

News bites...

Sno-Isle Libraries board vacancy

Snohomish County residents interested in making an impact in community libraries are encouraged to apply for the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees by June 12.

A role on the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees allows individuals to help set the annual budget, library policies, and organizational direction for the library district.

To apply, go to www.sno-isle.org/board-of-trustees-vacancy/ or by mailing a printed application to: Sno-Isle Libraries, c/o Board of Trustees, 7312 35th Ave NE, Marysville WA 98271

You can ask for the printed application at any library location from a staff member.

Connector street to Terrace Avenue planned for later this decade

SNOHOMISH — The city plans to build a connector street from 22nd Street to Terrace Avenue later this decade, in part to ease congestion relating to the future Walsh Hills subdivision in the enclave of northeast Snohomish. Terrace currently is a dead-end street with just 16th Street as its route.

Design work could be done in 2023 and construction may start in 2026 in the city's plans.

Walsh Hills is a subdivision of 111 homes being built on the former site of the Snohomish Delta Rehabilitation Center (known locally as the Snohomish Chalet) run by the Walsh family. It closed when finances tightened up to be able to run the center for brain-injured adults.

The preliminary cost estimate to build the connector road is approximately \$1.9 million, the city said.

Walsh Hills' builder, D.R. Horton, should accumulate \$123,431 in traffic impact fees to the city's general road fund for the subdivision, retired city planning director Glen Pickus said in 2021.

The \$123,431 estimate is because "the current Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee is \$1,603 per P.M. Peak Hour Trip. One single-family house generates one P.M. Peak Hour Trip. However, they get credit for the number of P.M. Peak Hour Trips that the previous development generated, which was 34. Therefore, they must pay 77 multiplied by \$1,603," Pickus wrote..

Local cidery wins recognition

SNOHOMISH — In its first year of distribution, Empyrical Orchard in Snohomish was named Micro Producer of the Year of 5,000 gallons or less at The Great Lakes International Cider and Perry Competition in mid-May.

The cidery also took three top-three awards for wood-aged cider, for traditional perry and for fruit cider. The fruit cider competition had 226 competing entries.

The company was founded by husband and wife Adam Wargacki and Elizabeth Lockhart, in partnership with Elizabeth's parents Burt and Diane Lockhart.

Songwriters up for national award

EVERETT — Former Everett songwriter Steve Wallace has been nominated for a 2023 Songwriter Achievement of the Year Award in the 9th annual Josie Music Awards, which happen Oct. 21 at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville. Songs he co-wrote with Abby and Hanna Wilson are "You're Someone Special To Me," "Settin' Myself on Fire" "Anderson Speedway" and "Just Like Islands" which helped them earn the nomination.

Abby and Hanna Wilson have donated money through the streaming royalties of their poem "Little 500 Race" to charity and the poem is published in a poetry book "Bards against Hunger Indiana" available on Amazon.

You can hear their poem at www.soundclick.com/bands3/default.cfm?bandID=1387065

Monroe changes online pay provider

MONROE — The city has switched to a different online utility payment vendor. Utility customers who have automatic payments or who pay online need to re-enter their payment method information by July 28 to ensure their account continues to be auto-charged properly.

Visit www.monroewa.gov/pay for details.

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Perry has seen some changes during his tenure as athletic director. The school has added sports such as girls badminton and girls wrestling, and the school district works to find space for sports and community activities as well as tackle the challenge of finding enough officials.

Perry praised the coaches and students in Snohomish High, which recently saw the girl's track team place second at District 1 championships and the boy's track team place fifth. Snohomish's baseball team placed first in the Wesco North and the softball team won the regional championships and, as of press time, are competing in the state tournament.

"You still get kids who are

Here are some of the honors Mark Perry earned during his career in the Snohomish School District:

- 1998 - Honored by the Seattle Times as the All-Area Football Coach of the Year
- 2000 - Honored by the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Association (WSWCA) as the "William Tomaras Award" winner for exceptional leadership, development, and promotion of wrestling in Washington state
- 2000 - Selected the Washington State Football Coaches Association District 1 Football Coach of the Year
- 2001 - Selected the Seattle Seahawks Coach of the Week
- 2001 - Selected as the 4A Region 1 Wrestling Coach of the Year
- 2001 - Selected the WSWCA 4A State Wrestling Coach of the Year
- 2002 - Selected the WIAA Wrestling Sportsman of the Year
- 2006 - Named the Snohomish School District Educator of the Year
- 2007 - Selected the Seattle Seahawks Coach of the Week
- 2010 - Inducted into the WSWCA Hall of Fame
- 2013 - Snohomish High School Panther Inspiration Award winner
- 2016 - Inducted into the Washington State Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- 2022 - Honored as Wesco and District 1 Athletic Director of the Year

working hard to perfect their sport," Perry said.

After he retires, Perry will

still have a hand in high school athletics. He will help organize the state 2A Mat

Classic in 2024.

Healthcare workers picket in Monroe over insurance benefits



Photo by Rick Sinnett

Healthcare workers and their dependents demonstrated at EvergreenHealth in Monroe in hopes of preserving their healthcare plan.

By RICK SINNETT contributing writer

Monroe — Service Employees International Union 1199NW held a demonstration with a picket line and speakers at EvergreenHealth in Monroe on May 24, protesting the increased cost of downgraded health insurance.

SEIU 1199NW healthcare workers have negotiated

above the initially proposed 2% wage increase to compensate for the sharp climb in the cost of living. However, after nine months of negotiation and 15 failed meetings, they are still trying to preserve their health benefits.

The union members fear that their current benefits will be lost in the case of a merger, leaving them with a more expensive healthcare plan with less coverage. Ac-

cording to SEIU members, EvergreenHealth's management team insists on continuing with meetings rather than making progress toward a resolution.

Renee Uribe, an emergency room nurse for 12 years, told the crowd of healthcare workers, their families and supporters about her experience of having a brain tumor. Her health insurance is the only thing that saved her family from the financial ruin of an over \$200,000 hospital bill. Uribe said her healthcare and insurance are why she's alive and can walk today.

Nancy Anderson, a CRNA at EvergreenHealth and member of SEIU Healthcare 1199NW's negotiating team, said EvergreenHealth's unwillingness to negotiate over healthcare benefits had "left the workers with no choice but to protest."

Representatives from EvergreenHealth were unable to

respond by the time of publication.

SEIU is the largest healthcare worker union in the nation. Members include nurses, nursing aides, pharmacists, mental health workers and housekeeping among their numbers.

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