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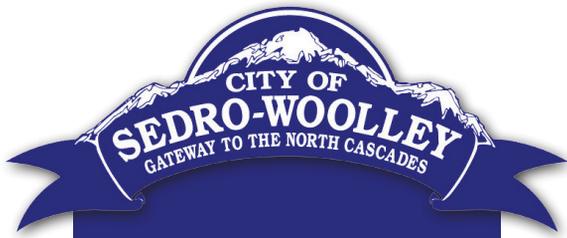


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In the 2019 spring issue, Chamber of Commerce article, *Sedro-Woolley Businesses Stand the Test of Time* (pg. 7), the story should have noted that it was Pinky Robinson and David Drummond's father, Greer Drummond, who learned a lot about merchandising from J.C. Penney's.

Also, Cascade Fabrics celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2018.

With Change and Growth Comes Progress



BY MAYOR
JULIA JOHNSON

“Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes time. Vision with action can change a community.” —Joel A. Baker

I LOVE OUR TOWN.
Despite decades of change we have maintained a strong sense of community

and home-town feel; a true Americana. We value family, friends and our own unique sense of self-expression. Like some of you, I've had the opportunity to live in a variety of communities, and I can tell you, what we have here is special. We embrace those events that are clear statements of who we are, like Loggerodeo, Woodfest, Blast from the Past, and the Christmas parade and tree lighting. It's through these annual celebrations that we honor our history, and identity. They also mark changes and growth.

As mayor, I hear from citizens who would rather not see change for fear of losing our identity, which sets us apart. I also hear from others who express an opposite view; believing change and growth are just what our city needs.

Whatever your thoughts may be regarding change and growth within our community, it is my belief that we have always worked towards those ideals. To refrain from acting upon those opportunities would be resigning ourselves without knowing the possibilities of what could be.

We have a history rooted deep in vision and innovation that has resulted in change and growth. From companies such as Skagit Steel and Rothenbuhler Engineering, established in the last century, to Janicki Industries and Sedron Technologies, founded within the last thirty years, all have conducted business on a global scale, making technological differences with lasting impacts. On a smaller scale, yet still measured as significant to the essence of who we are, the realization of ideas such as Hammer Heritage Square and the beautiful clock tower, the unique street lights that add to the character of our historic downtown core, and the colorful flower baskets and banners that adorn those lights from

early spring to late fall, continue to tell our story. In addition, we have restored Metcalf Field into a superior ball field; even attracting the State Little League Tournament last summer! We have a skate park, basketball and volleyball courts and a plethora of parks and trails.

Since its formation in 1921, the Sedro-Woolley Fire Department's backbone has been its volunteers. Over the generations, the department added residents, part time staff and full time career positions. In 2019, the department added eight new career firefighter/paramedics. This comes at a time of significant growth in new housing and commercial development. The once empty buildings in downtown are being refurbished by owners who are investing in Sedro-Woolley, encouraging opportunities for established businesses to grow and new business to locate.

We have a wonderful town; from the businesses who contribute to the success of our time-honored annual celebrations, to the service clubs who volunteer their time to restore and create public spaces for all to enjoy. Each of us, just by working and living in Sedro-Woolley, help generate change, and in doing so, realize our vision through our actions; changing our community in a positive way.

Sedro-Woolley is a city where people of all ages, lifestyles, and socio-economic positions chose to live, work, raise families and retire. We will retain that unique small-town Americana feel because it is woven into the fabric of who we are. What we have is real and rare.

I love our town; from our history to present day. Sedro-Woolley continues to grow and with it comes innovation and change, but the essence of who we are remains with us.

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BY GERMAINE
KORNEGAY
Ward Two
Councilwoman

THE NORTHERN STATE REGIONAL TRAILS

PROJECT IS EXPANDING OUR BACKYARD! It's been a wonderful project to be involved with and to share with kids who are learning how to care for natural areas and create something special. The team is well organized, knowledgeable and we have fun!

Over two separate six-hour sessions (come and go as you like), we learned about native plants vs invasive, damaging weeds and worked hard pulling and tugging blackberry

roots. The size of the ivy that is attached to some of the trees is sadly unbelievable. We managed to fill buckets with gravel to place over the earth, which was then compacted and shaped. Most challenging was learning how to build walls over culverts to stabilize trails; very much like putting a puzzle together. Despite the hard work, the kids never complained (ages 8 to 18). All I had to do was sign a short waiver form and they were free to participate. I brought home three very tired but satisfied kids.

Volunteers can work on trails or even help with lunches and snacks. Job Corps students, kids and other locals who care about the environment and trails are making incredible progress. The next session is in September so you have plenty

of time to think about joining us on the trail. All equipment is included. Just bring a water bottle.

Skagit Trail Builders is also looking to establish a nonprofit status, which would allow more work to be done seamlessly and continuously for all to enjoy here and around the county. If this is something you (or someone you know) are interested in and have expertise in, Skagit Trail Builders is all ears. Come see us!

For more information on this project and how to volunteer see page 15.



Councilwoman Germaine Kornegay and fellow volunteers.



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Carole Knipper EMS Billing/Medicare and Compliance Clerk



AS A RESULT OF THE REORGANIZATION of the Skagit County's EMS system, on January 1 of this year, I found myself working for the City of Sedro-Woolley as the EMS Billing/Medicare Compliance Clerk. I was fortunate to be offered employment with the city I love, and live in. You'll find me physically located in the finance department managing the ambulance billing up front, but I also spend a good portion of my time working closely with the EMT's and Paramedics, in the Fire Department.

I began working in EMS in 2003, as an employee of the Skagit County EMS Commission, which at that time had just acquired the ambulance service from local hospitals (Affiliated Health). The deployment of ambulance service has evolved over the last 16 years, bringing me here, where I hope to stay and retire.

As a nationally certified ambulance coder and compliance officer, I work to make sure appropriate ambulance transport documentation and billing is conducted in accordance with Medicare and Medicaid rules and regulations. On the less-legal, more human side of the business, I'm here to help with any ambulance billing related questions that our community, patients, friends and neighbors may have.

I have a wonderful blended family, with six adult children, their spouses, and nine (soon to be 10) grandchildren whom I adore. I attended opening day in 1976 and to this day remain an avid Seahawk 12. I'm a sun-chaser who enjoys a warm breeze, sandy beaches and beautiful sunsets. So needless to say, I love to travel and vacation in sunny tropical places when I'm not at work or spending time with family and friends.

Kevin Kesti City Parks and Facilities Lead



"Kevin is a fantastic employee who's always willing to go the extra mile to do a good job. He is the very definition of a public servant."

— NATHAN SALSEINA,
PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS DIVISION SUPERVISOR

I STARTED MY CAREER WITH THE CITY just a few days after graduating from Sedro-Woolley High School in the year 2000. My daily work includes performing maintenance on city buildings, parks and assisting with supervising other members of the crew. I've been very proud to serve the citizens of Sedro-Woolley working in the parks and facilities and most recently, with the construction of the new firefighter and paramedic addition at city hall. Working for my community is a very rewarding job.

I love taking my kids to playgrounds I helped build. When I'm not at my day job, I'm coaching basketball at the high school, working on home improvement projects, or spending time with my kids Charlize and Landon and my beautiful wife JoEllen. I love Sedro-Woolley!

What's Going On at City Hall?

Listed below are locations of posted meetings, notices of public hearings and passed ordinances.

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325 Metcalf Street
- **Central Skagit Sedro-Woolley Public Library**
802 Ball Street
- **City website:**
www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us
- All notices of public hearings and passed ordinances are posted in the *Skagit Valley Herald*.
 - City Council agendas, meeting minutes and videos of regularly-scheduled meetings are posted on the city website.
 - Planning Commission agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the city website.

If you have any questions regarding meeting times, places, agendas or ADA access, please call City Hall at (360) 855-1661 for assistance.

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City Council study sessions:

1st Wednesday of each month 7:00pm, Public Safety Training Room, 325 Metcalf Street

Planning Commission meetings:

3rd Tuesday of each month 6:30pm, City Council Chambers, 325 Metcalf Street

Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority

Board meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of even months except October at 10:45am, Hillsview 830 Township Street

Meeting times and places occasionally change, so it is advisable to contact City Hall 24 hours prior to a scheduled meeting to confirm the location, date and time.

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

BY PAUL WOODMANSEE,
PRESIDENT
BYK CONSTRUCTION

LET'S FACE IT, out of all of Skagit County's beautiful communities, Sedro-Woolley has been somewhat overlooked compared to its neighboring cities, and yet the truth is, Sedro-Woolley is the diamond in the rough. The community is warm, welcoming, and unpretentious, full of community pride and with strong ties to its rich history. This is why my brother Tim and I have chosen to bring our company, BYK Construction, to Sedro-Woolley. We believe that Sedro-Woolley has become the place where people want to be. We have been building here for two years now and we have been amazed and encouraged by the welcoming reception we've received and the genuine enthusiasm towards growth shown by the community, city leadership and staff. We're excited about the future of BYK Construction in Sedro-Woolley and the prospect of supporting future growth and improvement.

Our first project in Sedro-Woolley was the development of 2.5 acres at State and Rita Streets (Martindale Crossing), which consisted of a 7200-square-foot commercial building and a 48-unit apartment building. In 2018, Martindale Crossing won the Skagit Island Counties Builder Association (SICBA) award for Commercial Project of the Year and in 2019 The Downtown 48 won the SICBA award for Multi-Family Project of the Year. Both projects brought much-needed business and residential space to Sedro-Woolley. This property was formerly the site of a loading area for a lumber yard and had been a neglected vacant lot for many years. The Rita Street project has put a little polish on part of the diamond.

Our most high-profile construction at this time is the renovation of the grocery store at 100 State Street. This project will bring more shopping options to the community while brightening up a property that had also been vacant for many years. We should see the Pioneer Marketplace opening its doors this summer! Phase two of this project will bring 4500 square feet of new retail or restaurant space and 18 new apartment units along State Street.

Recently, we purchased two commercial buildings in the 700 block of Metcalf Street. This



Pioneer Marketplace



BYK Construction owners brothers Paul (left) and Tim Woodmansee (right)

is also, as of June 13, the new office space for BYK, right in the heart of downtown. For the past year we shared offices at Martindale Crossing with Sedron Technologies. Sedron has had the good fortune to grow to an extent that they now require more office space, so we were more than happy to let them take over our offices too.

Commercial and business growth also means a need for additional housing. BYK is currently working on a seven-lot single-family development on Sapp Road to help meet this increasing demand and we continue to look for new building opportunities.

Sedro-Woolley is a great town filled with wonderful, down-to-earth people and we feel blessed to be part of it. Our vision for Sedro-Woolley is to see it continue to emerge as a place that attracts innovation, creativity and smart growth while maintaining its charm and respect for its history. We want to help make Sedro-Woolley shine like the diamond it is.



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Opportunity in Sedro-Woolley!

BY JOHN STERNLICHT, CEO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF SKAGIT COUNTY

Sedro-Woolley has been on a roll in recent years, as industry and small business seek hospitable ground in which to grow. Particularly the downtown has seen an explosion in businesses and housing along with an influx of talented, community-minded new residents.

Now, a new tax law could provide another incentive to invest in downtown Sedro-Woolley. The downtown area is nearly in its entirety designated as one of Skagit County's four opportunity zones, further boosting the city's economic development prospects. In a nutshell, the new law provides deferral or forgiveness of capital gains tax in exchange for qualifying investments in opportunity zones. It's a win-win for investors and the communities, when done properly.



Mayor Julia Johnson, Amy Beottcher, Mike McIver, John Sternlicht and Pola Kelley pose for a photo in March during the grand opening of the Skagit Connection Hub, the county's first coworking space.

"... the downtown has seen an explosion in businesses and housing along with an influx of talented, community-minded new residents."

Opportunity zones, designed to attract and focus investment on "economically disadvantaged" census tracts, encourage growth in family-wage jobs and housing availability. Governor Inslee designated the Sedro-Woolley opportunity zone in a competitive process in 2018, but the administrative regulations have only recently been issued.

Last month, EDASC hosted an opportunity zone workshop, sponsored by Community Action Skagit. The program featured experts from the fields of accounting, tax law, community development, and most significantly, the mayors of the three cities in Skagit County with designated opportunity zones. Mayor Julia Johnson and her counterparts each presented their visions of development goals. In addition, various organizations highlighted their involvement in the topic at booths.

Note that the opportunity zone designation only provides one more possible

incentive or reason to invest, so it is not a panacea for a lucky community or a disaster for a city without one. Furthermore, the benefits accrue to investors with millions of dollars in capital gains, rather than smaller investors. A small opportunity zone project might be in the \$5 million range, and a medium-sized one closer to \$20-\$40 million. That being said, the project has to make sense on its own. Think of the benefits as the icing, rather than the cake. They won't make a deal make sense if it didn't before, but it could tip the balance on location, all other things being relatively equal.

We at EDASC, along with Sedro-Woolley officials, are well-positioned to provide information and guidance to those looking to invest or seek investment in opportunity zones. Since Governor Inslee tasked each local economic development organization to oversee its county's designation process, I have attended numerous workshops and studied the topic as it has emerged. Many of the issues are sophisticated tax law matters (indeed, I felt like I was back in law school for some of the sessions!), but the main lesson is that investors and communities need to work together to achieve all of the aims of this incentive: strengthened industrial and housing sectors, and a more vital economy.

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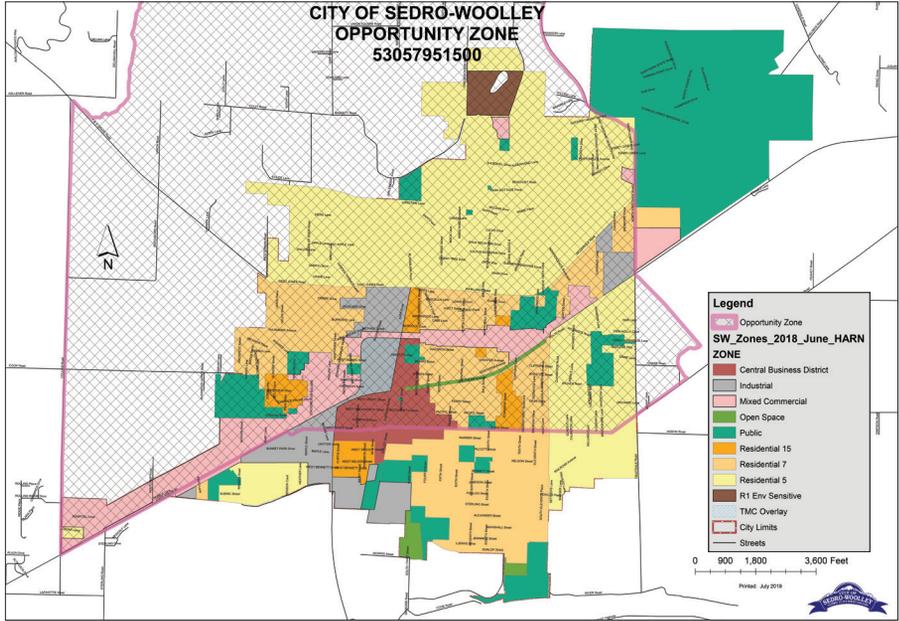


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Map of Sedro-Woolley Opportunity Zone

city, town, port, nonprofit organization, educational institution, and the companies making up our business sector. Operating under the three main pillars of business recruitment, retention and expansion, and capacity building, EDASC promotes

new locations at industrial sites in Sedro-Woolley, assists local businesses with growth and expansion, provides small business support services, and offers

programming in business and leadership development, as well as supporting Skagit STEM, Career-Connected Learning, apprenticeships, growth in housing and child care, and many other areas important to particularly the business community.

One new program unique to the city, StartUp Sedro-Woolley, arose from EDASC's Leadership Skagit program. The Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship provided five weeks of on-ramp training for about 20 aspiring entrepreneurs who signed up for the free program. Championed by Cindy Brooks, EDASC's SBDC Certified Business Advisor, and her Leadership Skagit team, the overwhelming and continuing interest in this program shows that Sedro-Woolley is a small city with big opportunities for sustainable growth. EDASC is proud to represent this city and we are continually impressed by Sedro-Woolley's can-do approach and common-sense adaptability.

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SWIFT Happenings

BY LINDA TYLER, COMMUNITY OUTREACH ADMINISTRATOR, PORT OF SKAGIT

We all heard the stories growing up. Northern State Hospital—the mystery of this forbidden fortress captivated our young minds with tales of its history. Fast forward many years later and the campus is inspiring stories once again; stories yet to be told of innovation, technology and potential of what its future may hold.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

After years of collaboration and planning with the City of Sedro-Woolley, Skagit County, and the state Department of Enterprises Services, the Port of Skagit became the new owners of the property in July 2018. The aptly named SWIFT Center, an acronym for *Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow*, is now undergoing a major revitalization effort.

The community vision is to redevelop this property into a destination mixed use campus accommodating education, research and development, manufacturing, hospitality and commercial venues, all within the historic character and great public spaces of the Center. Teamwork

makes the dream work, as they say, so partnering with the City of Sedro-Woolley and Skagit County, and collaborating with the Upper Skagit Tribe were key to this endeavor. Sedron Technologies plans to locate their global headquarters at SWIFT, and construction of their new manufacturing building is anticipated to begin in 2020. The Port is also working with the NW Innovation Resource Center (NWIRC) to locate an innovation lab on campus.

WHAT'S NEXT

The Port of Skagit is working with state and federal agencies on identifying and addressing legacy environmental contamination issues that occurred

from its century long history of being a self-contained community. A new city park is being developed to provide parking, open spaces and access to the pond which hosts the annual fishing derby. The Port is working to restore public access to the campus beginning mid-summer 2019, with new wayfinding signage that will guide visitors to public areas. The Port, County and City are partnering with Skagit Trail Builders to build, repair and/or reclaim trails to offer more access and connection to the Northern State Recreation Area and SWIFT Center.

RMC Architects, under contract with the Port, is evaluating and designing renovations to the HUB building. Renovation work may include roof replacement, insulation, seismic retrofits, new lower level windows, and possibly an interior wheelchair lift for ADA accessibility. Renovation construction will be timed based on available funding. The Department of Labor, a current tenant on campus, is planning and designing renovations to two of the Port-owned buildings that are occupied by Cascades Job Corps for improved classroom space.

A SWIFT Center Business Advisory Council is advising the Port on how to best meet the vision for the campus redevelopment. This group, formed last November, will help identify and evaluate different business opportunities to ensure SWIFT Center's full potential is realized.

At the height of its operation, Northern State Hospital was a self-sustained community with its own farm, creamery, shop, powerhouse and more—a modern marvel with more than 400 employees. One hundred years later, this captivating campus will once again serve as a catalyst for modernization, ingenuity and job creation.

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REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN WITH Coffee & Beer

BY JAKE CLARY, FOUNDER

Local 20 Taproom was born out of a love for craft beer and a passion for revitalizing old and distressed properties. For us, it was a clear decision to open Local 20 Taproom in beautiful Sedro-Woolley, even though most of the people we talked to in the beer industry thought we were a little crazy at the time. After countless hours of product market research it became apparent that people were leaving Sedro-Woolley to find a quality community minded place that served an amazing list of craft beers. With housing prices on the rise in Whatcom and King Counties, making these areas virtually untouchable, we felt that Skagit County was going to see dramatic growth over the next ten years and wanted to be the first to offer Sedro-Woolley with quality craft beer sourced from around Washington State.

We have received a lot of wonderful praise since opening in September 2017, we even received the New Business of the Year award, but the best compliment has been watching the momentum we have created around the community and seeing so many follow our lead in the effort to revitalize downtown.

We have applied our passion for revitalizing properties and our love for quality coffee in our latest business, Primal Coffee Company; a 100% organic small batch roastery and coffee shop, which is located in a historic WWII Quonset Hut. It's been amazing keeping the historical building intact while showing off our own flare for a modern design. Our focus is to support local as much as possible while ethically sourcing our green beans from regions around the world such as Brazil and Columbia.

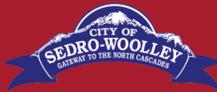
We love that Local 20 Taproom and Primal Coffee Company are connected by a beautiful patio space, giving customers the sense of being in their own backyard garden, enjoying fire pits and outdoor games.



We invite you to come grab a coffee at Primal Coffee Company and stay for a beer next door at Local 20 Taproom so you too can experience how truly special this place is.

 The top part of the block features the Sedro-Woolley Farmers Market logo, which is a circular emblem with 'FARMERS' at the top, 'MARKET' at the bottom, and 'SEDRO-WOOLLEY' in the center. The logo includes illustrations of various farm products like corn, tomatoes, and a pig. Below the logo is a photograph of a busy market stall. A woman in a yellow and pink shirt is serving customers at a table filled with fresh produce, including strawberries and other fruits. A sign for 'SCHUBERT'S Mount View Fresh Berry' is visible in the background.

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LATEST ADVANCEMENTS AT SEDRON TECHNOLOGIES

BY BRENDA THOMAS, SEDRON TECHNOLOGIES
SENIOR PROGRAM ASSISTANT & MARKETING

AT SEDRON TECHNOLOGIES, we've settled in nicely in our new downtown offices in Sedro-Woolley. Our teams are hard at work, inventing and developing the water, energy, and sanitation technologies that have propelled us into some exciting opportunities.

Our latest technological development is our Varcor system. When fully operational, the unit will process liquid waste streams while recycling the water content and extracting valuable nutrients for farming. The first of its kind is now running at a large dairy farm in Hartley, Texas. A new sister company, Sedron Agriculture, has been created for many of our ag-focused endeavors, including this project. Our engineers and technicians are currently commissioning the machine in Texas to process 90 gpm of manure there, and they will start testing the nutrient recovery of the process



over the summer. A second unit is also under construction for a dairy farm in Snohomish County.

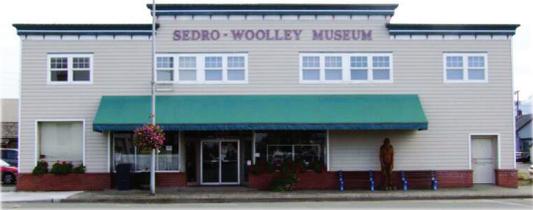
Varcor technology may eventually make its way to Sedro-Woolley as well. A proposal was submitted in Olympia this year for an upgrade project to the solids process at the Sedro-Woolley Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plan would include the Varcor system. It is still early in the process, but we are excited about the possibilities and the potential to benefit the city in a big way.

Most local folks have heard about our Janicki Omni Processor (J-OP). The latest J-OP Sedron is building is destined for Dakar, Senegal in West Africa and will be the second J-OP to be commissioned in Senegal. Delvic Sanitation Initiatives will take ownership of the machine when it arrives there. In preparation, five of their technicians came onsite for several weeks this spring to receive operations and maintenance training. For the first week of training, Delvic was joined by four Chinese engineers from CRRC, a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation commercialization partner for the J-OP in China. The training effort was very successful, and the crew enjoyed their time here. For many of the Senegalese, it was their first time in the US.

The Firelight Toilet is one of our most promising pieces of technology. Our Firelight Team has been iterating on various processes and designs for this toilet since we accepted the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Reinvent the Toilet Challenge in 2014. The current design uses a similar process technology as our Varcor system. Testing is now underway, and pilot projects will begin this fall at Larrabee State Park and in Durban, South Africa.

As the company continues to grow, we look forward to expansion. The SWIFT Center presents a long-term opportunity for us to do this locally. We are meeting with the Port of Skagit as well as the City of Sedro-Woolley on a monthly basis to plan for our future utilization of the SWIFT Center. It is a privilege to share in the advancement of our community as together we push ahead to greater things.

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NORTHERN STATE REGIONAL TRAILS PROJECT

BY JIM "JT" TAYLOR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SKAGIT TRAIL BUILDERS, ART TUFTEE, MASTER TRAIL BUILDER SKAGIT TRAIL BUILDERS AND BRIAN ADAMS, DIRECTOR SKAGIT COUNTY PARKS

Trails help build healthier communities and more attractive places to live and visit.



Trailbuilders Volunteer Tee Shirt Logo

Skagit Trail Builders has partnered with Skagit County Parks and Recreation, the Port of Skagit and the City of Sedro-Woolley to link together the County Park and SWIFT Center with trails for hikers, cyclists and trail runners.

The Northern State Regional Trails Project began with years of planning between leaders representing the City, Port, and County. Their shared vision is now becoming a reality, with help from a grant secured by the County and most importantly, work by volunteers.

In its first year of trail construction, the group plans to open both Pump House and Brick Yard trails in the fall while volunteers put in finishing touches next year. The two trails will be combined into a larger loop using Hub Drive, which passes through the historic site of Northern State Hospital. Also underway is the construction of a bridge connecting County and Port properties. Building bridges is a big deal; requiring engineered designs, multiple permits and funding. While it was questionable whether the bridge could be built this season, thanks to the amazing “can do” attitude in Sedro-Woolley, it’s getting done!

The trails plan puts an emphasis on the rich history of the hospital and farm. Some pathways that were used by patients, to travel from Northern State Hospital to the farm will be restored.

On the farm patients operated a dairy, cared for cattle, sheep and pigs, baked bread, cultivated vegetables, nurtured orchards, and canned foods. They made

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Port of Skagit

Good Jobs for Our Community



Dr. Kevin E. Ware District 1, Steven Omdal District 2, Bill Shuler District 3



Guided by the mission **Good Jobs for Our Community**, the Port of Skagit owns and operates four key facilities: **Skagit Regional Airport, Bayview Business Park, the La Conner Marina and the Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow (SWIFT) Center.** Combined, these four facilities are home to 106 businesses that employ 1,743 people.

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Bridge built by Skagit Trail Builders in another location—same design will be used to cross Hansen Creek.

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their daily pilgrimage to the farm, crossing a bridge over Hansen Creek, which bisected the hospital campus from the farmlands. The bridge, which collapsed decades ago, is being restored at this historic crossing and will be rebuilt as a footbridge on existing abutments. It

will reconnect the two properties, creating a looped access and interpretive trail – allowing visitors to see the old farm and historic buildings.

The landscape plan for the hospital campus and accompanying farmland were outlined extensively. The Olmsted Bothers, pioneers of the landscape design profession, were asked to create a design

for the layout of roads and pathways in a way that would capitalize on the beauty of the surrounding natural environment. The Olmsteds are world renowned with a strong projects resume which include Central Park in New York City and the University of Washington campus. The way in which Olmsted paths and landscapes are created has long been acclaimed, with artfully woven trails opening to selected natural features, crafted fastidiously to augment the serenity and create a restorative effect for its guests. The new trails honor the Olmsted legacy in connecting the historic pastoral and forested landscapes.

The old hospital and farm have an impressive historic water system, state of the art in its time, and water naturally flows across portions of the property. These factors led to the adoption of an interpretive theme of “Water, Natural and Engineered”.

Also history driven, are the volunteer tee shirts donated by trail partners, Skagit County Parks and Recreation, the Port of Skagit, the City of Sedro-Woolley, Cascades Job Corps College & Career Academy and the Rotary Club of Sedro-Woolley. This project is truly a team effort!

Trail building volunteer sessions are the second Saturday of most months and run from 10:00am to 4:30pm.

The next session of trail building is scheduled for September 12. Please check the Skagit Trail Builders website and session calendar (www.skagittrailbuilders.org) for details on how you, your family or your group can get involved.

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SEDRO-WOOLLEY IS Open for Business

BY SCOTT HOLLEY, PRESIDENT EDDYLINE KAYAKS

WHEN YOU BUY A COMPANY, you're not just buying machines, inventory, and a customer list. You are buying a legacy as well. Two years ago, I teamed up with my partners to purchase Eddyline Kayaks from its founders. Discovering the history of the company, the industry, and the incredible community that supports it has been a rewarding part of that journey. Sedro-Woolley has played an important if understated role in Eddyline's growth as well as the growth of the kayak industry overall.

Sedro-Woolley's history as an industrial and logging town is well known. It's connection to the development of the kayak industry – less so. In the early



1990s, Eddyline Kayaks founder Tom Derrer, struck up a friendship with Peter Janicki. Prior to this relationship, creating tooling for a new kayak design was a laborious and imprecise process. It involved “lofting” – taking a drawing and creating curves onto a mold substrate by hand. Sedro-Woolley based Janicki Industries was able to take Tom's drawings, convert them to a computer file, and cut tooling components using the company's proprietary 5-axis CNC

machine. Tom said that moving from hand lofting to CNC tooling felt like he had “died and gone to heaven”. The partnership between the two companies allowed Eddyline to drastically ramp up new product creation at a reduced cost, making Eddyline an industry leader. Soon, CNC tooling for kayaks became industry standard.

Tim Neimier is a local legend in the kayak industry. In the late 1980s he founded Ocean Kayak in Ferndale, Wash. and pioneered several innovations in kayak manufacturing, including the use of rotomolded polyethylene and sit-on-top kayaks as a product category. After selling his company to Johnson Outdoors in 1996, he began working on his next creation. In 2005, he launched Wild Design, a company that designed and manufactured kayaks out of a 33,000-square-foot building in the industrial area of downtown Sedro-Woolley. Wild Design didn't end up a big commercial success as a company, but it did launch

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a product called NuCanoe – currently a market-leading developer of fishing kayaks and accessories based in Bellingham, Wash. Tim was attracted to Sedro-Woolley because of the local engineering and manufacturing talent, and because the town was friendly to industry.

As a transplant to Skagit County going on eight years, it has been incredible to watch the growth of Sedro-Woolley. As I speak with business owners and developers, I hear a similar refrain: Sedro-Woolley is open for business. This sentiment prompted me and my partners to seek a meeting with mayor Johnson and City Supervisor Eron Berg to explore options to relocate Eddyline to Sedro-Woolley. We engaged in a feasibility study to build a new facility in town. During this process, we were amazed at how helpful and accommodating city staff were. One advisor who we had brought up from Bellevue, Wash. left a meeting with city staff and said, “I have never seen a city work so hard to be so accommodating on a project like this.” Unfortunately, the feasibility study showed that we couldn’t develop the site that we had intended, and so we will not be relocating to town in the near-term. While I’m disappointed that we couldn’t make a home for Eddyline in Sedro-Woolley right now, we are grateful for the generosity and support that we’ve received from the administration and staff. As Eddyline continues to grow in the county, we will continue to expand our footprint in the region. Will Eddyline someday have a presence in Sedro-Woolley? I wouldn’t be surprised!



Sedro-Woolley Graduates its First Class of Startup Entrepreneurs!

BY IAN LARSEN, SEDRO WOOLLEY DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION (SWDA) & CINDY BROOKS, SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC) AND LEADERSHIP SKAGIT

THE WORD “VITALITY” CONJURES UP IMAGES of energy, strength and engagement. The SWDA has been on a mission to enhance the vitality of Sedro-Woolley. Growth in this rural community is inevitable, but the SWDA asks, “What kind of growth, who defines it and who will it ultimately serve?”

With images of vitality and these questions in mind, the SWDA and Leadership Skagit teamed up to provide small, affordable startup spaces for new local businesses, combined with a low barrier training program for startups so local people can vet their business idea, test its feasibility, and connect with support services going forward. Seeking affordable space and offering startup business training in an inclusive, fun environment has been like chocolate and peanut butter.

On Saturday June 8 the first class of entrepreneurs graduated from the Startup

Sedro-Woolley Program, offered through partnership with Mike Skinner and the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship (CIE).

The result of this program is a cohort of new business owners, mentors and support organizations, working together to design business models and test business concepts. This cooperative community is imagining their role in an evolving local economy.

Twenty-four people applied to the program and 15 completed the 16-hour training over four weeks. Local volunteers from the Port of Skagit, Northwest Agriculture Business Center, EDASC, SBDC, Leadership Skagit, Skagit County, and local businesses, and organizations participated as mentors and judges.

The project was funded by The Washington State Department of Commerce through the Washington State Microenterprise Association. The USDA Rural Development Grant has provided funding for two more cohorts to be offered in the fall of 2019 and spring 2020.

The top five submissions each received a \$500 seed grant, and one overall winner was announced.

Watch for new local businesses this year, including:

- **13 Acre Baker**—baked desserts including boozy cupcakes
- **Let Us Show You Learning**—Microsoft product training
- **Smart Fit and Clean**—personal training
- **Mosaic Gypsy**—bead store and mixed media art studio



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... and yet unnamed businesses offering handmade goods, catering, social justice facilitation, and consulting, career coaching services, solar consulting, and robotic manufacturing.

"I recommend that people starting businesses in Sedro-Woolley go through this program first because it will prepare them before taking the leap. I am better prepared because I've gotten serious and done my homework." NN

"I've always wanted to own my own business. This program with the kiosk business park is an opportunity for me to do something manageable so that my business concept will do well." SM

Look for future offerings of the Startup program on the CIE, SWDA or EDASC websites.

Follow up assistance for businesses is available through the Small Business Development Center and SCORE.

The affordable startup spaces continue to be explored through the Sedro-Woolley Downtown Association



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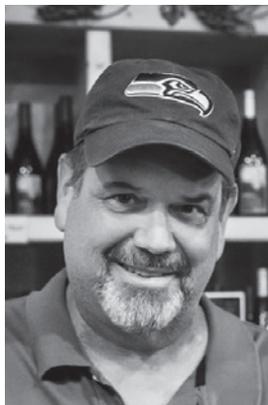
WHO WE ARE & WHERE WE'RE GOING

BY ANNA BROMBERG, BRANDING AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR

EAGLE HAVEN WINERY AND PERKINS FARM have been part of the Sedro-Woolley fabric since 2004; yet the story actually began in 1968, when Tom and Sue Perkins, along with their young sons Jim Bill and Thomas, moved from Texas to Washington State. Known as good people with big hearts (as well as a fair bit of mischief) these transplants quickly found their place within the heart of the tight-knit Sedro-Woolley community. In 1978 Perkins Farm was a 20-acre apple orchard and as the story goes, Jim Bill asked his S-W neighbors and friends “Hey, I have this crazy idea... how about a winery?” and so it began. After years of hard work Eagle Haven Winery was borne.



We've come a long way since the days of a 20-acre apple orchard and small winery.



Above left: Jim Bill Perkins
 Above right: left to right Darrell Drummond, hometown musical sensation Austin Jenckes and Jim Bill Perkins



Jim Bill continued to build his vision at the farm and winery, experimenting with different styles of wine and varieties of apples, creating a popular place for people to enjoy wine and country scenery. It was with heavy hearts that this past January the community came together to celebrate the life of Jim Bill, telling stories and sharing memories of a generous, adventurous man who loved his community and created something special in Sedro-Woolley.



Today, new owner Darrell Drummond and childhood classmate and friend of Jim Bill, works to preserve the Perkins legacy by maintaining their spirit of giving back, as well as continuing to grow and improve Eagle Haven. Wine club members are celebrated through discounts, quarterly free events and parties, and new initiatives designed to support local organizations and schools are in the works. Despite all this, if you ask Darrell what his favorite part of his job is, he will likely tell you it's planting flowers around the estate every spring and helping craftsman vintner Larry Lantis make unique and distinguished wines.

With the goal to grow and enhance the experiences in wine and entertainment, Darrell recently hired local resident Jessica Cartwright as the new Operations Manager. Jessica is excited to take part in planning and executing the popular summer concert series at one of Skagit Valley's premier seasonal music venues, as well as developing

new events to make Eagle Haven a year round destination. Creating marketing campaigns, adding new weekly events and classes to the calendar, and partnering with local organizations such as Relay for Life and Skagit Humane Society, Jessica is working hard at perfecting the customer experience and continuing the work of Eagle Haven and Perkins Farm's creative founders.

Eagle Haven has come a long way since the days of a 20-acre apple orchard. The narrative was written by the characters in this community who have added color and vibrancy to not only the wines, but also the mission to carry this piece of Skagit Valley into the future. Come on in, take a walk through the orchard and vineyard, tour the updated space, and enjoy a glass of wine!



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Expands community-based specialty care services

BY CHRIS JOHNSTON,
CAO, PEACEHEALTH UNITED
GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER



Pictured from left: Janie Reopelle, RN, and Chris Johnston, CAO review plans for the PeaceHealth Acute Rehabilitation Center.

JANIE REOPELLE, RN, stands in the entrance of the new PeaceHealth Acute Rehabilitation Center (ARC) to survey the space with fresh eyes carefully scanning the smallest details. As the clinic manager for this program, she is focused on creating a supportive, healing environment for patients, their families and the care team. Reopelle takes a pen and quickly scribbles notes on a tablet adding more items to a growing post-construction “to-do list” – patient closet labels; distance markers on the walls; wayfinding signage – all to benefit patient success. “The therapy laundry room is through those doors there,” Reopelle explains as she walks down the hallway, gesturing toward the back of the activity room, “It’s a space that offers patients the opportunity to work with therapists to regain function lost to an injury or illness like a serious fracture or a stroke.”

Construction in the 10-bed, private room center was recently completed, and the ARC opened July 1. The center features physical and occupational therapy, speech and language pathology, as well as nursing and social work to accommodate patients recovering from surgery or those who are medically challenged by an acute injury or illness. “We are delighted to offer these services to patients in our community,” said Chris Johnston, PeaceHealth United General’s chief administrative officer. “Patients in need of physical and other therapies after a surgery or stroke will benefit from having these services locally.” The ARC serves patients from a geographic area that includes Skagit, Island and Whatcom counties. It offers patients, age 18 years or older, the opportunity to receive intensive inpatient rehabilitation therapies, up to three hours per day, close to home and the support of friends and family.

With rooms designed to support skilled therapies, and spaces that create a homelike environment, the PeaceHealth Acute Rehabilitation Center is poised to offer a different kind of care. The staffing model in the self-contained center brings together therapists, social services, nursing, medical care and ancillary staff with everyone working toward the goal of returning patients home to live independently with an improved quality of life. Reopelle shares that there’s a wealth of professional knowledge, resources and program experience that has come together to benefit patients. Nurses care for their patient’s medical needs and reinforce skills and teachings that support an individual’s therapy plan.

The introduction of this new service adds to the increasing array of specialty care now available in the community. “It’s very exciting to have the opportunity to manage this community-based service and support the care provided by PeaceHealth nurses,” Reopelle adds.

Asked what she’s most excited about Reopelle replied, “It’s the opportunity to serve patients in our community and advocate for their health. PeaceHealth is grounded to this community and we want people to feel supported and cared for – just like family.”

WORDS MATTER

BY REBECCA LARSEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“We nourish our community with respect, kindness and food without judgement.”



The mission statement we use at Helping Hands is important and dear to our hearts. I take these words very seriously when I make decisions that impact our community. Words matter and the ability to communicate through words makes us human.

I think back on my four years at Helping Hands and I see the impact our words have. When a community member uses the food bank services we respect where they are in life and what brought them here. We don't judge their choices and we treat them with compassion. One participant, a disabled vet, came in for the first time and left in tears because he felt so supported and respected in his time of need. Since then he has become one of our most dedicated volunteers.

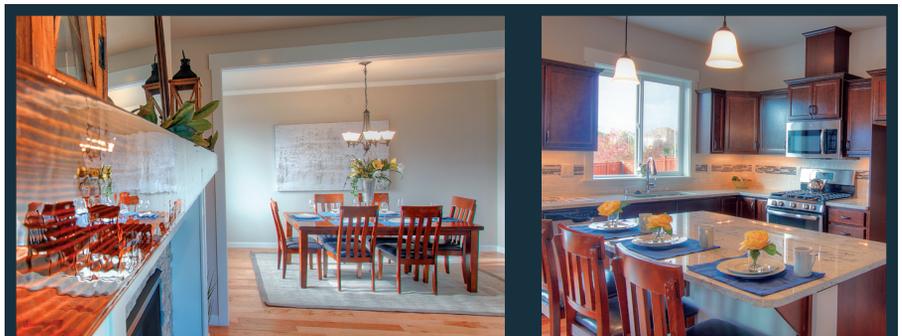
As the director at Helping Hands I am faced with the challenge of “without judgement” on a daily basis. Many people in the community have asked questions and made statements such as, “They drive a new car why do they need the services you provide?” Or, “If a parent just had a job the children wouldn't need your weekend bag program.” My response is always the same, I choose to not judge people or their reasons for using our services.

We welcome anyone who needs our help. The person driving a car might have borrowed it. The parents who are working and doing their best, may make too much money to qualify for social services but are still unable to make ends meet. If someone comes to the food bank and chooses to eat certain foods and not others, they should be given the same choices as they would at a grocery store. Their choices should be respected.

Words absolutely matter and here at Helping Hands we feel like our words not only allow participants to trust that we are working on their behalf but also the community can trust that the resources we receive matter and are used appropriately.

We have 750 businesses and community champions that invest in Helping Hands. They allow us to provide vital services and an abundance of nutritious food for over 17,000 participants. We also have 400 volunteers who give the most precious resource, their time.

We have chosen the words that form our mission statement to guide us as we serve our community, however we need your support to continue this service. Thank you for trusting us to do this great work and allowing me to lead this amazing organization. Please remember the impact you can make and that words matter.



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BY FRANK WAGNER,
ASSISTANT CHIEF-OPERATIONS & EMS

On December 31, 2018, after months of planning and collaboration, the City of Sedro-Woolley Fire Department (SWFD) started providing Advanced Life Support services. In order to increase the service level from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support the Fire Department hired eight paramedics. These newly hired paramedics have assimilated with our 36 volunteers, 12 resident firefighters and 16 part time staff to provide 24-hour coverage for 911 calls.

This new service level has been a great success to the citizens of Sedro-Woolley and our surrounding area; providing additional ambulance service to these



From left to right you have Kegan Jenkins, Cody Moore, Mike Hockett and Brad Scharnickel. (Along with an EMT student that complied for the pic)

areas and improving response times. Previously four medic units handled ambulance services from the Swinomish Channel east to the Town of Hamilton, and north from the Whatcom County Line to Snohomish County line. The primary unit for Sedro-Woolley was based out of United General Hospital, with the other three units stationed in Burlington, Mount Vernon and on McLean Road. With the countywide changes in effect, Sedro-Woolley now staffs three ambulances every day, and we have the ability and flexibility to staff two and sometimes all three of those with paramedics. This allows the SWFD to provide excellent service to our citizens and community.

With strong partnerships from the cities of Anacortes, Burlington and Mount Vernon Fire Departments, we are also assisting each other when call volumes are high. This is why you may see one of our ambulances in these other cities at times, or even on the North Cascade Pass.

While this has been an amazing venture with great dividends, it has also increased the call volume for our

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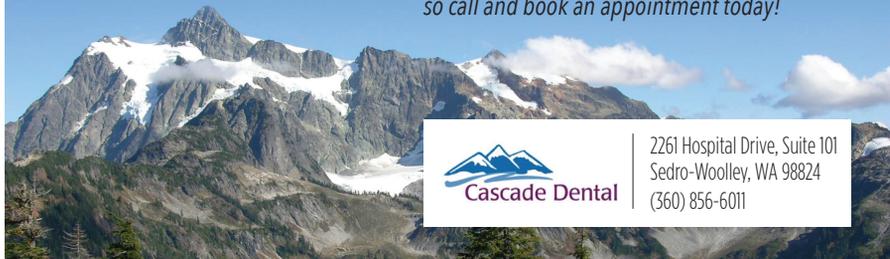
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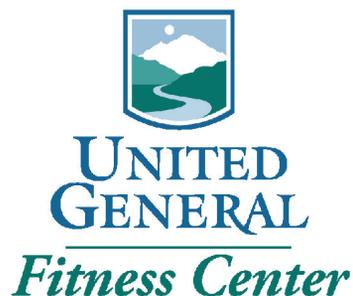
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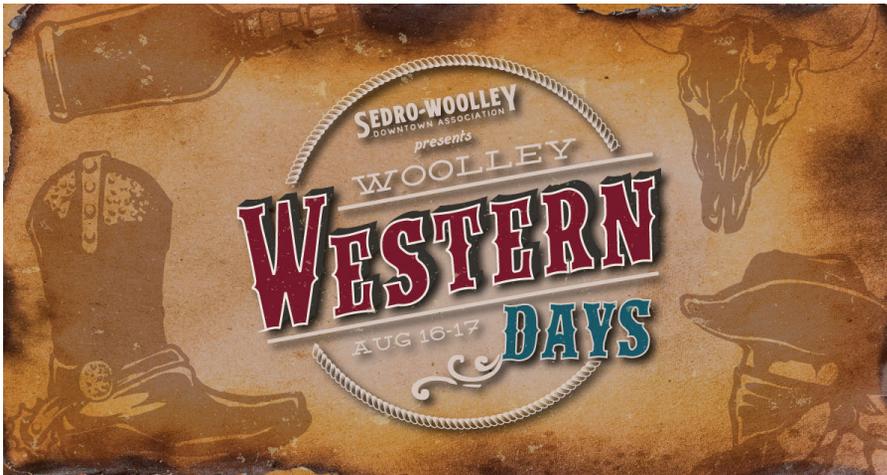
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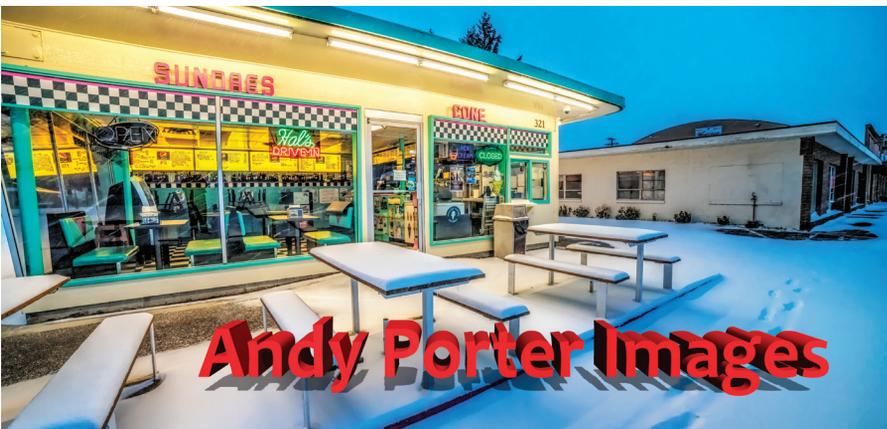
Come back in time with us as we transform Downtown Sedro-Woolley for “Woolley Western Days”. This two-day event features family-friendly activities, night life and wild life as well as historical re-enactments, community cookout, live music by Lazy Acres, line dancing and much more!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (More to be announced soon)

- Cowboy Chili Cook-off—Friday night
- SWDA Poker Tournament (18+)—Friday night
- Cowboy Breakfast at Hometown Cafe—Saturday morning
- Horseback History Tours—Saturday afternoon
- Horseshoe Pitching Tournament (Youth, Teen & Adults) located at Ronk Brothers—Saturday afternoon
- Western & Homesteading Vendors—Saturday afternoon

Get involved! Sign-up for an event like “Most Wanted” and “Best Dressed”, and vote for your favorite cowboy chili or downtown window!

www.downtownsedrowoolley.com



For high school sporting event schedules, please visit **NWCathletics.com**, the official website for Northwest Conference High School Athletic Programs. Click on the Sedro-Woolley link for all sporting event schedules.



American Legion Breakfast

American Legion Post #43
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8:00–11:00am

Open to the public 3rd Sunday
of every month

\$8 adults
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BY NATHAN SALSEINA, PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS DIVISION SUPERVISOR

THE CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY ENJOYS many partnerships with local service groups, community volunteers, and civic organizations. The citizens of Sedro-Woolley are the beneficiaries of many hours of volunteer work to build and improve parks, and plan and organize community events. The Sedro-Woolley Loggerodeo Committee is a group of volunteers who plan and organize the annual Loggerodeo event, the oldest continuously operating Independence Day event in the State of Washington. This year the Committee donated \$5,000 to the city parks fund to purchase nine new portable picnic tables for use during Loggerodeo, as well as other events throughout the year. These tables are built of iron and coated in hard plastic, which makes them durable and nearly maintenance free.

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This year Metcalf Street between Ferry and Woodworth streets, will be closed for the downtown event. There will be over 40 breweries and cideries, multiple food vendors, clean restrooms and two bands! Our goal is to raise \$50,000 for the Local Food Bank through ticket sales, big time raffles and merchandise sales... every penny you spend goes directly towards this goal!

Summer Concert Series

A-la-carte side or main course dinner options available from Liberty Bistro

- Lazy Acres • June 14 - 7pm
- Bluegrass Festival • June 22 - 2pm-9pm
- Tighty Whities • June 29 - 7pm
- Jumbled Pie • July 13 - 7pm
- Gin Gypsy • July 20 - 7pm
- Troy Fair • July 26 - 7pm
- Whiskey Fever • August 16 - 7pm
- Trish Hatley • September 1 - 2pm

General Admission \$15
Wine Club Admission \$12
Bluegrass Festival \$25/\$20

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