone, but never forgotten

By MARIO LOTMORE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Everett Police Officer Dan Rocha, along with 555 other fallen officers, were honored during the 35th Annual Candlelight Vigil held on Saturday, May 13, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Officer Daniel Rocha, along with the names of Thomas Wray and Jordan Jackson of Bellevue PD, Daryl Shuey and Dominique Calata of the Pierce County Sheriff's Office, Donald Sahota of Vancouver PD, and Darryl Goodrich, Jr. of the Department of Corrections, were read for the State of Washington.

Each year, hundreds of names of officers killed in the line of duty are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. These names are then read aloud during the annual Candlelight Vigil to memorialize those who made the ultimate sacrifice. There are currently 23,785 names engraved on the Memorial.

The 556 officers' names read during the annual Candlelight Vigil on Saturday include 224 officers who were killed during 2022, the remaining 332 officers died in previous years. The National Peace Officers' Memorial Service is sponsored by the National Fraternal Order of Police and the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary.

In 1962, President John F Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Currently, National Police Week draws 25,000



Everett Police Officer Dan Rocha along with other fallen Washington state law enforcement officers engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. SOURCE: Everett Police Department.

to 40,000 attendees from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world.

Officer Dan Rocha, 41, was shot and killed by Rotter on March 25, 2022, following gunfire in a Starbucks parking lot across the street from the Everett Community College campus. Rotter was found guilty of aggregated first degree murder on Monday, April 3, and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Thousands attended Rocha's memorial, which was held at Everett's Angel of the Winds Arena on April, 5, 2022, and a memorial, honoring his legacy, was placed at Everett's North Precinct at 3002 Wetmore Avenue.

"Everett is grieving. This tragedy has shaken our community to its core, and I have been trying to find the words to articulate the pain that we're all experiencing...and I'm failing," Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin said during Officer Rocha's memorial

service.

Preceding Officer Rocha's memorial service was a procession of officers who marched from the Everett Mall toward the downtown venue as public onlookers lining Everett Mall Way waved both U.S. and thin blue line flags. The hurst carrying Officer Rocha's body drove under a giant garrison flag suspended by two fire truck ladders at Rockefeller and Hewett avenues.

On April 11, 2022, The Snohomish County Council unanimously passed a resolution honoring Rocha's life and service.

In November of that year, the City of Stanwood designated two streets in Officer Rocha's memory. His wife, Kelli, worked with the City's Adopt-A-Street Litter Control Program to honor him and the ultimate sacrifice he made protecting and serving the citizens of Everett.

The two streets in Stanwood dedicated to the memory of Officer Rocha are:

- At the corner of 270th St NW & 271st St NW, next to the Stanwood Café, and
- On 102nd Ave NW facing north, just north of Stanwood Elementary School.

Officer Rocha left behind his wife Kelli, sons Thomas and Harrison, fathers Charlie Rocha and Mike Lee, sisters Morgen Henry and Rae Ann Hismiogullari, sister-in-law Maggy Palos and brother-in-law Matt Nicholas.

Edmond's Asian Service Center is set on breaking barriers and building bridges

By KIENAN BRISCOE

EDMONDS—At Edmond's new Asian Service Center (ASC), their mission is to "break barriers" and "build bridges." They do this by providing much needed resources to immigrants and their families, including translation, health care access, senior care, and youth development, among other things.

What started as a service center for mainly Asian immigrants, having an executive team and board of primarily Asian descent, has grown into providing services for any "newcomer" settling into their new homes in the United States.

"We don't turn away anyone," said David Chan, ASC Chair and Commissioner for South County Regional Fire Authority. "We don't care if you're from New York or New Delhi... We're kind of like a GPS, we might not be able to support them one hundred percent, but we can navigate them to whatever resource, or other agencies, that can help them."

As a new nonprofit that just opened in January of 2023, without a longstanding history, federal and state funding isn't always an option.

"We would like to be supported by the state, but we also understand we need to prove ourselves first, so that's why we're doing all the seminars and things like that," said Chan.

What Chan is referring to is the many events and seminars the ASC has and continues to host since opening its doors earlier this year. From education seminars on traffic safety, nutrition, income and wealth management, Medicare; to community events such as cleaning up neighboring Marina Beach in Edmonds; to navigating immigrants through filing taxes, applying for state-issued licenses, or providing free vaccines. All of these are free to the public but supported, mostly, by donation.

"This is something that I have been wanting to do for a long time and it's going to have a positive impact for

the community, especially for the population that we strive to serve, which is the new immigrants, the newcomers, that have language barriers and have been historically underserved," Edmonds City Councilman Will Chen told the Lynnwood Times. "We're going to start with the Asian population and go from there but we're not going to send anyone away."

Chen is a first generation Chinese American who relocated to the United States in 1995. He added that when he first immigrated here, he experienced many of the same struggles new immigrants are facing and is "excited to pay back and pay forward." The ASC was founded in 2023 by Robert Ha and Crystal Xiao, from an idea to expand Seattle's Chinese Immigrant Service Center (CISC) to Snohomish County. They wanted to bring resources closer to a region where Asians make up 13% of all its residents — the second largest demographic to Whites, according to U.S. Census data.

The ASC's impressive Board of Directors include: David Chan, Edmonds City Councilman Will Chen, Mukilteo City Councilman Riaz Khan, former Executive Director of the King County Democratic Central Committee Alison Alfonso Pence, Vice President of Instruction at Edmonds College Kim Chapman, Vice President of Shared Spaces Foundation Waiman Lee, nutritionist Khulan Enkhtavan, and Kung Fu master and actor David Leong.

The ASC strives to have a board of directors from every culture they serve. Ha, who was born in Vietnam, for example, is well-versed in six different Southeast Asian languages.

By having a diverse Board of Directors, the ASC believes they can reach a wider variety of cultures, meeting them head on. Additionally, many of the Center's leadership team are immigrants themselves, which Ha informed the Lynnwood Times adds a unique perspective to caring for their individual needs.

"We all have been through that, the

language gap, the cultural differences, I had to learn in to blend in with other kids," said Ha. "Now we are Americans. Everyone is an immigrant in this country, we're from all over the place."

Together, this Board and the Center's many volunteers, help provide immigrants assistance navigating the complexities learning the English language and adjusting to Pacific Northwestern culture. As more funding becomes available, the ASC hopes to expand to provide youth leadership training, free health screenings, and legal counsel and advice.

"Our main vision and mission is to

not only help newcomers develop and blend in with their local community, but also they can give back once they develop," said founder Robert Ha.

On Saturday, June 3, the ASC will be holding their Inaugural Ceremony at Edmonds Waterfront Center from 10 a.m. until noon, for anyone interested in learning more about the nonprofit. The ASC requests you RSVP to the event by emailing founder Robert Ha at robert.Ha@AsianServiceCenter.Org.

To volunteer or donate to help ASC's cause, visit <https://www.asianservicecenterwa.org/>.



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ish County's leading human services nonprofit. He joined Volunteers of America Western Washington (VOAWW) in 2014 as a front-line Behavior Specialist, moved to Senior Director of Disability Services, then progressed to Chief Operating Officer, where he has served since 2018.

He assumed the vacant role of Chief Executive Officer last November in an interim position and was honored in April in Puget Sound Business Journal's "40 Under 40" class of 2023. This award recognizes young professionals with notable professional achievements and potential for future success.

As CEO, he will be expected to plan for strategic growth and financial sustainability, promote program expansion, and foster an inclusive organizational culture. Smith has consistently demonstrated responsible fiscal stewardship and oversees a \$110M operating budget.

In his executive career, he has been instrumental in service initiatives from COVID relief efforts in housing and food insecurity to partnering with local agencies to resettle more than 2,600 Afghan and Ukrainian

refugees. Currently, he supervises VOAWW's \$29 million Lynnwood Neighborhood Center capital project benefiting south Snohomish County.

VOAWW's ministry of service and principles of diversity and inclusion firmly align with his Christian faith.

"My convictions mandate that 'we must not merely say we love each other, we must also show this truth through our actions,' and the work we do is intended to uplift vulnerable individuals regardless of their ethnicity, race, religion, documentation status, or identity. It has been shown time and again that BI-POC and LGBTQIA+ community members are tragically and disproportionately impacted by poverty, substance use, mental health challenges, and suicide. This is heartbreaking and unacceptable," he emphasizes, "and I strive each day to make it clear that VOAWW will serve all who are in need. Our brightest days are still in front of us."

"Brian is a capable, dedicated leader who is passionate about serving the community and providing support for staff and volunteers who work to carry out our mission," Suzan Sturholm, Chair of VOAWW's Board of Directors says. "We are enthusiastic about

his vision for the organization and look forward to working closely with him as he steps into this role."

Brian Smith will assume responsibility of VOA Western Washington effective immediately.

Volunteers of America of Western Washington is celebrating its 125th year of strengthening communities through human service programs that support individuals' paths to independence and stability. Headquartered in Everett, services extend across the north Puget Sound area, with tribal services and crisis help-lines available statewide.

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has been in south county.

After completing this current project in Edmonds, Housing Hope's next major venture will be in Lynnwood at Scriber Field to provide up to 60 housing units for homeless students and their families within the Edmonds School District.

Snohomish County, Happy Hunger Games!

And may the odds be ever in your favor

By MARIO LOTMORE

SNOHOMISH COUNTY—Elections in Snohomish County have officially kicked off, and like usual, filing week was full of surprises. From a father-son duo vying for Snohomish City Council to entire races in five cities and two school districts uncontested, this election season is going to be a game of strategy, wit, and do I dare say...drama!

At exactly 5:01 p.m., on Friday, May 19, Jen Winckler, President of the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, joined Wendy Mauch, Elections Supervisor, to begin the candidate lot drawing; a process of determining the order candidates will appear on the ballot. The lot draw is a manual process of rotating a sealed net-like golden tub called the “Bingo Barrel” containing the letters A through Z. Each letter is on a wooden scrabble piece located in a closed black opaque film canister to ensure fairness and randomness in the order selection.

After the a few turns by Winckler followed by cutting the seal on the door of the Bingo Barrel, the first draw was made.

“Y,” Winckler said, before handing the letter to Mauch who visually confirmed the reading and recorded the letter on the official Candidate Lot Drawing document. Mauch then placed the letter and the now-opened film canister on the counter. For 25 more drawings by Winckler, this process repeated. Just before certifying the official order a candidate is listed on the ballot, both Winckler and Mauch verify the sequence pulled out of the “Bingo Barrel” a final time.

“Voting is a great opportunity to have your voice heard,” Winckler told the Lynnwood Times. “These local elections involve the people who are making the decisions that affect your daily life.”

A Primary Election is required if more than two candidates file for the same position or if the race is a partisan office which will be held on August 1, 2023. The Top 2 candidates will then advance to the General Election scheduled for November 7.

Currently, election officials predict a 28% voter turnout for the Primary Election but will be reassessing that estimate on Monday, May 22.

Snohomish County Auditor Garth Fell shared with the Lynnwood Times that his office received budget for translation services to encourage voter turnout in traditionally underrepresented communities. This will also include social media efforts and paid advertising.

“Local elections matter,” Fell said when asked how he would encourage a disengaged voter. “The people being elected this year will have a direct impact on the services residents will see at the local level such as decisions that are made in their schools and their local cities. We see a high turnout in Presidential Elections, but these local



Jen Winckler, President of the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, joined Wendy Mauch, Snohomish County Elections Supervisor, performing the Candidate Lot Drawing at the Snohomish County Auditor’s Office on Friday, May 19, 2023. SOURCE: Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

elections really do affect your day-to-day life and we need people to participate to make sure their voice is heard and that we are electing leaders that reflect their communities.”

Fell shared that every vote matters even in races with a large spread.

“Your vote is being registered and that sends a message to a candidate of the level of support they have,” Fell said. “We are very fortunate in Snohomish County to have top notch election administrators working for the Auditor’s Office. They are well trained, they know their job, and have delivered fair, accurate, and transparent elections.”

Of the 176 offices up for grabs throughout Snohomish County this year, 171 of the races have at least one candidate as of the 5 p.m. filing deadline on May 19. Fire District 10 Position 3, Fire District 25 Position 2, Fire District 26 Position 3, and East County Park and Recreation Commission-at-Large for positions 4 and 5 currently have no candidate. Only these five races will be reopened for a special 3-day period for eligible residents to run.

An astounding 85 of 176 (or 48.3%) of the races are uncontested, meaning only one candidate filed for the race. It will be presumptuous of the Lynnwood Times to call these races months before the General Election, but unless a successful write-in campaign is launched, these candidates have well over a 95% probability of winning their uncontested race and being sworn-in to public office.

For the write-in candidate, their name will not appear on the ballot, there is no voter’s pamphlet statement, and a filing fee may be needed; huge hurdles to overcome!

Newly appointed County Councilman Strom Peterson and 84 others no doubt slept well last Friday night and can now pool their resources to help their preferred candidates in the 29 races currently expected in the upcoming Primary Election.

“I think my record of working across

the aisle while still holding true to my progressive values represents the 3rd district well,” Councilman Peterson told the Lynnwood Times. “I look forward to connecting with voters across the district and making sure their voices are represented at every level of government.”

All the candidates who submitted their

names for the city council and mayoral races in the cities and towns of Darrington, Gold Bar, Marysville, Mountlake Terrace, and Woodway, along with the Granite Falls and Mukilteo school districts will face no challenger.

As mentioned earlier, expect some “hotly contested” seats that we at the Lynnwood Times will be paying special attention.

Let’s begin with the City of Snohomish. After a defeat at the ballot in 2021, former Mayor John Kartak is making a return to politics by running for City Council Position 1 against challenger Maygen Hetherington. His son, newcomer Ashton Hobelman, will be running for Position 2 against Judith Kuleta.

Although Snohomish County Councilman Peterson is virtually assured re-election, his colleague and fellow progressive Councilwoman Megan Dunn of Everett is facing Republican challenger Georgia Fischer of Mukilteo and Kristina Mitchell of Lynnwood for the District 2 seat.

Dunn, best known for a controversial anti-police post which critics accused her of encouraging the use of Molo-

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Megan Dunn
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Photo 1: Not my stitch project but a good reminder. Photo 2: Ready for the weekend and reading the Lie That Binds by Ilyse Hogue. Just finished Chapter 1 and I'm riled up! This is a brilliant takedown of the systematic control of women's bodies.

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Megan Dunn controversial Facebook “Molotov” post which the Everett Police Officers Association called on Dunn to apologize and resign.

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to cocktails against law enforcement, dubbed her the nickname, “Molotov Megan.” During the time of the post in 2020, Molotov cocktail attacks were used against local police officers. Dunn has since denied her post encouraged violence, but the Everett Police Officers Association called on Dunn to apologize and resign.

In March of 2020 as Boeing, Snohomish County’s largest employer located within Dunn’s council district, was in a \$25 billion financial crunch caused by the coronavirus and its 737 Max safety crisis that led to the layoff of thousands of workers, Dunn again posted disparaging remarks writing, “the factory can become a giant indoor sports arena.”

Edmonds Mayor Mike Nelson is facing three challengers – Mike Rosen, Diane Buckshnis, and Brad Shipley. Nelson’s handling of shack-like streetaries lining the upscale streets of downtown Edmonds along with his controversial appointment of Sherman Pruitt as Police Chief who, within just days, had his offer rescinded due to a shoddy evaluation process, is going to be facing a tough reelection battle. Pruitt did file a legal claim against the city.

Another “hot race” to follow is that of Snohomish County Sheriff. Incumbent Adam Fortney, who overcame four failed recall attempts because of his pro-liberty and constitutional stance as it pertained to COVID lockdowns, will be facing Bothell Deputy Police Chief Susanna Johnson.

Lynnwood City Councilman George Hurst, who successfully convinced at least one candidate who original-

ly intended to run against him, to run against another candidate, is running unopposed – that is what one can call politicking at its finest! The race to watch in Lynnwood is between incumbent Jim Smith and Nick Coelho. According to the PDC, Coelho has \$11,472.49 in contributions.

In a Friday surprise, Mukilteo City Councilwoman Elisabeth Crawford, who was on the political fast track, did not file for re-election. The Lynnwood Times reached out for a statement but has not received a reply as of the date of this article. The race to watch in Mukilteo is between Insurance Agent and businessowner Mike Dixon and incumbent Riaz Khan, a Boeing Engineer. After running for office five times, Khan won against unknown Christopher Maddux in 2019. Both men are resilient and tenacious, this will be a race to watch!

Newcomer Mukilteo City Councilman Jason Moon, who is running unopposed, told the Lynnwood Times he is committed to continuing his service with unwavering passion.

“The trust, support, and collaboration extended to me have been the driving forces behind my dedication to make a positive impact,” Moon told the Lynnwood Times. “I am committed to continuing my service with unwavering passion and striving for priorities that embrace our city. We must ensure that all council members are held accountable and actively engage with those residents who consistently attend our meetings.

“If you truly want to know who has

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ciples. Students in grades 4 through 12, with the Edmonds School District, work alongside City engineers, technicians and subject matter experts researching and developing solutions to one of six Challenge Issues presented by Lynnwood Mayor Frizzell in January. All projects were due on May 1, 2023.

Of the seven challenges presented, three were selected by the students to solve:

- Outreach Program for Lynnwood Storm and Sewer Utilities – Beverly Elementary and Lynnwood High School
- Salt Brine Applicator Build – Mountlake Terrace High School
- Hall Lake and Hall Creek Habitat Restoration – Mountlake Terrace High School

Both Beverly Elementary and Lynnwood High School students tackled developing preventative measures of stormwater pollutants entering the Puget Sound. Stormwater is the most

prevalent pollutant entering the Puget Sound that harms marine wildlife such as salmon and orcas.

Their deliverable was to develop educational or awareness material, a community pledge, host awareness events, conduct an impervious surface water study at school or a City facility, and conduct a stormwater reduction project.

Receiving certificates from Beverly Elementary were: Jason Hernandez, Nirav Shrestha, Makayla Morales, Daniel Lee, Anna Ung, Allison Figueroa, Phoenix Van Luvan, Elisa Haramoto, Kayday Tsapin-Handy, Preston Lynch, Nolan Leonard, Francis Baker, Isabelle Arma, Fatima Laurean, Lucas Moua, Tyrell Emery Henderson, Aaliyah Calin, and Arturo Perez. Recipients of Lynnwood High School were Dylan Por, Taylor Johnson, Jalen Brady, David Osborn, Ava Barias, Hasan Al-Jumaili, Danica Neyman, Jason Humber, Jayden Phan, Muhammad Ali, Gavin Ellis, and Jacob Seufferling.

Matthew Margo and Davis Gonzaga of Mountlake Terrace High School pro-

vided ideas on creating a cost-effective applicator for the City to use for its new anti-icing and snow removal program in the Salt Brine Applicator Build challenge. The two students worked with Lynnwood Public Works employees to evaluate brine mixtures, application rates, and equipment. Students had to consider variables such as weather condition, temperature, and vehicle speed.

The third Mayor's challenge of returning salmon spawning to the upper reaches of Hall Lake and Hall Creek were accepted by Riki Kobayashi and Kaylyn Takeya, both of Mountlake Terrace High School. The students worked with Lynnwood's Environmental & Surface Water Supervisor Derek Fada, to map the current conditions of the Lynnwood portion of Hall Creek then research and propose a habitat restoration plan.

"The product of the students was astounding," Fada told the Lynnwood Times. "These were professional looking projects."

Mayor Frizzell thanked not only the

participants for their hard work, but also their parents and teachers for committing the time needed with the students for them to develop thoughtful and novel solutions. Beverly Elementary Teacher Emily Czerwonka thanked members of the Mayor's Office for working with students and providing them with valuable life learning experiences.

The exact proposed solutions for each challenge will be on display at Lynnwood City Hall within the upcoming weeks, Mayor Frizzell informed the Lynnwood Times. Subject Matter Experts of the City are currently evaluating the projects to determine feasibility and an implementation plan.



Edmonds School District Board of Directors recognized 2022-23 Student Advisors



At its Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 23, seven Student Advisors to the Board were recognized. The 2022-23 student advisors recognized were:

- Kayla Apostol- Mountlake Terrace High School
- Peter Garcia- Lynnwood High School
- Roshni Gill- Edmonds-Woodway High School
- Ohanna Jimenez- Scriber Lake High School
- Elizabeth Lopez- Meadowdale High School
- Jazzma Pennerman- Mountlake Terrace High School
- Sadie Sadler- Mountlake Terrace High School

Fentanyl Awareness Event



The a standing room only event, Mukilteans attended Mukilteo's first Fentanyl Awareness event on May 23, hosted by Mayor Joe Marine. Guest speakers were Lindsey Arrington, Sgt Van Auken, Officer Nathan Fabia and mother Gen Pehlivanian.

Annual POWWOW returned to Edmonds College on Mother's Day



LYNNWOOD—Edmonds College hosted its 37th annual Powwow on Mother's Day, May 14, with vendors, dancers, and drummers of all ages participating in spirited celebrations of culture.

Like previous years, the event was organized by the Edmonds College Powwow Committee to educate the public on Native culture, recognizing not just one, but all 29 federally recognized tribes throughout the state of Washington.

During Sunday's Grand Entry Powwow, participants competed in traditional drumming and dancing events. One of the non-competitive, social dance categories that highlighted the welcoming nature of the Powwow was the all-tribes circle dance, where the emcee welcomed anyone and everyone to join in and dance as one, regardless of whether dancers wore traditional regalia.

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comprehensive guide to recharging from your desk jobs and computer screens for some much needed, spiritual, reset. Whether you've just moved to the Pacific Northwest, have lived here for years but haven't dove into outdoor recreations, or a seasoned veteran, this campsite guide is sure to spark some ideas on how to tackle the 2023 Washington State camping season.

Snohomish County campsite locations
Kayak Point: Previously listed as a great beach location, Stanwood's Kayak Point also offers a great campsite opportunity. What better way to experience a great beach then to call it home for a few days? After a day of fishing at the beach walk back to camp to throw your fresh catches over the fire or explore the surrounding nature trails for your morning exercise.

Wenberg: Also, near Stanwood's waterfront is the award-winning Wenberg Park campsite which offers splendid opportunities for picnicking, sunbathing, and boating across 45 acres. The park has 70 campsites spread out across three loops, three picnic shelters, an enclosed swim beach with rinse shower, and 1,140 feet of freshwater shoreline with a two-lane concrete boat launch for all your water works.

River Meadows: Arlington's 150-acre River Meadows campsite, 20416 Jordan Road, rests on open meadows and forests along the banks of the Stillaguamish River. You can fish along the mile-long riverbank, camp in the summer or rent a yurt year-round, picnic, hike, geocache, bird watch, or play catch in the meadow. The park's expansive meadows offer a great location for large events, such as family reunions, scout jamborees, weddings, and community celebrations.

Flowing Lake: Flowing Lake Regional Park, also known as Leckie's Beach, is an immensely popular park that offers a variety of recreational activities. The day-use area provides access to the beach and amenities which include a boat launch, fishing dock, playground, picnic tables, picnic shelters and an amphitheater. For those that wish to stay a little longer, the park includes a campground with a mix of cabins and campsites and a heated restroom with showers. A nature trail encompasses a portion of the campground for those seeking a little solitude. The park and campsite is located at 17900 48th Street Southeast in the city of Snohomish.

Lake Roesiger: This beautiful campground is located on the southeast end of Lake Roesiger (across the road from Lake Roesiger County Park), densely wooded and perfect for scout, church, educational groups or family reunions. There are 10 walk-in campsites that can host a total of up to 50 people and all sites are walk-in only with guests carrying their belongings to the sites from the nearby parking lot. While the hike to each of the campsites is short it is also steep and may be strenuous for some. However, an ADA site is also available to those who need it.

Squire Creek: Just outside the Town of Darrington, at 41415 State Road 530, enjoy a peaceful camping experience among the trees. Squire Creek offers camping among the beautiful moss-laden trees of an old-growth forest. The park is a perfect staging area for adventures into the Mount Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest, hiking

to the base of Whitehorse Mountain, or participating in the Bluegrass Festival in Darrington and the Summer Melt-down Festival (see Summer events). Access to the Sauk River is just five minutes away at Backman Park and two large picnic shelters are located near the crystal clear waters of Squire Creek.

Whitehorse: Also located just outside the Town of Darrington, Whitehorse Regional Park Campground becomes the ultimate "gate-a-way" in Snohomish County, with close access to the Whitehorse Trail, North Mountain bike trails, and other DNR and Forest Service lands. 15 of the 18 spacious sites have water, 50 amp power, and sewer connections.

OTHER UNMISSABLE CAMPSITES IN WASHINGTON

Mount Rainier's Ohanapecosh Campground: Only a 30-minute drive from Mount Rainier's Paradise and Sunrise resorts, respectively, and located in the Mount Rainier National Park proper, Ohanapecosh is surrounded by old growth and crossed by an exceptionally beautiful snow-fed river. The campground has plenty of hiking trails, from Silver Falls; Grove of the Patriarchs; to natural hot springs. At an elevation of 1,914 feet the 14,411-foot Mount Rainier dominates the skyline for hundreds of miles.

Deceptions Pass' Bowman Bay Campground: Washington's jaw-dropping Deception's Pass is iconically home to gorgeous beaches, island views, and the titular bridge gapping Whidbey and Fidalgo islands (which is pedestrian friendly by the way). There's no shortage of things to do here from hiking Goose Neck or Lighthouse Point, to searching for marine life in the numerous tide pools, to taking a charter boat through Skagit Bay. Really you can't go wrong anywhere you choose to camp here (Cranberry Lake is a notable second) but Bowman Bay is a beach-front campground with oceanside views. Its beach access, trails leading to a variety of hikes, and large park with picnic and recreational opportunities, it's worth paying it a visit whether you plan to camp overnight or not.

Swift Forest Campground near Mount St. Helens: What used to be a contender for Pacific Northwest giant, until it blew its top off in 1980, Mount St. Helens is still an amazing spectacle to behold. Swift Forest Campground is a relatively easy jumping-off point to the numerous hikes available (including summiting St. Helens if you are up for a challenge, although much more approachable than climbing Rainier or Adams). With hot springs, the molten-carved underground Ape Caves (arguable one of the most unique hikes in Washington), or the Mount Saint Helens Visitor's Center, there's really no shortage of activities at your disposal at this, oftentimes, more overlooked volcano than the more famous Rainier.

QUICKSTART GUIDE TO CAMPING GEAR

Like most recreational activities, being prepared can be the difference between a good time and a bad time. When it comes to camping, nothing is worse than driving several hours out to your camping location, which often may be miles from the closest store, only to realize you forgot to pack something, didn't realize you needed something, or wish you had something. While

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most of this comes with experience, the below list may, at least, be a good place to start.

- **Tent and sleeping bags:** This is probably the most obvious since most people think of sleeping in a tent when they think of camping. Of course RV, camper, and even car camping is in option too but a tent may be the most approachable way of doing things for newcomers – without dishing out for an expensive RV only to realize it's not your cup of tea. A good tent is waterproof and large enough to fit your party size and gear within it comfortable. Depending on the weather, a good sleeping bag and blankets will keep you comfortable and warm at night (don't forget the pillows) when, even in the summer, temperatures can drop misleadingly low. For those with sensitive backs, sleeping mats, cots, and pads are also recommended options to get the well-deserved sleep you need without any of the next day back aches.
- **Water:** Of course water is the most important thing to have on hand in, really, any activity you do but being tucked away in wilderness, doing physical labor like hiking, chopping wood, or sitting out in the sun all day, makes this all the more important. I always say to bring more water than you think you need; it's better to have and not need than need and not have. Additionally, water is used for other things you may not think of (other than drinking) such as brushing your teeth, washing dishes, cooking, etc. A good rule of thumb is about 2-3 litres a day per person, especially in warmer weather.
- **Food:** Along the lines of water, food is crucial for ensuring you keep healthy and nourished during your camping trip. Simply speaking, what food you bring will

highly depend upon what type of cooking gear you have with you. For example, if you plan on just cooking over a fire hot dogs are an easy bet (remember not every campsite has a grill or even a fire pit). Granola bars, protein bars, or trail mix is also a good option for snacking throughout the day or to bring on hikes. Your options will drastically broaden with a propane camping stove, but this will also increase what utensils you'll need. Silverware, knife, cutting board, cups, plates/bowls, and campfire forks are a good start. Of course with a stove you'll also need oil, pots and pans, etc. Try and keep the waste to a minimum (plastics and such), and remember to take all of your trash back with you to keep our parks clean and green.

- **Headlamps/Flashlights/Lantern:** Light sources can seem like something easily forgotten when we live our day-to-day by electricity and light pollution, but they become all the more necessary in the wilderness when the sun goes down and we're left to our own devices. A simple flashlight can keep you safe at night, help you keep your campsite clean, and open up options for activity after dark. If you plan to hike the Ape Caves at Mount St. Helens (previously mentioned) a light source is also necessary here as there is no subterranean light source in the caves.
- **Fire Wood/Fire Starter:** If you plan to start a campfire first be sure to check your park's most recent fire warning restrictions. Second to that, you should check to see what type of wood is allowed at your respective campground. Some campgrounds, for example, only allow indigenous wood to be burned on site. While many campgrounds sell wood,

Starlink helps locate sunken treasure in Washington waters worth millions

By KIENAN BRISCOE

CAPE FLATTERY, Wash., May 21, 2023—Nearly 150 years ago, the SS Pacific and the S/V Orpheus collided off the coast of Cape Flattery in Washington state. While the Orpheus was able to ready lifeboats and make necessary repairs, the SS Pacific was not so fortunate, sinking into the late-night waters killing all but two of its estimated, 325 passengers. To this day, the incident remains one of the deadliest maritime disasters in Pacific Northwest history.

For years, the remains of the SS Pacific sat on the ocean floor, near the Strait of Juan de Fuca. As sonar technology improved, a man by the name of Jeff Hummel formed Rockfish Incorporated and the Seattle-based Northwest Shipwreck Alliance, both set on locating the historic wreckage.

Hummel's search commenced in 1993, interviewing countless commercial fisherman, and calculating wind currents, until a discovery was finally made late last year using Wave WiFi and the Starlink satellite system. After being granted salvage rights by United States Court Judge James Robart of the Western District of Washington, Hummel will finally begin the long-awaited recovery of the doomed historic steamship this year around September or early October.

The sinking of the S.S. Pacific Steamer The 223-foot SS Pacific steamer departed from Esquimalt Harbor in Victoria, British Columbia, in the November of 1875. The weather conditions were poor and the vessel was known to have difficulty keeping an even keel earlier in the evening of the crash. To correct this issue, the crew filled the ship's many lifeboats with water.

There were an estimated 325 passengers onboard, comprised of 52 crew — including Captain Howell at the helm — 35 passengers from Puget Sound ports, and another 132 ticketed passengers who embarked in Victoria. There was also an unknown number of unticketed passengers who rushed onboard and the number of children, who were able to sail for free, could not be tracked due to them not being issued a ticket. The passengers varied from prominent Canadians, wealthy businessmen, gold miners, and about 41 unidentified people of Chinese descent.

According to Northwest boating publication Waggoner, the ship also carried 300 bales of hops, 2,000 sacks of oats, 250 hides, 11 casks of furs, 31 barrels of cranberries, 2 cases of opium, six horses and two buggies, 280 tons of coal from Puget Sound, 30 tons of miscellaneous goods, and \$79,220 in gold — all of which is valued today at an estimated \$10 million.

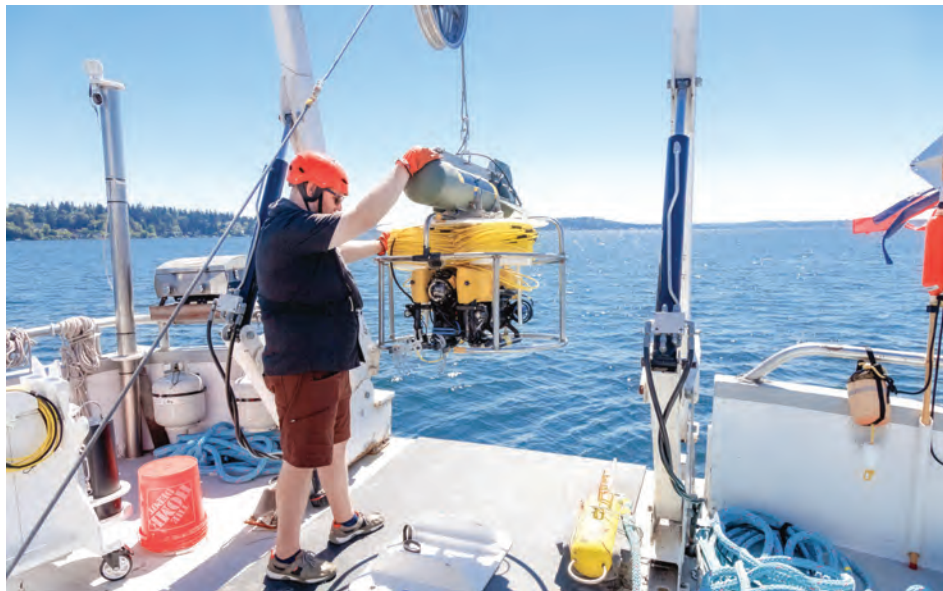
On November 4 of that year at approximately 10 p.m., another vessel, the Orpheus, which was on its way to San Francisco to pick up coal, collided with the SS Pacific causing the ship to split in two. Survivors recalled that the torn smokestack of the Pacific collapsed on the capsized vessel.



The 70-foot research vessel SeaBlazer docked in Neah Bay. Photo courtesy of Arnie Hammerman.



Painting of the SS Pacific. (Original source unknown)



The ROV on the SeaBlazer. Photo Courtesy of Rockfish, Inc.

"I woke up with the crash. Jumped out of my bunk, the water rushing through the bow; saw all hands rush on the hurricane deck... the ship fell into the trough of the sea and became unmanageable, the fires being extinguished; all was confusion, the passengers crowding into the boats which the officers and crew were trying to clear away," said Neil Henly, Quartermaster aboard the Pacific and one of the two survivors, according to The Northwest Shipwreck Alliance.

The crew of the Orpheus made the fatal mistake of turning the ship port (or left) placing their trajectory directly in the lane of the SS Pacific's course. They were simply obeying their captain's orders, Charles Sawyer, whose last command was to "starboard the helm" if a light was seen before disap-

pearing into the cabin to study charts. Captain Sawyer was, of course, referring to the "light" of the Cape Flattery Lighthouse, which meant they would turn towards the Strait, and not the light of another ship, however.

The Pacific did not see Orpheus until it was too late. As it became clear the ship was going down, passengers scrambled on the ship's many lifeboats but, since they were filled with water to correct the uneven keel, they would not keep afloat; immediately filling with water and sending the ill-fated passengers to their deaths.

"[I] tried to get the boat off, but we could not budge the boat; ... the boat I was near was partly full of water; we could not get her off at all; I think it was about an hour from the time the steam-

er struck up to the time when she listed to port so much that the port boat was let into the water and cut loose from the davits; I was in this boat which, when it touched the water, began to fill and turn over. I crawled up on the bottom of the boat and helped several others up with me ... I think about all the ladies were in our boat, and when she upset, they all fell into the water and, I fear, they were all drowned," Henry L. Jelly, the second survivor accounted.

Jelly was the first survivor to be rescued. He was found two days after the crash, floating on a broken piece of wood, by the vessel Messenger. Jelly's report of the incident was the first indication the Pacific had sank; Not even the crew aboard the Orpheus knew. In response, several rescue boats scanned the area and found Henly two days later, also floating on a piece of broken ship, by the rescue vessel Walcott.

The SS Pacific was owned by Goodall, Nelson and Perkins Steamship Company. Later the company changed its name to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company to separate itself from the maritime disaster. For years the company grew and became an important steamship line on the west coast but financial difficulties during the Great Depression caused the company to ultimately dissolve in 1938.

**FRIENDS JEFF HUMMEL
AND MATT MCCAULEY**

Jeff Hummel and Matt McCauley first met while attending a high school in Mercer Island in 1979. In conversation, Hummel brought up a sunken airplane he knew about, which his father witnessed crash in Lake Washington while working at the Boeing plant in Renton. Having recently received their scuba certifications, the two thought it would be a fun project to recover the sunken World War II Navy aircraft together.

Both knowing the Navy had ownership of crash sites, they wrote a letter to the Pentagon asking for permission to retrieve the plane. When the Pentagon responded they had no protocol regarding intentionally discarded planes, the men interpreted it as their project was green-lit.

The two succeeded in their mission, using old gas station air hoses and lift balloons, to retrieve the sunken plane. Originally intending to transport it to a local hangar, the aircraft ended up in McCauley's front yard as a sort of roadside attraction for some time.

But it turned out the Navy did care about intentionally discarded planes. In 1984, when Hummel and McCauley were just 20 years old, they were sued by the United States Navy (United States v. Hummel). In 1985, the two divers won their case, with the federal judge ruling that the Navy's treatment of the particular Helldiver aircraft constituted intentional abandonment which awarded them free title to the plane which is currently being restored

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and is expected to fly again soon.

Hummel and McCauley went on to recover four more WWII-era naval combat aircraft from Lake Washington in 1987, and several wreck projects since. This interest eventually led to forming the Northwest Shipwreck Alliance in 2021, dedicated to locating, recovering, and preserving historic shipwrecks in the Pacific Northwest waters.

MAJOR BREAKTHROUGHS AND STARLINK FOR BETTER SONAR CONNECTIVITY

Although Hummel's interest in locating the SS Pacific began in 1993, his first major breakthrough was in the early 2000's when a commercial fisherman brought up some old coal in a fishing net. The coal was analyzed in a laboratory and was identified to be the

same coal used on the SS Pacific, that is, coal used in the Libby Mine out of Pierce Bay.

The next major breakthrough was in the fall of 2022 when a firebrick from the Pacific's boiler room and a piece of its hull were successfully brought up by ROV operator, Sarah Haberstroh. These two pieces were key components when Northwest Shipwreck Alliance sought salvage rights in district court.

With these developments, Hummel was able to narrow his search to approximately 23 miles off the Washington coast, across a slope of 1,000 to 3,000 feet deep, where he finally found it — the SS Pacific!

Prior to Starlink being available to boaters, the crew relied on scanty cellular reception, which can often be erratic and unreliable in the vicinity of

the search. Since the Starlink system became available, the crew was able to get better data speeds that, when used with a hotspot or Wave WiFi MBR 550, coverage became much more consistent.

"What we'll be able to do is we'll have one ROV team onboard at all times, and they'll be there in case we need to do a repair or maintenance, but the majority of our ROV operators will be on land, operating through Starlink, low-latency, at a command center in Seattle," Philip Drew, spokesperson for the Northwest Shipwreck Alliance, told the Lynnwood Times. "A big piece of that is it creates accessibility for people, and it allows us to work twenty-four-seven with multiple crew operating at the same time."

ROV stands for remotely operated underwater vehicle which the SeaBlazer, the ship being used for the initial de-

bris removal, plans to deploy this September when sailing conditions in the area calm. While the SeaBlazer's crew (Jeff Hummel, Sarah Haberstroh, Keith Baker, and Matt McCauley) wait for more approachable sailing conditions they plan to go take to the waters of Puget Sound daily to master their new equipment.

One of the major challenges encountered in their search, and the primary reason the delay in recovery efforts, is the conditions of where the SS Pacific sank — even in the best times of year, there are 9-foot-tall waves. Also, sonar equipment is designed for much calmer waters.

"I think the longest the crew had gone with a weather window, throughout the several year search, was about nine days," said Drew.

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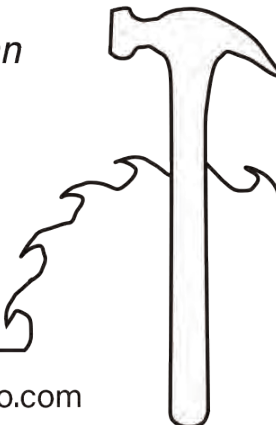
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SALVAGE RIGHTS AND EXCAVATION TIMELINE

On November 22, 2022, United States District Court Judge Robart of the Western District of Washington granted exclusive salvage rights to local exploration company, Rockfish, Inc. and by extension, the non-profit Northwest Shipwreck Alliance. This ruling allows exclusive search and recovery efforts from the shipwreck of the SS Pacific.

The judge’s decision granted a team of scientists, historians and longtime crew volunteers a deadline to come back with salvage plans that will “make sure we have prepared for the highest standards of archeological protection for the historic remnants to be found”, said Hummel.

Northwest Shipwreck Alliance has said that if there are successors with interest in the ship, gold-laden with millions of dollars worth of treasure, they will have an opportunity to present their claims to the

court for a limited time period.

“Private belongings onboard the ship are covered under the law of finds. Claimants are entitled to their goods provided they have proof of ownership and make a claim within the allotted time. The salvor is entitled to a healthy portion of the value of any claimed item for rendering assistance and saving the item from marine peril,” Northwest Shipwreck Alliance wrote in a press release.

But gold is not the only valuable item the SeaBlazer expects to find from the sunken SS Pacific’s site. One of the first pair of Levi’s jeans, for example, has the potential to be found since Levi Strauss developed his first pair in 1853 out of San Francisco for mostly gold miners; many of the passengers aboard the SS Pacific were gold miners from San Francisco.

“Even finding one pair of those jeans would be incredible but we think we have an entire boatload, an entire time capsule, of artifacts from that era. The team is working really hard to develop equipment to bring those artifacts to the surface and preserve and

restore them,” Drew told the Lynnwood Times. “One of the most exciting pieces of this project is finding little pieces of history that connect to individual stories and families and we take that really seriously.”

Principles in laws pertaining to lost ships and their cargo date back over a thousand years. The main objective is to entice salvors to rescue ships and their cargo from peril and to return these items to commerce. Today’s salvage protocols require protections to the historical value of the site.

As for human remains — although unlikely given the depth, time, and current of the site’s location — the nonprofit said all remains will be repatriated to the port of departure, in this case Victoria, British Columbia.

The Northwest Shipwreck Alliance plans to open a maritime history museum sometime in the near future, with the SS Pacific and all of its artifacts, showcased as its centerpiece.

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or have it available close by, it’s typically not recommended you go chopping down trees or gather sticks from the forests as fuel for your fire, which might be your first inclination. Second to this, a good fire starter will also make your life a whole lot easier but be sure you’re using one that is environmentally safe and friendly. For the beginner campfire builder, large logs should be chopped into kindling (or smaller pieces) to catch easier, with the thicker logs reserved for once the fire has taken off. For this it’s also worth

mentioning that a hatchet is a good thing to bring.

- Games and books: Lastly bringing some card games, board games, or a good campfire story book is not required but a nice addition to any camping trip, particularly when the sun goes down and your sitting around a fire (foldable camping chairs are a good mention here also). Short stories or ghost stories are a fun way to pass the time at night, and card games/board games can be a nice alternative to an unexpected rain storm that keeps you cooped up inside your tent.

- Hiking gear/safety gear: Depending on the difficulty of whatever hike you have planned, or your physical shape, having the right equipment while hiking is also extremely important. Of course water and food are staples here, but a first aid kit is also not a bad idea to prepare for whatever cuts or bruises you might come across. A good bag to carry everything in is also pertinent. Hiking poles, hiking boots, and comfortable clothing can also be crucial to your experience.
- Bear cans: Not every campsite lies within bear or predatory

wildlife territory, but oftentimes they do and for that you need to be prepared to not attract unnecessary attention. Some campgrounds even (mostly backpacking) require it, others (like Ohanapecosh) provide it. Regardless, a bear can is something you might not think about but often necessary. Remember to keep all of your food and aromatics (such as hygiene products) contained within the can when not in use. The last thing you want is a bear snooping around your groceries at night.

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been doing a good or bad job in council ask the staff and the residents who regularly attend [council meetings]. I extend my utmost respect to all those who attend our meetings in person or online, sharing their valuable insights and perspectives.

“My sincere admiration goes out to you, my fellow residents. I am grateful for the opportunity, and I carry the lessons learned and memories made as I continue this journey of service. Although it might be the end of my honeymoon, I strive to treat every day like its my first; it’s day one every day. God bless you all!”

Another race to watch involving Mukilteans is that of Port of Everett Commissioner District 2. With the Mukilteo Waterfront Development Project a primary focus in the Mukilteo City Council, one of three Mukilteo residents – former Mukilteo City Council President Bob Champion, Ken Heaton, and Alfred Favre – hope to succeed incumbent Tom Stiger who is serving in his third term.

Another race, without a doubt that will be a fight to the very end will be that of Snohomish County Auditor. Former opponent Democrat Cindy Gobel and controversial Republican Robert Sutherland will face incumbent Garth Fell. There were accusations of Gobel embellishing her resumé in the previous bid for Auditor; whereas, Sutherland was ordered by the Legislative Ethics Board to pay \$2,500 to settle a complaint alleging he violated state ethics law last March accosting the sergeant of arms.

Sutherland, a staunch advocate for election integrity, attended a cyber

symposium organized by MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell that argued the 2020 election was hacked. Although, many have criticized and mocked Sutherland for this stance, the outcome of Arizona gubernatorial candidate Republican Kari Lake’s election challenge trial may put election integrity front-and-center in our local race.

Overall, key items for this year will no doubt be public safety, school budgets, zoning policies and property rights, and drug addiction. However, if current economic uncertainty manifests into hard realities over the next few months, pocketbook issues will also be a significant factor influencing voters by the General Election in November. With a two-year double-digit inflation, the debt ceiling stand-off, failing banks, a cooling housing market, and an even colder commercial rental market, consumer confidence for May dropped to a six-month low according to the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index.

As an added bonus this election cycle, the Public Disclosure Commissioners raised contribution and reporting threshold limits effective on April 1, 2023. For local races here in Snohomish County, non-judicial candidates can now receive a maximum contribution of \$1,200 (or 20% more) from an individual donor per election — that’s \$2,400 for both the Primary and General elections. Judicial candidates can now receive \$2,400 per election!

In addition to raising contribution limits, the Commission adjusted most of the thresholds that guide disclosure by candidates and committees by as much as 300%. For example, the threshold for required reporting of a contributor’s identity was raised from \$25 to \$100; and the contribution threshold for in-

cluding a contributor’s name in the Top 5 or Top 3 on a qualifying political ad increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000. No doubt that raising the thresholds will reduce administrative overhead for both candidates and PDC staff, but it will also legally conceal donors from public disclosure.

Anyone who wishes to observe the election process may do so. Snohomish County Elections offers observer information sessions for the public that provide an overview of the elections process and an introduction to the basic rules of conduct all observers must follow. For more information on election observations including upcoming information sessions, click here.

If anyone has questions about their ballot or registering to vote, they can call the Auditor’s Office at 425-388-3444 or visit in-person in Everett at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Administration West building, 1st floor.