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Edmonds-based Asian Service Center Board of Directors and Advisors during the inaugural ceremony at Edmonds Waterfront Center on June 3, 2023. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

By **MARIO LOTMORE**

EDMONDS—For two hours on the morning of June 3, hundreds attended the inaugural ceremony of the Asian Service Center (ASC) at Edmonds Water-

front Center to officially introduce the organization to the community.

“The turnout was great,” Crystal Xiao, ASC’s Executive Development Officer told the Lynnwood Times.

“We loved seeing all of the community leaders there to support us.”

An Edmonds-based new Asian Service Center, their mission is to “break barriers” and “build bridges” by

providing much needed resources to immigrants and their families, including translation, health care access, senior care, and youth development, among other

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Senator John McCoy of Tulalip passes away at 79 years old

By **WA STATE SENATE DEMOCRATS**



TULALIP—It is with great sadness that to announce the passing of former Washington State Senator John McCoy (D-Tulalip) on June 6, 2023. He was 79

years old.

On April 17, 2020, Sen. McCoy retired from the Washington State Legislature, after submitting a resignation letter to Gov. Jay Inslee a few days earlier.

McCoy leaves behind a legacy of steady leadership and commitment to serving his community. He brought a career in military service and years as a computer technician and business leader to his work at the Legislature, culminating in a lawmaker who effectively advanced economic development and equality of opportunity for his district. His work is characterized by tireless advocacy for Native American and rural communities, expanded access to high-quality education, and environmental sustainability.

Before McCoy became one of the longest serving Native American legislators in the state’s history, he led efforts to bring better telecommunication infrastructure to the Tulalip Tribe, of which he is a registered member. He also helped bring to fruition the Quil Ceda Village shopping, casino and hotel complex, a triumph of community that ultimately earned him the Puget Sound Business Journal’s Executive of the Year award.

During his subsequent five terms in the Washington State House of Representatives, McCoy fought for students, for the environment, for a healthy economy and for tribal communities. He sponsored policy that expanded support for students struggling with behavioral and emotional health needs, protected water rights and access, de-

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Meadowdale High School revs up for its first Community Car Show and Spring Market

By **KIENAN BRISCOE**

LYNNWOOD—Meadowdale High School’s first ever annual community car show and spring vendor market shifted into gear on Saturday, June 3, with live music, food trucks, vendors, and a multitude of jaw-dropping cars showcased throughout the campus parking lot.

What began as a student-led idea for a “small” car show accelerated into a massive event of approximately 1,200 attendees, spanning from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., on a gorgeous sunny day.

“The turnout was amazing, it exceeded our expectations,” Chantel Sukraw, Food Science Teacher at Meadowdale and advisor for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FC-

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Meadowdale High School’s Community Car Show and Vendor’s Market. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.



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Executive Somers visits Scandinavia to forge ongoing investment opportunities for county

By KIENAN BRISCOE

OSLO, NORWAY—Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers and County Councilman Nate Nehring traveled to Iceland and Norway last month to meet with government officials and businesses to form relationships and future investment opportunities for the county.

Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell, Port of Seattle Executive Director Steve Metruck, President and CEO of Snohomish County Economic Alliance Garry Clark, Propeller Airports CEO Brett Smith, and executives from Microsoft and Boeing were also in attendance among several other key figures.

The trip was part of the International Leadership Mission, formerly called the International Study Mission, created by the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle. The Alliance began taking these trips annually back in 1993 until the pandemic put a standstill on international travel after the team’s trip to Ireland in 2019. The Alliance recommenced trips in 2022 with a visit to Japan.

“I see these trips as a really great opportunity for local leaders to come together to look at challenges that face everyone globally in similar regions like ours,” Neepaporn “A” Boungjaktha, Executive Director of Economic Development for Snohomish County, told the Lynnwood Times. “The places we went to are facing the same issues that we are; housing, workforce, the green transition...the best part about going globally with this is we’re not just looking internally.”

The trip spanned from May 20 through May 27, beginning in Iceland’s largest city, Reykjavik, where the team visited the Blue Lagoon resort, the Höfði House, met with U.S. Embassy officials, toured the multi-national food processing company Marel, and met with the President of Iceland, Guðni Th. Jóhannesson.

On May 23 the group traveled to Oslo, Norway,



LEFT TOP: Dave Somers (Snohomish County Executive) hosting the Avinor presentation at the Opera House. **LEFT BOTTOM:** The Snohomish County delegation visiting Mjøstårnet – The Wood Hotel – in Norway. **RIGHT:** Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers with Icelandic President Johannesson at the Presidential Residence at Bessastaðir. All photos courtesy of Alabastro Photography

where they toured the Oslo Opera House, met with leaders in green energy, toured the Nordic Fram Museum, and engaged in a floating sauna experience.

The woman who owns this floating sauna company is a former pilot for Norwegian Airlines. After visiting a floating, wood-fired, sauna to clear her mind and think about her next venture in life, she decided to create her own floating sauna company that she hopes to expand to South Lake Union in Seattle soon.

Another company the group met with was Avinor, who is a wholly-owned state limited company under the Norwegian Ministry of Transport and Communications. Avinor is responsible for 43 state-owned airports and has taken a leading role in reducing climate gas emissions from the aviation industry by developing electric aircrafts and supplying sustainable jet fuel. The company also provides safe and efficient travels for around 50 million passengers annually,

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79th anniversary of D-Day: The largest seaborne invasion in history

By MARIO LOTMORE

Codename Operation Neptune, Tuesday, June 6, 1944, commenced the largest known seaborne invasion in world history that took place at the beaches of Normandy to liberate Nazi-occupied France in World War II — D-Day. The seaborne operation followed a 1,200-plane airborne assault, codenamed Operation Overlord, that ended

on August 30, 1944, and involved the countries of the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, France, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Belgium, Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Greece, and South Africa.

“The troops who stormed the shores of Normandy 79 years ago represent the greatest generation in our history,” U.S. Presi-

dent Joe Biden wrote in a twitter statement today regarding D-Day, “They answered the free world’s call at its greatest hour of need.”

Operation Neptune involved more than 5,000 vessels and nearly 160,000 troops—132,000 men transported by sea alone—crossing the English Channel on 6 June. The decision to cross

the English Channel was taken at the Trident Conference in Washington in May 1943. General Dwight D. Eisenhower was appointed commander of Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, and General Bernard Montgomery led the 21st Army Group, which comprised all the land forces in the invasion.

An estimated 4,000 to 9,000 German men were killed, with allied casualties estimated at least 10,000, with 4,414 confirmed deaths on

D-Day alone. For the entire 2-month, 3-week and 3-day operation, American armies suffered 124,394 casualties, of whom 20,668 were killed, and 10,128 were missing. Casualties within the First Canadian and Second British Armies were estimated at 83,045: 15,995 killed, 57,996 wounded, and 9,054 missing. Between 13,632 and 19,890 French civilians were killed during the liberation of Normandy.

German forces in France reported losses

of 158,930 men and by the end of the Normandy campaign, 55 German divisions (42 infantry and 13 panzer) had been rendered combat ineffective; seven of these were disbanded.

On May 8, 1945, the European Theatre of World War II ended with the surrender of Nazi Germany to the Allies in Karlshorst, Berlin. Many consider D-Day as the beginning of the end of European Theatre of World War II. Adolf

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Lynnwood Police “Cops and Kids” brings the community together

By GERTI KATRO

LYNNWOOD—The Lynnwood Police Department organized its highly anticipated annual event, “Cops and Kids” that took place on June 3 at Alderwood Plaza. Celebrating its tenth year, this event aimed to further strengthen the connections between police officers and the local community.

lynwood cops and kids
Lynnwood Police 2023 Cops and Kids Event at Alderwood Mall Plaza. Lynnwood Times | Gerti Katro. Under the bright sunshine, numerous police equipment and vehicles were proudly displayed in front of the Alderwood Mall movie theater, attracting the attention of attendees. The event provided a fun and informative experience for everyone involved, featuring games, interactions, free prizes/giveaways, and captivating demonstrations, including the popular K9 unit and their beloved canine partners.

Kids had the opportunity to engage in various activities, such as show-and-tell sessions with different police vehicles, exploring the armory vehicle, lifting fingerprints, learning about



Lynnwood Police Department’s 2023 Cops and Kids event that took place at Alderwood Mall Plaza on June 3, 2023. Lynnwood Times | Gerti Katro.

journal systems, and participating in interactive exercises alongside the dedicated police officers.

In addition to the exciting activities, several tents were set up throughout the area, offering refreshments, candies, and a crowd-favorite—the

ice cream truck. The attendance at this year’s event reached its peak due to the sunny weather that characterized the weekend. Months of meticulous planning and preparation preceded the event, starting approximately six months ago, as revealed by Nic Zihuan Li, the main organizer and Crime Prevention Specialist at the Lynnwood Police Department.

“We have been organizing this event for a while now, and my favorite aspect is the opportunity it provides for officers, kids, and families to interact in a non-crisis situation. They can have fun, play games together, and ask questions. It’s a fantastic way to foster positive interaction,” Li shared with the Lynnwood Times. “The planning started about six months ago, right at the end of last year. It takes a lot of work and commitment from the entire department to put this together.”

Chief of Police James Nelson expressed his enthusiasm for the event and highlighted its significance for the Lynnwood Police Department.

“We always order perfect weather for this event,” Chief Nelson joked. “It’s a great time to meet with our community, and we always enjoy it. Walking around and having informal conversations is really nice. Connecting with kids is crucial for us, and we look forward to this event every year.”



This FREE event is designed for the whole family to enjoy.

Gravity car races allow kids with developmental disabilities (Co-Driver) the experience of a thrilling soap box derby-type race while riding in a car safely piloted by a typically developing peer (Driver). Two cars race down the course to the finish line. Each child has the opportunity to race multiple times during each event. Lunch is provided and an awards ceremony completes a day full of fun and memories.

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The excitement surrounding the event was palpable for both the organizers and attendees. Adam, a parent attending the event with his son, expressed his



Lynnwood pays tribute to US military personnel who gave the ultimate sacrifice

By MARIO LOTMORE

LYNNWOOD—Approximately 150 people gathered at Veterans Park in Lynnwood City Center this Memorial Day to pay tribute to the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The annual event was hosted by Lynnwood American Legion Post 37 and Lynnwood Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1040. Emcee for the ceremony was VFW Past Post Commander John Beam, U.S. Navy Veteran.

The tribute included a bugle call by VFW Post 1040 Bugler Glenn Ledbetter, U.S. Navy Veteran, and an entrance procession by the Northwest Jr. Pipe Band, Legion of Honor Nile Shrine Center, and the VFW Post 1040 Honor Guard.

Jan Beam, VFW Post 1040 Auxiliary lead the invocation followed by the National Anthem was sung by Lynnwood firefighter Keith Sessions and Lynnwood Mayor Christine Frizzell gave the welcome address.

Special guest speaker, mother of two and Gold Star wife, Michelle Black, shared a message of understanding the honor and respect every service member deserves for defending the freedoms we have today.

“Before that moment in Arlington, there were so many things I say differently than I do now,” said Gold Star wife Michelle Black. “One glaring example is how I respond to the National Anthem. I once saw it as a symbol of my patriotism; I would hear it play and I would stand proud with my hand over my heart and my head held high. For most of my life, hearing the [National] Anthem play was like hearing a call to duty, it was a chance to stand up and show I love my county, but not anymore. Now, my knees shake, and I am barely able to stand as the tears well up as the National Anthem plays.”

Black continued, “Only now do I fully understand exactly how much that flag costs. The blood and sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of men and women, like my husband, paid the price... But despite the pain that my family has endured and the sacrifices so many of our military families make on a daily basis, that this country is worth every single drop of blood shed and every tear cried, because greater than the lives lost, is the freedom that their sacrifice afforded.”

Notable attendees include Former Lynnwood Mayor Tina Roberts-



TOP: Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Park in Lynnwood on May 29, 2023. BOTTOM: Gold Star wife Michelle Black speaking at the Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Park in Lynnwood on May 29, 2023. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.



Martinez, Lynnwood City Council President Shannon Sessions, Lynnwood City Council Vice President Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Lynnwood Councilman George Hurst, and Mountlake Terrace Councilman Dr. Steve Woodard.

Memorial Day first took place on May 30, 1868, in Arlington National Cemetery to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers — both Union and Confederate — and was originally called Decoration Day. One of the earliest Memorial Day ceremonies was organized by

approximately 1,000 Black people freed from enslavement in Charleston, South Carolina a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865.

However, Waterloo was designated “The Birthplace of Memorial Day” on March 7, 1966, in Albany, New York, when Governor Nelson Rockefeller signed a proclamation of designation. It wasn’t until 1971 that the U.S. Congress established the last Monday of May to officially be a federal holiday honoring Memorial Day.

Each Memorial Day, a formal

ceremony takes place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, where the president of the United States (or designee) lays a wreath. The flag is flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon on Memorial Day and at 3 p.m. the nation pauses for one minute to remember and honor the U.S. Military personnel who died in service; some even wear a poppy to show respect, a tradition inspired by “In Flanders Fields,” a World War I poem written in 1915 by John McCrae.

President Joe Biden today, joined by Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army General Mark Milley, reminded Americans that they must ensure that democracy endures during his speech at the 155th Memorial Day commemoration at Arlington National Cemetery.

“We must be the keeper of their mission, the bearers of the flame of freedom that [has] kept burning bright for nearly 247 years,” Biden said.

Biden continued, “That’s the truest memorial to their lives: our actions every day to ensure that our democracy endures, our constitution endures and the soul of our nation, our decency endures.”

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terred wage discrimination and protected immigrant workers, and integrated comprehensive tribal history and culture education into teacher preparation programs.

After he was elected to the Washington State Senate, he led victories like the passage of the Native American Voting Rights Act to expand voting rights ac-

cess in tribal communities, and passage of a groundbreaking dental therapy bill to expand dental care on reservations. He also established Native American Heritage Day, honoring tribal history the day after Thanksgiving, and got the Kelsey Smith Act signed into law, requiring wireless-telecommunications providers to provide call-location information for cell phones in emergency situations.

In a letter to his Senate colleagues on Thursday, McCoy wrote: “It has been the greatest honor to serve the people of Washington alongside you. It has been a gift to advocate for marginalized and disenfranchised Washingtonians, to lift up the voices of our sovereign tribal communities, to expand access to — and quality of — education and health care, and to do so with a team of dedicated public servants.”

McCoy was elected by his colleagues to serve as chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus in 2016, and most recently served on the Natural Resources Committee, the Agriculture, Water, Trade and Economic Development Committee, and the Rules Committee. McCoy’s retirement will allow him to spend more time with his wife, three daughters, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Celebrating Black Excellence at annual Red and White Banquet

By KIENAN BRISCOE

MILL CREEK—The Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee celebrated Black Excellence by recognizing members of the community deemed “roses” at its Red and White Banquet Award Ceremony, on April 29, at Mill Creek Foursquare Church.

The awards were divided into a rose’s various stages - roots, stems, budding youth or “past, present, and future members” of the community.

The Red and White Banquet gets its name from a time when Mother’s Day was celebrated by wearing a red rose, if your mother was still alive, and a white if she had passed.

Prior year’s recipients of awards include Carl Gibson, Rose Andrews, Larry Frank, Lisa Labovitch, Dr. Leilani Miller, Dr. Janice Greene, Michael Adams, Ben Young, Ozzie Greene, DarNesha Weary, Theresa Quinn, Roy and Rosa Pleasant, Olivee Greene, Lucille DeBoise, Cynthia Andrews, Carl Adams, David Simpson, Dr. Betty Cobbs, Zebedee Cobbs, and Mukilteo Councilman Louis Harris.

Harris returned last month to emcee the ceremony with Dy Shauntic Monet Bletson, one-by-one they brought up recipients between musical performances, food, and impersonations of famous artists like Whitney Houston, Stevie Wonder and Beyonce.

Janice Greene, of the NAACP of Snohomish County, presented the Roots Award to Lynnwood City Councilwoman Shirley Sutton.

“Shirley has been a blessing to this community for a long time,” said Greene. “As far as I know she is the first African American woman to be elected to City Council...since she’s



TOP: Awardees table at the Red and White Banquet. BOTTOM LEFT: Marilyn Quincy, founder of the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee. BOTTOM RIGHT: DanVonique Reed, President of the SCBHC. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

been there, she’s done so much to help the community at large.”

Sutton’s words were short, limiting

her words to reminding the youth that they “are always gonna be first” and if they are going to be first, “make sure to walk in some good steps.”



TOP: Lynnwood City Councilwoman Shirley Sutton receives the Roots Award. BOTTOM: Opal Dietzel receiving the Ella Anderson Award. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

Dr. Steve Woodard, Mountlake Terrace City Councilman and President of Community Engagement at Volunteers of America, was awarded the Stems Award for his dedication to community.

Dr. Woodard, humbly, received his award by saying he should be thanking the Black Heritage Committee for their good work, instead of the organization thanking him. He then attributed all the

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SCBHC Youth Initiative students are off to DC to tour colleges

By KIENAN BRISCOE

EVERETT—This August, the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee’s Youth Initiative Program is headed to Washington D.C. to tour two historically Black colleges.

From August 2 through August 8, 16 students, ranging in age from 11 to 22, and four chaperones will arrive in our Nation’s Capital, visit its many historical sites, and hopefully tour the White House and meet with elected officials before touring Howard University and Hampton University.

Touring historically Black colleges (HBC) is just one of several activities the SCBHC offers students through its Youth Initiative Program, which also holds seminars, workshops, mentorship, and hosts guest speakers throughout the year to build its students up as future leaders. The program’s motto is “reclaiming our history and shaping our future” and its core values are esteem, education, expression, encouragement, empowerment, and engagement.

“It’s a support group,” DanVonique Reed, President of the SCBHC, told the Lynnwood Times. “Where they can come in and talk about different things

they’re going through as a student, or just in their community as a young African American youth in this county, so we help troubleshoot and provide encouragement to help them go out and be positive citizens here.”

The trip to D.C. was originally scheduled for 2020 but pushed back a few years due to the pandemic. Now some of the attendees have already been enrolled in colleges including Jemyah, DanVonique’s daughter, who will be headed out to Texas Southern University, in Houston, after she returns from the trip.

“We’re still really excited to take our young people on this trip,” said Reed. “When [students] are exposed to opportunities like that it will hopefully inspire, that purpose inside of them will be sparked and it will encourage them to pursue whatever their goals are.”

When Reed’s daughter Jemyah opened her acceptance letter from Texas Southern, she was excited, happy, and ready for change. Jemyah plans to study Finance and will enter her college’s ROTC program. After graduating, she plans to enlist in the Air Force and pursue a career in Financial Advising.

“I wanted to go to Texas Southern because I wanted to go to a historically Black college or University and we don’t have any in Washington,” Jemyah told the Lynnwood Times. “But I do have family in Texas and I did want to stay close to a home.”

Jemyah graduated from Everett High School with her Associate’s degree from Everett Community College, through her school’s Running Start program. While taking college and high school classes alike, she still managed to play softball, was a member of the debate club, the International Student Organization, the National Honor’s Society, and was a Sophomore Senator. Outside of academics, Jemyah enjoys playing the piano for church.

As a member of the SCBHC’s Youth Initiative Program, Jemyah said her favorite part of the program was building relationships. Her favorite activity was the car wash fundraiser to raise money for the trip to D.C.

“In the program we become family so it’s always fun to have events and get together and see each other again because we live in a predominately White area so getting to come together is nice,” Jemyah said. “I’ve had a

great experience and building those bonds that will hopefully last forever has been nice.”

When Jemyah visits D.C. this August, it will be her first time on the East Coast. She’s looking forward to seeing all the different museums the National Mall has to offer, touring Howard University, and seeing all of Washington, D.C.’s sites.

The Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee recently honored its “roots, stems, roses, and budding youth” at its Red and White Banquet award ceremony on April 29, at Mill Creek Foursquare Church. At that event several high school-aged students, including Jemyah, were honored.

The Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose purpose is to celebrate and educate Snohomish County residents about the cultural roots and contributions of African Americans. The organization believes that anytime people of ethnic and cultural diversity can come together in the spirit of understanding and mutual enjoyment, the community as a whole will benefit, according to its website.

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great work he does to his spouse, who was in the audience.



Dr. Steve Woodard, Mountlake Terrace City Councilman and President of Community Engagement at Volunteers of America, was awarded the Stems Award. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

Olympia Edwards, Founder and CEO of Project Girl, received the Rose Award but was not in attendance at the ceremony. Louis Harris spoke on behalf of her, mentioning that he has known Edward for many years when she first founded Project Girl. He added it has been a privilege watching the organization blossom into what it is today.

The Budding Youth awards went to four graduating students, Chaya Diego, Kalyani Blackwell, Amna Janoo, and Jemyah Reed, who were awarded a college book grant and an adornment.

“These brilliant students exhibit such qualities that will not only help them in achieving their goals but also bring glory and success to our community,”

said Harris. “Today we have gathered here not just to celebrate the achievements of these students but also to give due regard to our values and morals which these awardees exemplify like discipline, perseverance, and zeal for learning.”

Opal Dietzel was awarded the Ella Anderson award. Leilani Miller introduced the award noting it was “impossible to talk about Opal in one minute,” complimenting her good work for homeless individuals in, and around, the city of Everett giving them “physical bread every day but spiritual bread.”

“When they’re ill they ask her to pray for them. When they are well they’ll give her crumpled up dollars bills to say thank you for what you’re doing,” said Miller. “She is a woman of great compassion, a woman of great generosity, a woman that comforts everybody that comes in her path. She is an anointed prayer warrior.”

Marilyn Quincy, founder of the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee and former Commissioner and Historian, received the Legacy Award appropriately named after her. Quincy’s plaque will be displayed somewhere in the city of Everett.

“It’s an honor to get an award while you’re still alive for legacy,” said Quincy. “When my family was here before the state of Washington really was a state, they looked forward to having a better life for themselves and their offspring. I want to say that their offspring are doing well here... I am so proud to look out here and see all those people part of the legacy of Snohomish County and are carrying on.”

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Lady MaryAnn Darby (left), Exective Board member of the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee being recognized for her hard work and contributions for organizing the Red and White banquet. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

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half of which travel to and from Oslo Airport.

While here, the group discussed cleaner, greener, jet fuel sources otherwise known as SAF (or Sustainable Aviation Fuel), which the country of Norway has been producing since opening a plant in the town of Mosjøen in April of this year.

Across the pond, in March, 2023, Snohomish County established the world’s first Research and Development Center for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) at Paine Field, aligning with this shared mission.

The group also visited Mjøstårnet in the town of Brumunddal, which is the world’s tallest wooden building at 280-foot high, used for hotels, apartments,

retail and office space. Similar to the parallels found between Norway’s SAF plant and Paine Field’s SAF Research and Development Center, this mixed-use building drew comparisons to Darrington’s Wood Innovation Center in Snohomish County.

The Wood Innovation Center is a collaboration between the city of Darrington and non-profit land trust organization Forterra to create a 62-acre campus that will house high-tech wood product companies to reinvigorate the wood products industry in the area.

“I’m hoping we’re going to be able to invite the architect, the designer, the developer, and the Governor that supported this whole project in Norway to come to Snohomish County so we can share with them the Wood Innovation Center,” said Boungjaktha.

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Eventually, Boungjaktha continued, the hope is to create an all-wood hotel similar to Norway’s Mjøstårnet, using locally sourced, cross-laminated timber (CLT) somewhere in Snohomish County.

“What better way than to work with our counterparts we just met on our Norway trip, and use their equities and their guidance to help us do that in Snohomish County,” said Boungjaktha.

One of Boungjaktha’s biggest takeaways from the trip was touring this wooden structure and how it was a living example of how Snohomish County can be more “circular” with its economy, specifically as it relates to wood. An example she gave is biofuel. In the European Union only certain byproducts can be used for biofuel, one of the most popular, and viable from the union’s perspective, is wood chips.

Alaska Airlines, Boeing, and Washington State University have already created a formula using wood chips for fuel. Alaska and Boeing have even used that fuel as part of its ecoDemonstrator program.

“We know that we have forests, we know that we want to use them for CLT, but what if we could create those wood chips for a better way to create SAF?” Boungjaktha asked. “That was the biggest piece for me, something that was totally unexpected. I just went to see a wood hotel, but then all of these great ideas on how we begin to connect the dots to the existing work, or the future work, that we want to do to create those jobs, create innovation, and get us to that green transition to a climate economy.”

The Trade Development Alliance partners with the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce each year to bring Greater Seattle leaders from government, business, education, and nonprofits to a dynamic international region as part of its International Leadership Missions.

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Marysville Strawberry Festival returns this Saturday through June 18

By **MARIO LOTMORE**

MARYSVILLE—Marysville’s annual Strawberry Festival returns this Saturday, June 10 through Sunday, June 18 - a week-long, family-oriented celebration that includes a market, carnival, and parade. A Marysville tradition since 1932, the Strawberry Festival has been bringing communities from all over the county together for 91 years and counting.

The Strawberry Festival (incorporated as Maryfest, Inc.) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. The annual Strawberry Festival and Grand Parade treat the community and visitors to a memorable summer event the third week each June.

Marysville’s Strawberry Festival also travels to many other communities throughout Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. One of its goals, along with offering scholarships, is to promote the city of Marysville while encouraging tourism in the area.

Sponsored by Tulalip Resort and Casino, this year’s Strawberry Festival includes a fashion show, live music, trike races, car show, pickeball tournaments, corn hole tournaments, golf tournaments, combat pro wrestling, strawberry shortcake eating contests, and of course the annual tradition of a Grand Parade, markets, and carnival, among many

other things.

The market’s co-chair, Veronica Hamblin, says that vendors from all over the county, and even some from out of state, come to take part in the festivities every year.

“I look forward to visiting with the vendors ‘cause some of them become friends,” says Hamblin. Hamblin has been coming to the festival ever since she was a teenager and even managed to ride a float when she was young.

In addition to the festivities, the Festival provides scholarship opportunities for area students, supports other community non-profits, and serves as professional goodwill ambassadors for the greater Marysville community and Washington state.

Events are held all throughout Downtown Marysville including Asbery Field, Jennings Park, the Marysville Opera House, and on several blocks surrounding the Marysville Town Center Mall. This year’s parade route will travel long State Avenue from 4th Street to 76th Street Northeast. The parade will be held on June 17.

For a complete schedule of events visit the festival’s website at <https://www.marysvillestrawberryfest.com/>

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CLA) Club, told the Lynnwood Times.

While many of the school's clubs represented themselves, one way or another, at Saturday's event, the FCCLA and the Automotive Program did all the heavy lifting in getting things rolling. Sukraw gave a shout out to Kevin Schafer who helped with community engagement and outreach. Emie Shephard with FCCLA was the brainchild of having a vendor market but that idea took off to become one of the biggest events of the school year.

At \$15 for vehicle registration, the event also acted as a fundraiser for both the FCCLA and the school's Skills USA Automotive Program – the only program of its kind in the Edmonds School District. The events sponsors – Smart Service, DCG, Lee Johnson, and Les Schwab – also donated to the cause, as did its vendors from a percentage of their earnings. The funds will help expand the automotive program and support the FCCLA's upcoming National Competition expenses.

MHS Junior and automotive enthusiast, Aiden, got the idea for the auto show last winter as a fun way to raise money for the Automotive Program. He pitched the idea to his instructor, Bryan Robbins, who reached out to the FCCLA Club to make it happen. Five months of planning later that "small" car show, of about 30 cars, doubled to 60 cars last week, and last-minute entries capped the exhibit off at more than 80 vehicles ranging from classics, sports cars, imports, and old war relics.



Aiden (left) and Kaitlyn (right) at Meadowdale High School's Car Show. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

"This was so much beyond anything we expected at all," Bryan Robbins, Automotive teacher at Meadowdale said. "It was supposed to be just a little car show and over 100 cars showed up. It's been just a resounding success in every way."

Aiden's love for cars blossomed while attending Robbins' class, which teaches students how to do everything from basic oil changes; to working on real customer's cars; to building full on 1923 Model T Fords from the ground up. By the end of the course, students walk away with Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications. Of the roughly 50 current students in the program, ushered in from across the school district, 30 have already been ASE certified, according to Robbins.

"It's a great way to learn trades and get into the automotive field if you're at all interested," Aiden told the Lynnwood Times. "You just grow to love it, the people in the program become like family because you see them every day for two hours working on hard stuff you've never touched before, and you build a really strong connection working on vehicles and



Automotive Program instructor Bryan Robbins at the Meadowdale High School's Community Car Show. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.



Winning vehicle of Best Classic and Best Import at Meadowdale High School's Car Show. Lynnwood Times.

you just find a fascination with it."

Prizes were awarded for Best in Show, Best Sound System, Loudest Exhaust, Best Classic, Best Import, and Best Student Car.

The Batmobile from Tim Burton's Batman movie and the Dodge Challenger from the Fast and the Furious 8 were expected to make an appearance but unfortunately couldn't make it due to a family emergency.

But cars weren't the only spectacle of the day. Student garage band, Blue Rain, took the stage to bless the crowd with their alternative rock music, the school's Key Club sold lemonade in the vendor village, the Child Development class offered face painting, and performances by the Meadowdale High School dance team entertained guests.

Saturday's community car show and spring market was the fifth community event school's FCCLA Club has hosted this year and its biggest.

"I love being a part of a club that does a lot of community events," Kaitlyn, MHS Senior and FCCLA Club member told the Lynnwood Times. "This has been really wonderful. We're trying to make this an annual thing."

When the car show returns next year Kaitlyn will have to leave the planning to her fellow club members, however. She heads off to Regis University, in Denver, to study nursing this fall.



Winner of Best Classic and Best Import at Meadowdale High School's Car Show. Lynnwood Times.



Winner of Best Exhaust at Meadowdale High School's Car Show. Lynnwood Times.



Winning vehicle of Best in Show at Meadowdale High School's Car Show. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.



Meadowdale High School's Community Car Show and Vendor's Market. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.



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Winner of Best in Show at Meadowdale High School's Car Show. Lynnwood Times.

Larsen tours Pathfinder Manufacturing to speak with local high school students

By KIENAN BRISCOE

EVERETT—Representative Rick Larsen (WA-02) visited Pathfinder Manufacturing in South Everett on Monday, May 8, to meet both CEO Dave Trader and high school students who are within its apprenticeship program.

Pathfinder Manufacturing, formerly Workforce Development Center, is a certified 501(c)(3) that assembles and machine parts primarily for Boeing Commercial as well as some military airplanes — up to 1,500 part numbers. They do this all while partnering with different high schools throughout Snohomish, North King, and Island counties paying 36 students to learn manufacturing while gaining high school credits.

One Pathfinder’s graduates and now employee, Zachary, first got involved in the program to make up some high school credits in order to graduate.

“Seeing my development actually allowed me to graduate early,” Zachary told the Lynnwood Times. “I’d like to see the program expand, personally. Right now we focus on aerospace primarily, since we’re a subcontractor, but if we can expand to do automotive it can allow more training [opportunities] for students.”

He truly enjoys mentoring new students and shared that having gone through the program himself, he can relate more closely to the varying communication and learning styles of each intern.

“Knowing where I started off and needing to get there makes me feel qualified to help them do the exact same thing, to



Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) with Pathfinder Manufacturing CEO Dave Trader (center left) speaking with one of the local high school students in the Pathfinder Manufacturing apprenticeship program on May 8, 2023. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

get if not farther than I am right now,” Zachary said.

Pathfinder first launched its student program back in 1991, beginning with half a dozen students exclusively doing assembly work. At its peak, before the pandemic, Pathfinder graduated around 80 students who now build wire harnesses and do machining work. Currently, a third of Pathfinder’s staff members are prior students from this program.

“It’s kind of a fine line we walk,” Pathfinder Manufacturing CEO Dave Trader told the Lynnwood Times. “We have our customer – Boeing – who wants their parts on-time and good quality,

and then we have our students who we’re trying to teach all this stuff to, and keep them going, keep them in school, and graduate. It makes it really interesting at times, but we do a really good job.”

Adding to that fine line, as a nonprofit, Pathfinder must compete with for-profit businesses. Although they receive, albeit very little, grant funds it’s not nearly enough to support their operation, Trader added, but the company is still “self-sustaining” none-the-less.

“We have a very good training program in my eyes, we have a very good student services person and all of the employees here, including the stu-

dents, take a lot of pride in what they do,” said Trader.

Trader has been with Pathfinder since 1996, five years after it was founded, and became CEO in 2000. Before that he worked in Automotive for 16 years working in “every field except accounting.”

During last month’s meeting, Trader and Representative Larsen discussed the important work Pathfinder does for both the aerospace industry and the workforce with hopes the Congressman could bring in much-needed funding to expand its services in the near

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Hitler, the man who led the Nazi’s to the brink of a Nazi World Order, is alleged to have committed suicide on 30 April 1945.

With the defeat of Nazi Germany, the world saw the horrors of war — Nazi concentration camps, the attempted genocide of the Jewish people and others the Nazi’s considered “unworthy of life,” unprecedented unethical medical experiments, slavery, mass unmarks graves, and countless cases of rapes and torture by occupied Nazi forces.

The Nuremberg trials were held in 1945 and 1946 in the aftermath of WWII. Source: U.S. National Archives Known as the Nuremberg Trials, Allied powers—United States, Great Britain, France, and the Soviet Union—form the International Military Tribunal (IMT) where Nazi leaders stood trial for crimes against peace, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. Of the 199 defendants tried, 161 were convicted, and 37 were

sentenced to death.

Resulting from the aftermath of the Nuremberg Trials, the Nuremberg Code is essentially a code of ethics regarding medical experimentation. The first clause of the code states that “The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential” in medical experiments. The clause continues by saying that any person involved must have a legal capacity to give consent “without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion.”

The European Theater which started on September 1, 1939, with the invasion of Poland, resulted in tens of millions of civilian and military deaths, a majority of which were Russian; and the fall of the European powers with the rise of a bi-polar geopolitical world divided between the communists led by the former Soviet Union, and the democracies led by the Republic of the United States of America.

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future.

“We need you to stay in this industry,” said Larsen told Pathfinder employees and interns during last month’s event. “This industry is growing and if we are going to build safe airplanes, we need people like you.”

Larsen added, “I am very much interested and fascinated by this program here at Pathfinder, a non-profit that reaches out to school districts to find students and bring them into the aviation workforce.”

In April, Rep. Larsen participated in a bipartisan hearing, discussing many of the challenges the U.S. aerospace and aviation workforce face. During that hearing, Larsen emphasized the importance of increasing funding for aviation workforce development grants and increasing outreach to underrepresented

communities in the industry. This came just a year after he supported the Aviation WORKS Act, centered on boosting investments in aviation workforce outreach.

Senators Deb Fischer, of Nebraska, and Mark Kelly, of Arizona, introduced a companion bill in the Senate.

The bill intended to reauthorized the existing Section 625 aviation workforce development grant program, to \$20 million per year, for the aviation maintenance and pilot training programs while generating funding for new aviation manufacturing workforce development programs. However, the legislation did not advance out of committee. The Aviation WORKS Act was reintroduced last February but similar legislation, currently, has not been introduced at the House level.

As for expanding high school students’ access to in-demand jobs in growing

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields, Representative Larsen introduced legislation during the 117th Congress that would establish a six-year pathway for high school students to enter an apprentice-

ship program that would prepare them for jobs in high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industries. He expects to introduce similar legislation this Session, his office informed the Lynnwood Times in an email.

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appreciation for the interaction with police officers and the community.

“We love the whole aspect of it being about the good guys and all the fun activities. My son couldn’t sleep last night due to the excitement of attending this event,” he shared.

Halia, another attendee, expressed her enthusiasm for similar fun activities and how they keep her and her son eagerly looking forward to weekends. The positive impact of events like “Cops and Kids” resonated with many

families in the Lynnwood community. Volunteer Forney, who had contributed to the event in the past, remarked on the growth of the event and the favorable weather conditions this year. “I volunteered a couple of years ago, and this year, there are even more people attending. And the weather turned out so nice,” he said.

With this year’s “Cops and Kids” event marking its eighth successful edition, the Lynnwood Police Department is already gearing up for its next community engagement initiative—a police and kids summer camp scheduled for July.

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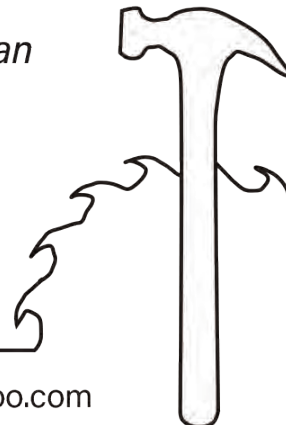
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things.

The event's keynote speaker, Edmonds College President Dr. Amit Singh, shared an inspirational story on the alignment of preparation, moment, and result.

"Dr. Singh is a true leader," Xiao said. "He sets an example of adapting to a new environment through studying hard and working hard. He understands how to be a great leader and to contribute to the betterment of the whole society."

David Chan, ASC Chair and Commissioner for South County Regional Fire Authority, shared with the Lynnwood Times that Dr. Singh was chosen as the event's keynote speaker because Edmonds College and ASC have a common value, education.

"Dr. Singh is very supportive and both of our organizations value education," Chan said.

Chan stressed to the Lynnwood Times that ASC will help expedite services for any "newcomer" settling into their new homes in the United States.

"One needs a team to navigate the system," Chan said. "If you don't know the language nor understand the system you are totally lost; ASC will expedite the process."

Advisory Board member and Edmonds City Councilwoman Jenna Nand expressed a similar message of breaking barriers when asked what attracted her to the ASC.

"We in the Asian community have so much to offer," Nand said. "We come from really strong cultural values with a strong sense of service for vulnerable and elderly people. This is something we have a passion for, not just in our community but in the community in general."

Nand's family having immigrated to the United States from Fuji in the late 1970s found themselves helping other families navigate the complexities of new societal norms, language barriers, and financial independence.

"My parents would help them [fellow Indians and/or Fijians] sign apartment leases, assist with auto loans...my mom would even go and get deodorant because in their [home] country it wasn't something people wore," Nand shared. "She made sure they got set up for success."

It was this virtue of devotion to others by her parents that taught Nand the value of building bridges.

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, Vice President of Instruction at Edmonds College Kim Chapman, Vice President of Shared Spaces Foundation Waiman Lee, nutritionist Khulan Enkhtaivan,



Asian Service Center cultural performance by Korean dance group Morning Star. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.



Asian Service Center co-founder Robert Ha (left) with Edmonds City Councilwoman Jenna Nand. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

Social Justice Activist Alison Pence, and Kung Fu master and actor David Leong.

Saturday's inaugural ceremony included a Lion Dance by Northwest Kung Fu School, Korean performances by Morning Star, and Peitong Qo, playing on the guzheng which is a Chinese plucked zither. Attendees also enjoyed traditional Asian cuisine and pastries.

Next for ASC will be upcoming nutritional and health seminars including training classes, Xiao told the Lynnwood Times.

"We will continue to reach out to other organizations to build on collaboration," said Xiao.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ASC'S INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Below is a message provided to the Lynnwood Times on behalf of the ASC Board of Directors to the almost 400 that attended the inaugural ceremony of the Asian Service Center (ASC) at Edmonds Waterfront Center on June 3, 2023:

"We express our heartfelt gratitude for your attendance and support at our inaugural ceremony. Your presence symbolized our community's unity and collective spirit, and we are truly grateful for your ongoing support.

"We sincerely appreciate our dedicated volunteers, board members, partners, and sponsors who contributed to the event's success. With your continued support, we are confident in our ability to provide vital services in healthcare access, family support, senior care, and youth development, making a significant difference in our community.

"Your involvement and commitment to our cause, whether through financial support, volunteering, contributing resources, or spreading the word, are highly valued and appreciated. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the Edmonds Waterfront Center for graciously hosting our inaugural ceremony, aligning perfectly with our mission. Once again, we thank you for being part of our inaugural ceremony and for your ongoing support!"

Sponsors and partners for the event included Styles Law, David Chan, Sunny Sun, Quail Park of Lynnwood, First Financial Northwest Bank, Fogo De Chao, Shanghai House Restaurant,

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Mary Ellen Wood was awarded the Community Award by Lisa Labovitch of the Snohomish County Public Library.



Mary Ellen Wood, recipient of the Community Award. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

Lastly, Judge Eric Lucas was awarded the, appropriately named, Judge Lucas Award. Judge Lucas, the first African American Judge in Snohomish County, unfortunately passed away in September of 2021. Superior Court Judge



Asian Service Center inaugural ceremony keynote speaker Edmonds College President Dr. Amit Singh. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.



Asian Service Center cultural performance by Korean dance group Morning Star. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

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As a new nonprofit that just opened in January of 2023, without a longstanding history, federal and state funding isn't always an option. To volunteer or donate to help ASC's cause, visit <https://www.asianservicecenterwa.org/>.

Richard Okrent was in attendance to speak on behalf of Judge Lucas.

"Eric Lucas was always on the side of those who needed help, whoever they were" said Judge Okrent. "Before he would sentence a man or woman to jail, he would pray in his office. I knew that because I saw him do it. That's how committed he was to doing the right thing."

Judge Lucas was a graduate of Harvard University and the first Black Superior Court Judge in Snohomish County. He wrote, taught, and otherwise gave of himself to help the next generation. Judge Lucas was an active and engaged member of the Snohomish County NAACP and spent much of his time outside the halls of justice working with youth. He led the NAACP's Annual Prodigies of Peace Essay Contest, helping the next generation understand their role in leading community change. Recently, Judge Lucas had been instrumental in engaging with the Marysville School District, when Black students' lives were threatened.