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Mukilteo company joins fight against COVID-19

Kaas Tailored shifts focus from furniture to producing surgical masks, face shields

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With the medical community and first responders in desperate need of personal protective equipment, Gov. Jay Inslee has issued an urgent plea for businesses to join the fight against COVID-19.

Inslee requested help from manufacturing companies to help produce surgical masks, face shields and other safety items in short supply for the state's health-care workers and public safety personnel during a news conference last week.

In part because the federal government's supply of personal protection equipment (PPE) is dwindling, Inslee said that the state has to find other ways to produce the much-needed equipment, worn to minimize exposure to hazards that cause serious injuries and illnesses.

"We rather urgently need to increase the stocks of particular personal protection equipment," Inslee said.

He added that every nurse, doctor, maintenance worker, police officer and firefighter deserves to be protected.

"So it is up to us to do everything humanly possible to get them this lifesaving equipment," Inslee said.

While the governor was issuing his call for help from the state's manufacturers, a Mukilteo company already



Beacon photo by David Pan

Tam To, an employee of Kaas Tailored, sews a surgical mask. Responding to Providence's 100 Million Mask Challenge, Kaas Tailored has produced more than 140,000 masks and 50,000 face shields.

is taking the lead in producing surgical masks and face shields.

Kaas Tailored, a manufacturer of furniture and aerospace products, was one of the first companies to shift its production to safety equipment.

Jeff Kaas, who owns the company with wife Stacey, made the decision after hearing about Providence's 100 Million Mask Challenge. Providence noted that demand

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Students not returning to classrooms

High school seniors to finish their studies via distance learning

BY DAVID PAN
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Students in the Mukilteo School District and across the state will not be heading back to their classrooms this spring.

All public and private schools will remain closed through the end of the academic year as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, Gov. Jay Inslee and Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal announced at a news conference Monday, April 6. Inslee earlier ordered all schools closed on March 13 and indicated that the closure would last through at least April 24.

"I'm pretty devastated, but at the same time I'm not surprised," said Kamiak ASB President and senior Kara Toves. "I thought it was a matter of time. ... I had a feeling, but I didn't want it to be true."

"It's still a big shock. None of us expected this for our senior year or for any year for that matter."

Fellow senior Abhishan Pandher came home Monday afternoon and heard the news from his father.

"It's crazy," said Pandher, president of the Knights in Action, a community service club. "I think it was one of those things where we knew that it was inevitable."

The extension of the closure order means that students will finish their studies through distance learning.

Last week, online instruction started for high school students in the Mukilteo School District. Teachers began reaching out to their students in a variety of ways.

"It's been a little stressful," Pandher said. "There's like no one way of communication."

The Kamiak senior noted that teachers have been emailing, using Google Classroom and the video conference program Zoom to communicate with students.

"Some of our teachers are making a really good effort to connect with us, despite us being away," Kamiak senior Lauren Bocalan said.

One English teacher checked

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On the frontline: ER doctor details challenges treating COVID-19 patients

BY DAVID PAN
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Dr. Matt Beecroft is used to dealing with life and death situations in his role as an emergency room physician at Providence.

But even Beecroft has been surprised by the enormous impact of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic on the medical community, as he and his colleagues fight to save patients' lives day after day.

The intense emotions come in waves, said Beecroft, who also works in the emergency department at Harborview in Seattle.

"There are days when you feel very anxious, especially at the beginning of the outbreak," Beecroft said.

Hearing about other health-care professionals getting sick from the coronavirus caused him concern.

"You get this feeling in the pit of your stomach," Beecroft said. "I've logged into my life insurance and made sure it's paid up. I'm making sure my kids are taken care of. I've written letters to my kids in case I get sick. Those moments are spacing out, but they still happen."

The emergency department has seen a steady stream of coronavirus patients, most very ill. The general sense is that the public is staying out of hospitals unless necessary.

"Often they are pretty sick when they show up," Beecroft said. "We're seeing people in pretty advanced stages of the disease."

Most patients are dealing with respiratory symptoms.

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Homicide victim has been identified

67-year-old Mukilteo man found dead in Skagit County

A Mukilteo man, the apparent victim of a homicide, has been identified by the Snohomish Medical Examiner's office.

Howard P. Benzel, 67, was found near State Route 9 between State Route 534 and Big Lake Boulevard in Skagit County on Monday, March 30.

In an April 1 news release, the Snohomish Medical Examiner's office wrote that the cause of death was blunt force injuries and the cause of death was homicide.

Everett Police Major Crimes detectives arrested a 40-year-old man. He remains in custody at Snohomish County Jail.

Based on information from a passerby, detectives traveled to Skagit County and recovered the victim's body.

It was on March 28 that Everett Police officers

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Dr. Matt Beecroft

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Coronavirus impacts people dealing with mental health issues

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The ongoing coronavirus pandemic seems to have taken over every aspect of daily life.

Even those dealing with such serious issues as depression, anxiety and substance abuse bring up the coronavirus during therapy sessions, said Dr. Scott Alpert, director of Basic Steps Mental Health.

"I would say that 80 percent of the people are talking about it," he said.

Even the way Alpert interacts with his patients has been affected by the coronavirus.

Alpert, a doctor of clinical psychology, conducts most of his appointments with his patients either on the phone or in virtual sessions on the computer. One or two patients a day come in for in-person sessions.

"I celebrate them," Alpert said.

Many of Alpert's patients are finding



Dr. Scott Alpert

that the coronavirus is triggering fears.

"A lot of people are cowering at home," he said. "They are very suspicious and mistrusting of people. We're having to go

back to the basics of how to deal with stress, anxiety and fear."

Some people are turning to alcohol in an attempt to take their minds off of the current situation. Alpert is convinced it won't work.

"I ask them, 'Why not go outside for a

walk? You've got to get your body moving. You can't hide from this thing. You've got to process it."

Boredom is the biggest issue for many struggling with addiction.

"If they don't have a relationship with themselves, they're sure going to have a relationship with the bottle or needle," Alpert said. "Now is the time to work at the underlying roots."

Alpert also finds that many people engage in what he describes as "future negative fantasies." They often think: What is the worst thing that can happen?

That kind of thinking isn't productive. "The most important thing to realize is that if you had a good life, a good foundation, then you'll weather this fine," he said. "You need to take the proper precautions."

Alpert added that for some clients, having to stay at home actually is turning into a positive.

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"The main problem is that they are not getting enough oxygen," Beecroft said. "We have different modes of delivering oxygen. The mode depends on the patient. The most serious cases we put on a ventilator."

Unfortunately, doctors are having to put about a person a day on ventilators.

"It's more than we would like to," Beecroft said.

For those with less severe symptoms, often the best treatment is to go home and rest.

"A fair amount do well at home," Beecroft said.

He noted that one of his jobs is to determine who needs to be admitted to the hospital and who can be sent home. The

most common symptoms of the coronavirus are shortness of breath, cough, sore throat and fever.

Beecroft said that the personal protection equipment (masks and face shields) used are effective in keeping health-care workers safe.

"We all know there are risks in what we do," he said. "We all know we may catch it. Most of us are reconciled with that reality. Providence has done a good job getting us personal protection equipment. We've been fortunate. We are well-protected. But even sometimes people with the best protection get sick. The list is relatively short. But it's not zero."

One of the biggest current concerns is with people who are not showing symptoms but who later develop the coronavirus. How soon before people

show symptoms are they infectious?

"I don't think we have good answers yet," Beecroft said.

What he does suggest is for people to follow the current guidelines of social distancing (6 feet apart), frequent hand-washing, not touching your face and the most recent recommendation of wearing face masks out in public.

Beecroft hopes the public is taking these suggestions to heart.

"We've seen the disease and the devastation it can cause. If everyone could see what we've seen, they would understand our recommendations."

Beecroft also would encourage people to support their health care workers.

"Send them your thanks," he said. "It really means a lot to hear those messages of thanks and support."

City council approves suspension of plastic bag ban

The Mukilteo City Council voted unanimously to extend the suspension of the ban on single-use plastic bags during its Monday, April 6, meeting.

The lifting of the ban will be tied to Mayor Jennifer Gregerson's emergency proclamation issued March 13. When that proclamation is lifted, the ban on single-use plastic bans also will be reinstated.

Gregerson issued a 30-day suspension of the plastic bag ban in another emergency proclamation March 25 after the city became aware that certain grocers and retailers suspended the use of customer-provided reusable bags in order to prevent contact that could spread COVID-19.

As a result, these retailers were out of compliance with a Mukilteo Municipal Code, which states that the only permitted bag types are:

- Reusable bags;
- Recyclable paper bags;
- 100% post-industrial recycled resin bags; or
- Bags made from renewable compostable materials.

Following the issuance of this proclamation, City staff contacted grocery stores to inform managers of the temporary suspension.

Gov. Jay Inslee's most recent stay-at-home order extends through May 4. Inslee also announced that all public and private schools will remain closed for the rest of the academic year.



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- May 13 & 27, 2020
- June 10 & 24, 2020
- July 8 & 22, 2020
- August 12 & 26, 2020
- September 9 & 23, 2020

COVID-19's impact on domestic violence resources

DVS organization is in need of donations

BY EMILY GILBERT

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Gov. Jay Inslee's stay-at-home order may be difficult for everyone – social plans canceled, schools and businesses closed, trips limited to the essentials – but can be even more so for those experiencing domestic violence and abuse.



Vicci Hilty

"Our biggest concern is for people who are quarantined, or are being told to stay inside – which we need to do – but for those who are with an abuser," said Vicci Hilty, executive director of Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County. "The fear factor wrapped around COVID-19 is just an additional stressor that adds to that volume of abuse, so it can be a really scary time for people."

Hilty, who has been involved with the organization for 18 years, said call volume has gone down during this time of social distancing, but that's what she expected.

"They don't have an opportunity to make a phone call. Often they're there with the abusive partner close by around them, and it just is not the safest time for them. So it's not unusual (for call volume to go down). We assumed our call load would go down, and it has."

She explained that stress caused by fear of the virus, potential job and income losses, and having the kids at home because of school closures, can exacerbate already abusive behavior.

The stay-at-home order can be especially difficult for children used to getting out of the home on a regular basis.

"Their one refuge was to go to school, to have a hot meal, get away for a little while – to have some normality in their life – and now being quarantined in a home without that is very, very hard for children," Hilty said.

Most of the work the organization does is safety planning or helping people figure out a plan for when they are able to leave, and what it will look like. It also has emergency shelter and a legal advocate to help people navigate options.

"A huge amount of work we do is safety planning with people, because often when they call they're not sure how to leave," Hilty said. The organization can connect people with resources, things they offer and people to talk to. "A call could go in many directions; it just depends on the call and what kind of situation they're in."

She stressed that if a caller is experiencing an abusive incident, the organization tells them to call 911 immediately.

"So we hope the community can be just like we are: keeping an eye on things, making yourselves available when you can, and referring (people to the organization's 24/7 call line) when they can get away and make a call."

Both women and men can be victims of abuse. Some signs of abuse include jealousy; intimidation; emotional abuse like name-calling, mind games, making someone feel guilty, minimizing, denying or blaming; and economic abuse like controlling money or not letting a partner work.

"Those would just be some of the things. And they all fall under one

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Looking back 50 years to 1970

Richard Nixon was the President of the United State, The Beatles announced they had disbanded, Apollo 13 returned to earth after abandoning its mission to the moon, the first jumbo jet 747 made its debut commercial flight from New York to London, a postage stamp cost 6 cents, a gallon of gas cost 36 cents, the first Earth Day was celebrated, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Cincinnati Reds 4 games to 1 to win the 67th World Series.

Locally, J.O. Simpson was the Mayor of Mukilteo, The Ferry Lunch was renamed Taylor's Landing, and George Losvar and David Burklund were honored as the first ever Mukilteo Citizens of the Year.

2020 marks the 50th anniversary celebrating Mukilteo's Citizen of the Year. Each year since 1970, community members have nominated friends, family and co-workers in hopes that they might be chosen for the honor.

The nomination process is easy:

- Fill out the form provided here in the Beacon and mail it along with a letter explaining why you feel this person should receive this award to the address provided at the bottom of the form.

- Or you can scan and email the information to MukCoy2020@gmail.com

- Or use the link provided to fill out the form online: <https://forms.gle/Jp4f-WvJTRFZB8Fev8>

Please note you'll still need to email or snail mail your letter supporting your nomination.

The rules are just as easy: Nominees must live in the City of Mukilteo. No one who holds a political office or who is a paid supporter of Mukilteo is eligible. And please no self-nominating.

After the nominations are received, a committee comprising previous Mukilteo Citizens of the Year will meet to review, discuss and vote.

The recipient of the 2020 Mukilteo Citizen of the Year award will be honored at a reception later this summer as well as being featured in the Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival parade.

One last note: if you nominate someone, keep it a secret. It's fun to be surprised by this community award.

Mukilteo Citizen of the Year is a community award that is sponsored by the Mukilteo Kiwanis Club.

Great Mukilteo Garage Sale postponed

The City of Mukilteo has postponed the 2020 Great Mukilteo Garage Sale and the Spring Cleanup due to the Governor's Stay-at-Home order and the Center for Disease Control's guidelines on social distancing in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The garage sale had been scheduled for April 25 with the spring cleanup the following week.

The city hopes to reschedule both events later in the year. Waste Management (WM) will continue its weekly waste and recycling collection as scheduled. Should you need to report a missed collection, call WM at 1-800-592-9995 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. Missed containers should be emptied within 24 hours after they have been reported, excluding weekends and holidays.

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Mukilteo School District update

It is hard to believe it was just a month ago when we were all still in school, going about our daily routines. Those routines have been upended with a response that changes daily and requires flexibility and lots of hard work with very limited staff. It's as if someone told us, "I know you haven't exactly trained for this, but you're going to run a marathon that starts in five minutes. I can't tell you where the finish line is, or the exact length of the course. Oh, and I am going to take your running shoes."

MUKILTEO SCHOOLS



BY ALISON BRYNELSON
SUPERINTENDENT

Since we closed school doors March 13 in response to Governor Jay Inslee's order, much has happened. Our district as well as other school districts took our direction from the state and immediately began planning to provide meals for children and childcare for families. The need for meals has grown since that first day of closure and our Food and Nutrition Department is now serving about 2,400 meals per day at several schools. They are also providing mobile meals by bus to select areas and apartment complexes. Much like our summer meal program, the cost of these meals will be reimbursed through a federal program.

I'd like to thank our childcare partners, the YMCA of Snohomish County and Boys and Girls Club of Snohomish County, for quickly stepping up and being flexible with their programs in order to serve as many families as possible while honoring social distancing orders. The demand for childcare has dwindled from the beginning of the closure, but the YMCA is still operating at two of our schools and Boys and Girls Club are serving the families that need childcare out of their new Mukilteo center.

Once we had these critical services in place, and we received further guidance from the state and federal education authorities, district leadership focused on providing distance learning. Distance learning is different than online learning because it may include other forms of instruction including paper packets, phone calls, emails as well as online learning with a computing device. We are in the process of getting laptops to students who need one to continue their learning. As you can imagine, this is no small feat. We have over 15,000 students and over 20 percent of them need a device. The laptop distribution to middle and high school students is complete and now we are focusing on elementary students. In the meantime, we have provided suggestions for learning resources to use at home and review and prac-

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GUESTVIEW

Governor needs a plan for people to return to work

What is the end state to Governor Inslee's COVID-19 lockdown, which is now extended through May 4, 2020? Is this the last extension? No one knows. The lockdown order infringes on our civil liberties guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, and it is time to have contrarian discussions on alternatives to a draconian lockdown. Contrarian discussions are not meant to minimize any precious life lost to the disease, but to recognize that loss of life comes with economic devastation as well. A balance needs to be struck to minimize risk from both.

We all wish to minimize deaths caused by COVID-19, but a complete disregard to the economic impact of this lockdown is dangerous. Our economy has historically remained open despite having to deal with deaths caused by infectious diseases and other risk factors. For example, the CDC estimates that seasonal flu deaths since 2010 averaged between 12,000 - 61,000 annually in the U.S. In 2018, 36,560 people died in car accidents. Despite these facts, we left our economy open, and we continued to drive in cars. Death is a part of life, and we are all at risk every day we engage in life.

When do the negative effects of a devastated economy caused by a government ordered lockdown become so severe that more people die from the economic downturn than the disease? Has Governor Inslee considered how "essential" businesses can magically operate without spreading the disease, but "nonessential" businesses cannot? Has Governor Inslee considered the rise in suicides and drug overdoses sure to be experienced as millions lose their jobs and thousands of entrepreneurs permanently close their businesses that they built with their life savings? Has he considered the rise of homelessness that will occur when people lose their homes and the ability to feed their families? What happens to all the welfare and social entitlement programs when tax revenues dry up? What happens to the financial health of hospitals when their patients cannot pay their bills? What happens to our schools when no one can pay their property tax? Poverty and hopelessness are killers of people too.

COVID-19 is not going to be eradicated by a state or national

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GUESTVIEW



BY LESLIE GREGG
MUKILTEO RESIDENT



TRAVELSKETCHER

'Stay At Home' style travel

Like the rest of you, the Travelsketcher is not doing any traveling, but I can revisit places to which I have traveled by sketching from photos.

TRAVEL SKETCHER



TERRY - THE TRAVELSKETCHER
MUKILTEO RESIDENT AND ARTIST

This is Moustiers-Sainte-Marie in the Southeast of France, one of my favorite places in the world. Stay safe, and keep sketching.

Terry - the Travelsketcher is a Mukilteo resident who sketches anything interesting that catches his eye. To see more of Terry's sketches, visit <http://www.peninkandpaint.com> or follow him on Instagram at "thetravelsketcher." Email him at terrylchristo@gmail.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The many Covid-19 impacts

Much has been written about the financial impacts of the Covid-19 virus on our citizens and businesses but not much about the impact it is having on revenue that cities, counties, states and other organizations depend upon to pay for the services they provide.

Mukilteo receives a large amount of revenue from property tax, sales tax, utility tax, parking fees, the hotel/motel tax, Rosehill's rental of rooms, business licenses, and other taxes and fees.

With most businesses closed, those that collect sales tax from their customers are now collecting no sales tax - restaurants, bars, retail stores. Construction of homes and business buildings also bring in a lot of sales tax revenue. Mukilteo's 2020 Budget projects sales tax of \$2.7 million, an increase of \$250,000 over 2019 actual tax.

With most downtown businesses and Light-house Park closed very little parking is needed. Significant parking revenue is being lost. The 2020 Budget projects \$719,000 parking revenue compared to \$690,000 last year.

Mukilteo hotels rent rooms primarily to visitors doing business with Boeing and other nearby businesses. Vacationers provide a small amount of hotel business. Those who would normally come here will not. The 2020 Budget projects \$245,000 hotel tax compared to \$216,000 last year.

That tax pays for tourist related expenses - \$65,500 for Chamber of Commerce salaries and costs, \$84,000 toward our annual festival and

\$49,000 toward Rosehill's operating costs.

Most of Rosehill's revenue is from room rentals - weddings, business meetings and other room uses. The 2020 Budget for room rentals is \$485,000 compared to \$381,000 last year. Rosehill is now closed.

Mukilteo's largest source of revenue is property tax of \$5.7 million. First half due April 30. Failure to pay on time results in a penalty and interest. With many employees laid off and businesses shut down, property owners' cash needs have become more difficult. Some may defer payment until a future date. Although property taxes will eventually be collected, if a few residential or business property owners chose to defer payment, it could significantly impact Mukilteo and others like the school district and library that operate using property taxes.

Space does not permit writing about other revenues and how the virus impacts them. Mukilteo's Mayor and Council "balanced" their 2020 Budget with very optimistic assumptions - that revenues would increase significantly. I wait to see when and how our Mayor and Council will address their 2020 budget issues.

Charlie Panczewski
Twice Former City Councilmember
Mukilteo

Get involved with housing issues, protect Mukilteo

I applaud Lisa McBroom and others for caring enough about Mukilteo to get involved in the

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Online Poll

Last week's question & results:

As of March 25, 11 Mukilteans have tested positive for coronavirus. Have you been able to get tested?

• 0% Said YES • 100% Said NO

This week:

Mukilteo has temporarily rescinded its plastic-bag ban due to the coronavirus.

This week's question:

Do you agree with the decision?

We want to know what you think:

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CHUCK'S WORLD

The importance of remembering the way we were

I like to imagine, 20 years from now, some curious young person, maybe a child, perhaps writing an essay for school, visiting my 81-year-old self with questions about this pandemic. "Excuse me, sir," he'll say, approaching my Purell pod carefully so as not to activate the bioalarms. It takes him a few tries before I notice, because I'm busy watching an old episode of "The Office."

CHUCK'S WORLD



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"Jim kissed Pam!" I'll tell him enthusiastically, and his dad will place a firm hand on his shoulder. This is important for the older folks, he'll tell the child. Just smile and nod.

Eventually he'll work up enough courage to ask his question. "Please, sir, I was just wondering. What was it like during the time of COVID?"

I'll take my time, stroke my chin, try to look thoughtful. I take this elder thing seriously. I want to be useful. I also really want to get back to Jim and Pam.

"We ate a lot of pasta," I finally tell him. "And for personal protective equipment, I wore my underpants on my head."

"OK," he'll say. "I think I have all I need here."

I know, I know. It's way too early to be looking ahead to looking back, if you follow. We're a ways off from feeling nostalgic about 2020, and uncertainty is about all we've got.

At the same time, I've begun to feel an urge to document for posterity. A friend of mine decided to make a few contemporaneous notes the other day, and it struck me as a good idea.

Gas cost him \$1.65 a gallon. There is tape on the floor at grocery stores, which have aisles of empty shelves. There is no school, and no work for many. Churches are closed, concerts are canceled.

I've been poring over the calendar, trying to explain to friends in other parts of the country how it was here in our region. How the freeways emptied out quickly; the first week of March, I cut one particular weekly commute of mine, sometimes as long as 90 minutes, down to an easy half-hour. And that was a month ago.

Long before official directives were issued, we were paying attention. Other than a few grocery store employees, spotted from a distance or behind a plastic shield, I haven't seen another human besides my family and an occasional neighbor in a month.

But that's just the way we are, now sitting here on one side of the peak of this pandemic, uncertain yet which side. In the years to come, we'll be able to take a breath (we hope) and evaluate what exactly happened to us.

That's what interests me now. What has happened, and what will change.

For people my age, there are some silver linings. We'll have fresh stories to tell our captive audiences. No longer will we have to rely on stories about only three television channels and rotary dial phones. We'll tell exaggerated stories of wiping down fruit and getting sandpaper skin from washing our hands so much.

What we need to remember, though, at least in my opinion, is last year. And the other years, before 2020 dawned fresh and deadly.

I have a handy test subject, as it turns out. My grandson is 6, currently furloughed from kindergarten, and at last update apparently enjoying this change from routine. "He's going to be one of these kids who remember this as the best of times," my daughter said the other day.

It's what he won't remember that's on my mind.

He went to his first baseball game last year, causing his grandpa's heart to explode into a million tiny pieces of joy. I don't know what happens to baseball, and now I wonder if he'll remember that, going to a place teeming with other people, shoulder to shoulder, bacteria the currency of crowds.

I'll wonder if he'll remember when shopping could be spontaneous, stopping in to pick up a few things or just browse. I wonder if that will be lost, social spontaneity. Brick-and-mortar retail has been crumbling for a while; malls were already on life support, and I suspect that experience will never be the same.

In the same way that I could explain to a 20-something what air travel was like in the last century, with whole families waiting at the gate, I wonder if I'll be describing crowded beaches.

Will he have some memory of going to a theater, or in the future will everything be streaming?

I'm not describing dystopia. I could do that. There are plenty of bad scenarios, and plenty of worse ones.

I'm just curious about the changes that I suspect will inevitably come, as we adjust to new challenges. And I'm curious about how a little boy will see them, and remember.

He sent me a video yesterday, obviously proud that he'd memorized a poem, Langston Hughes' "April Rain Song." He scrunched up his face to recall the lines, and grinned as he recited.

"Let the rain kiss you," he said. "Let the rain sing you a lullaby."

And then I realized that whatever changes are in store, some things remain the same. Rain on the roof. Little children, facing a world they didn't create but now can change themselves.

Understanding what will never leave, rainbows and poetry, and how your grandpa's heart can break into a million tiny pieces of joy from knowing that some things will never change.

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Affordable Housing issue. If it weren't for people like Lisa and many others working together through the years, Mukilteo would be a place you would NOT want to live in.

For years Mukilteans have worked together to fight against city government plans to over-build Old Town with massive condos and other so called "improvements" that are not wanted or needed.

It's not snobbish to want the best for your neighborhood. There are hundreds of affordable complexes surrounding us with more being planned.

Part of Mukilteo's charm is in being a small community. It is not meant to be a huge city that houses everyone. I hope others stand up to protect Mukilteo, otherwise the Mukilteo we live in and love will be gone.

Renee Ripley
Mukilteo

U.S. Census requires every person to be counted

So now we have this new plot by our state's Democrats, a census, that will increase their power over us by counting non-citizens, legal and illegal, and not just citizens? How did such an alarming development ever happen, Patricia Morrison? But wait a moment ... it's the U.S. Census, not the Washington state census, something that has happened every 10 years since the beginning of the Republic.

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lockdown order. Even if a lockdown miraculously eradicated the disease in the U.S., it is a certainty that it would be reintroduced in the U.S. the first time a single international traveler carried it in or a seasonal resurgence occurred. Microbes cannot be contained in the way that some government officials would have us believe. That is why vaccines are required for infectious diseases like polio, small pox, measles, mumps, and seasonal flu (to name a few). Until a vaccine is approved, we must function as a society the best we can, so that we have the economic means to continue to fight the virus. Every lockdown order will be followed by a resurgence of the disease when we return to a "normal life," at least until

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tice packets for students in pre-school through eighth grade.

Teachers are receiving training to use Google Classroom, though some may use other, already established platforms to engage with their students. Many have already reached out to their students and their families to review classroom material and ensure students have what they need to be ready to continue learning from home. We are also working through how to best serve students with disabilities and connect with families who speak languages other than English. There are over 100 different languages spoken in our school district, so we are innovating as quickly as we can. Equity is and will continue to be a focus in our work, even during these very challenging times.

For high school seniors, they will still graduate this year. Many of them will be able to continue and complete the needed requirements through distance learning. The state is also poised to waive some of those credits if there is a good faith effort to complete them. While many spe-

Who gets counted is a Federal decision, not state, required by the U.S. Constitution, which in Article 1, Section 2 requires every person living in the U.S. be counted. Not every citizen, every person. But I guess that's what we get along with free speech in a document written by those who themselves were in many cases immigrants.

Rob Keenan
Mukilteo

Run in Japanese Gulch is a welcome diversion

I went for a run in Japanese Gulch this past week. It's been a favorite training ground for decades. It allowed me a reprieve from "cabin fever," and provided a way to honor "social distancing" during our COVID-19 pandemic.

In the past, I remember pulling myself up ropes on slippery clay embankments, tightrope walking across skinny logs above swift-flowing streams, and tiptoeing along eroded trails.

It's been fun to follow the progress of Japanese Gulch since it became a 144-acre park in 2014. I particularly enjoyed the new bridges, directional/mileage signs, and groomed trails on my latest venture.

I even managed to stay on my feet the entire way (no falls)! Whether you are a walker, biker or runner, Japanese Gulch is a great recreational area right in our backyard.

Kudos to all those involved in preserving Japanese Gulch

as a park, trail improvements, and maintaining its natural beauty! Regardless the circumstances, communing with nature is simply good for our minds, bodies and souls.

Steve K. Bertrand
Mukilteo

Editor's note: The City of Mukilteo notes that all parks are closed except for 76th Street/Community Garden entrance to Japanese Gulch for trail access. Trails and sidewalks continue to be open for people's physical activity.

Put people to work

I am writing as a concerned citizen on the COVID-19 pandemic. My hope is to have my suggestion forwarded to our politicians.

All over the news we see how other countries are dealing with this pandemic. Teams of workers using full body protection are cleaning and sterilizing malls, streets, public transportation and anyplace where the public is.

My question is why are we not seeing the same efforts here?

We have no shortage of unemployed workers, students and volunteers that would be more than capable after minimal training to clean and sterilize our public places. Politicians need to show the citizens that our government is doing more than just telling people to stay in their home.

We all need to work together as a society to stop the spread of the terrible virus.

Ira Kaplan
Mukilteo

medicinal or antibody treatment protocols and/or a vaccine are released, or the majority of citizens are protected by their own antibodies.

Governor Inslee owes us an immediate plan with a date certain to return to work. This plan should include: 1) termination of the lockdown; 2) immediate access to experimental treatment protocols (hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin, antibody treatments, and any other experimental medicinal therapies), which promise to reduce the number of people requiring hospitalization and deaths; 3) indemnification from coronavirus related lawsuits for doctors, medical staff, hospitals, and pharmaceutical manufacturers who provide/prescribe the experimental or not fully tested treatment protocols; 4) indemnification from employee, supplier, and clientele

coronavirus lawsuits for businesses who reopen their doors; 5) mass testing to determine who has antibodies to coronavirus to identify the lowest and highest risk people in our community so that they may make their own educated decisions how to conduct their daily activities; 6) new safety guidelines for high risk people and people who return to work; and 7) deployment of a vaccine as soon as approval is given by the FDA. Without an immediate return to work plan, we risk triggering a depression with all its devastating effects. A one size fits all lockdown is unnecessary as many "nonessential" businesses can engage in commerce while maintaining social distancing. The time to act is now.

Leslie Gregg is a retired resident of Mukilteo, where she has lived for the last nine years.

cial events for seniors like prom and graduation ceremonies are up in the air, staff continues to explore ways to provide alternative events in light of this week's announcement that schools will be closed through June.

We have many of the above resources and past messages to our families on our website at www.mukilteoschools.org. I encourage you to take a look and please share them with your

friends and neighbors if they would be helpful. Despite what is happening around the world, I am so proud to live in this community. We have received so many offers of help and donations. Thank you for supporting our community's children and each other. As I have shared with district staff, I hope you and your loved ones are staying healthy and focusing on your well-being right now.

Sudoku solution								
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News Tips

The Beacon invites readers to share story tips and ideas. If you see or know of some news deserving of coverage, email Editor Paul Archipley at mukilteoeditor@yourbeacon.net or call the newsroom at 425-347-5634 ext. 233.

Rick Steves offers kids a virtual trip to Europe

For millions of teachers and parents suddenly homeschooling, their students are stuck in the house, wishing for something fun and enriching to watch.

Local travel writer and public television host Rick Steves has produced a free tool to, as he says, "give those kids a virtual trip to Europe while self-quarantined at home."

Steves' "Classroom Europe" website (classroom.ricksteves.com/) is designed to creatively facilitate online learning. It's a free resource that distills out of public television's most-watched travel show 400 quick and easy-to-search video clips designed for students and teachers. "For many years, I've enjoyed hearing from educators about how they use my TV shows in their classrooms," Steves said.

"While Classroom Europe was designed for normal classroom use, with the COVID-19 crisis and so many studying from home, its teaching value is suddenly even greater.

"It was teachers who first inspired me to embrace our world in all its wonder and diversity. Today, I consider teachers to be heroes in our society and this tool is my gift back to them."

Curated from the PBS series "Travel With Rick Steves," "Classroom Europe" is an online video library of three- to 10-minute ad-free video clips. The website lets teachers, students, and parents create custom playlists on European



Photo courtesy of Rick Steves

Rick Steves is offering short online educational videos.

history, art, culture, and more.

Steves' latest special, "Hunger and Hope: Lessons from Ethiopia and Guatemala," has also been added, offering viewers a wide-range of topics beyond Europe.

District distributing computers, providing online training for teachers

BY DAVID PAN
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The Mukilteo School District is continuing to distribute laptop computers to students, while teachers are receiving training on an online platform that will connect them with students.

Distribution of laptops to high school and middle school students is complete and the district is now focusing on elementary students.

About 5% of families who responded to a school district technology survey indicated they did not have internet/Wi-Fi access at home. At this time, the district is not able to provide Wi-Fi hot spots for students as providers are unable to meet the demand.

Mukilteo School District spokesperson Diane Bradford encouraged those without internet access to look into discount programs offered by Comcast and Frontier.

High school staff started receiving information on Google Classroom, the online platform the district plans to use to connect teachers and students.

"Some of our teachers, if they are already familiar with the platform, are

welcome to start connecting with their students," Bradford said. "Not all of our teachers are set up and ready to go."

Formal online instruction for students likely will be a staggered rollout, Bradford added.

"Some teachers are ready to roll," she said. "Some teachers might need more time. ... There's not a magic date that



Photo courtesy of Mukilteo School District

Families line up to pick up laptop computers at Mariner High School.

works for every single teacher. We're providing training and resources. It might take some time to get individual courses up and running."

Bradford noted that there has been some confusion about Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal's directive for all school districts to begin educational services for all students by Monday, March 30.

"He wants school districts to be able

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in and asked how students were feeling at having their senior year disrupted by the coronavirus.

"Our teachers are considerate of our feelings and not just pushing academic work on us," Bocalan said.

Online learning has drastically changed at least two of the classes Bocalan takes – choir and advanced acting.

"We're singing every day and recording ourselves and doing music theory online," Bocalan said.

For some of her other classes, Bocalan admits online learning is a challenge.

"It's hard to keep myself motivated through online classes," she said. "It's hard to focus in my home. Home is a place of relaxation. Now I have to turn it into a place of study."

Bocalan isn't alone, as Toves feels the same.

"I think the general consensus with myself and most students is that the work isn't hard," Toves said "Motivation and trying to be proactive is the most difficult part. It's not just the work itself."

Toves added that she has experienced some scheduling conflicts with classes with some teachers whose Zoom conferences have overlapped.

"There's not too much communication between teachers," she said.

The coronavirus pandemic also has resulted in the cancellation of trips that many students planned to take to check out prospective colleges. Toves was going to spend a weekend in Spokane touring Gonzaga University.

Toves eventually decided she wanted to attend the University of Washington. "All the orientations and tours are

online," she said. "I still feel pretty good about my decision. It's more difficult to have an enjoyable experience and feel more confident about where you're going if you're not able to experience it."

Pandher and some friends visited the University of Washington just before the statewide shutdown.

"Nobody was on campus," he said. "The UW was closed. It felt really empty."

Toves is enjoying the extra time at home with her family. But she and her classmates also know that a big part of their young lives has been forever changed.

"We miss school. It's super ironic," Toves said. "We took it all for granted. The biggest thing is we miss each other and we miss seeing each other every day."

Pandher was looking forward to picking up his high school diploma in front of family and friends. Whether graduation ceremonies are held remains in doubt.

"We're still going to graduate," Pandher said. "But it doesn't feel the same."

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Georgia Duke picked up a violin over 10 years ago and has continued to play! As a senior, she serves as the 2nd Violin Principal in Philharmonic Strings I. Her mother has served as Georgia's inspiration, because she "gives [her] time, the best advice, and has been my rock." Georgia is also the Head Sound Designer for the drama department and a co-manager of social media for the Orchestra Council. Her future includes pursuing a degree in biology that might lead to a career as a forensics DNA analyst, though she will continue to play her violin and perhaps help with a drama technician.

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Snohomish County extends deadline for property taxes

Homeowners must make first-half payments by June 1

Due to the financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Snohomish County Treasurer Brian Sullivan and Executive Dave Somers have extended the first-half 2020 property tax deadline to June 1.

This executive order only applies to residents who pay their individual and commercial property taxes themselves, rather than through their mortgage lender. Banks and other financial institutions that pay property taxes on behalf of their lending customers will still need to meet the original April 30 deadline.

“We know COVID-19 has hit our economy particularly hard. And we want to provide relief,” Somers said. “These are not ordinary times, and we want to help out those who are stretched financially during this pandemic.”

For those who can do so, Snohomish County is encouraging individual taxpayers to pay by the original April 30 deadline or as soon thereafter as possible. The county will not add interest charges to the tax bill for individual taxpayers who pay the first half amount of their 2020 property taxes by June 1.

“I know that the COVID-19 pandemic is causing pain and suffering for people across Snohomish County and our country,” Sullivan said. “This delay should ease some of the pressure on those individuals who pay their property taxes directly to the Treasurer’s Office.”

Payments can be made: By mail using a check or money order addressed to Snohomish County Treasurer 3000 Rockefeller Ave, MS501, Everett, WA 98201. (Cash should not be sent through the mail)

The Snohomish County Treasurer’s Customer Service Center is currently closed to the public to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The county is not accepting in-person payments at this time. People are welcome to drop their payments in the ballot box located at the corner of Wall and Rockefeller. The box is checked multiple times a day.

Pay online at <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/5214/Treasurer>.

Banks, mortgage servicers, title companies, and other financial services entities that serve as fiscal agents by collecting property taxes from individual taxpayers and making bulk payments shall adhere to the April 30 deadline. Specifically, CoreLogic and its subsidiaries — Lereta, Wells Fargo tax

service, Nationwide Compliance, and Coviis — must all adhere to the April 30 deadline to avoid interest and penalties.

Delinquent property taxes are excluded from this extension.

This move is consistent with extensions from Pierce and King County Treasurers, who are issuing similar orders in their jurisdictions. The deadline will not be extended past June 1, as many cities, counties, school districts,

fire districts, hospital districts, and other special purpose districts rely on the year’s first installment of property tax revenue to make June debt service payments.

Taxpayers with questions about their property tax bill or payment options can contact the Snohomish County Treasurer at (<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/5214/Treasurer> or phone 425-388-3366).

Work on Possession View Lane Water Main Project to start this week

The Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District’s contractor, Kar-Vel Construction, Inc. is scheduled to begin construction on the Possession View Lane Water Main Project this week.

This project will replace the 1960 6-inch cast iron water main in Possession View Place and a portion of Washington Avenue, South of 17th Place, with new 8-inch ductile iron water main. The city anticipates the construction to take three to five weeks, weather dependent.

The construction operations for this project will impact traffic in/along the streets named above and the general area surrounding them. The new pipe is to be installed in the existing pavement. Once completed, the entire surface of the impacted traffic lane will be re-paved in.

The contractor will do the best it can

to provide local access during construction. Residents will continue to have uninterrupted water service during the project with the exception of an approximate 20-minute interruption towards the end of the project to switch the services over to the new main.

Some traffic lanes will be temporarily closed during construction with flaggers helping to direct traffic around the work zones. There will be some temporary/short term loss of parking as equipment is utilized and the pipes are installed along the streets.

Contact Operations/Engineering Manager Rick Matthews at rckm@mukilteowwd.org or 425-355-3355 for any questions or concerns with the project. Updates on the project will be available periodically at www.mukilteowwd.org.

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to provide some kind of learning starting this week,” Bradford said. “Not providing anything is not an option. ... He also said he understands school districts will be providing a combination of ways to connect with students.”

Reykdal wrote to school districts that “We should avoid assuming that continuity of education outside of a typical school building can only occur through online means. Districts will provide instruction using printed learning materials, phone contact, email, tech-

nology-based virtual instruction, or a combination to meet student needs.”

The Mukilteo School District has posted learning resources on its website and is offering specific grade-level printed packets for pickup at meal distribution sites. Some of the packets for elementary and middle school students are more than 100 pages.

The packets are intended to provide students practice to maintain their skills until distance learning is operational.

“We are definitely using the combination approach,” Bradford said.

Cloth face coverings now recommended for public settings

The Washington State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommend that people wear cloth face coverings when they are in public settings where they cannot maintain 6 feet of distance from others.

This might include trips to the grocery store, pharmacy, hardware store, health clinic or similar places.

This recommendation is not a substitute for existing guidance to maintain

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Alec Maxfield
Unified Basketball

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Mukilteo FD joins forces with other county agencies

The Mukilteo Fire Department and other Snohomish County fire service agencies are working together in their response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Collaboration started more than a month ago with fire chiefs sharing information in daily video conference calls with key staff, Snohomish County 911 and Dr. Eric Cooper, Medical Program Director for Snohomish County Emergency Medical Services. Now fire service agencies have taken the next step by establishing a Fire Coordination Center to provide unified tracking, planning and response to the outbreak.

Participating agencies are the Mukilteo Fire Department, Paine Field Airport Fire Department, Arlington Fire Department, Everett Fire Department, Marysville Fire District, North County Regional Fire Authority, Snohomish County Fire District 7, South County Fire and Tulalip Bay Snohomish County Fire District 15. Together, these departments serve about 680,000 residents, nearly 83% of the county's population.

"Throughout this extraordinary response to COVID-19, the Snohomish County fire agencies have worked together to meet the evolving needs of our communities," said Mukilteo Fire Chief Chris Alexander, president of the Snohomish County Fire Chiefs Association. "From personal protective equipment to response protocols to data tracking, our departments are doing amazing work together as one. The Fire

Coordination Center is the next step in that cooperative effort to work together and prepare for any eventualities this crisis may present. The dedicated professionals from multiple departments will be evaluating all possible options to maintain the highest level of service possible throughout the county."

Other fire chiefs echoed this need for cooperation. "This historic pandemic sweeping across the world and here locally has required historic cooperation and coordination of first responders. Everett Fire has proudly joined all our neighbors to collaborate on solutions to keep our firefighters and the public safe. Answering the call, even for a pandemic is part of our mission: We're here for you," Everett Fire Chief Dave DeMarco said.

"When Snohomish County residents dial 911, they look past the color of our uniforms, the patches on our shoulders and the logos on our apparatus. They just want help and they want it quickly. Our communities depend upon our essential fire and emergency medical services. Working together when we can just makes good sense," South County Fire Interim Chief Thad Hovis said.

Marysville Fire Chief Martin McFalls said, "We know we can better serve all of our communities by working together and combining resources. We're committed to doing everything it takes to keep firefighters and the public safe."

"Given the response challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative that we come together as a team to provide the best service to our citizens. I am encouraged by all of the agencies working together," Snohomish County Fire District 7 Chief Kevin O'Brien said.

Arlington Fire Chief Dave Kraski and North County Regional Fire Authority Chief John Cermak said in a joint statement, "This disaster does not recognize governmental boundaries and we are taking the same approach. We couldn't



Photo courtesy of Snohomish County Fire Coordination Center

Snohomish County fire service agencies are working together at the Fire Coordination Center at South County Fire to provide unified tracking, planning and response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

have been as successful addressing this event as individual agencies. We have joined together to support one another,

reduce duplication and be most efficient in responding to this complex incident."

Tell us about your home-based business

Starting your own home-based business? The pandemic that has led to pay reductions, cuts in hours and layoffs, coupled with orders by state officials to shelter in place, has prompted some enterprising folks to start a business out of their home.

Are you one of them? We want to hear about it!

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arrived at the 2100 block of Madison Street when a female called 911 to report her 67-year-old husband missing. The husband left their Mukilteo home earlier in the day to check on their Madison Street rental property but did not return home.

The female drove to the Madison Street

address and found her husband's truck and cellphone, but he was not there. Additionally, she reported seeing one of the male tenants cleaning blood off the sidewalk before leaving the location.

Officers saw fresh blood outside the building and forced their way into the tenant's unit. They discovered more blood inside.

Detectives with Major Crimes arrived on scene, fearing the husband had been abducted or seriously injured. Through their investigation, detectives identified the 40-year-old tenant and found his vehicle in Marysville. Shortly thereafter, detectives located the tenant in Marysville. During the interview, the tenant gave no consistent version of what happened, police say.

Based on their investigation and physical evidence, detectives believe the husband was murdered, and the tenant took his body from the Madison Street rental property. He was booked into the Snohomish County Jail on probable cause of murder and tampering with physical evidence. The vehicle was seized pending a search warrant.

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- En ___, to be wed
- Chavez coin
- Polite response
- Hook used for big fish
- One of folk's Guthries
- Water body
- Capture
- True-to-life
- Monetary unit of Peru
- Extra-inning score, perhaps
- Magazine contents
- When a plane is due in, briefly
- Carefully consider
- ___meter (measures distance travelled)
- Indefinite degree
- Dish with seasoned rice
- Rest of the afternoon
- Sum of money owed
- ___ song (cheaply)
- Miscellaneous information
- Break down
- Actress Claire
- Police radio report
- Believer suffix
- Use of new words
- BBC rival
- Two or more periods
- 1963 Johnny Cash hit
- Unelevated, with level
- St. Pat. mo.
- Walt Whitman poem "___ Pondered in Silence"
- Matrix character
- Nabokov heroine
- ___ cup (odd sound)
- Consume
- Harry Potter's best friend
- Toronto's prov.
- Born as
- They're worth six pts.
- American lizard
- Xylophone striker
- Surrealist, Ernst
- Up and around
- Louisa May
- Scratch
- Do without
- Understand
- Family problem
- ___ a ___ (fighting hand to hand)
- Raised railroads
- Military rank, abbr.
- "Double Fantasy" Grammy winner
- Music's ___ Speedwagon

APRIL 7

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

4900 blk. 94th St. SW. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance. A man and woman were contacted and the man was arrested for domestic violence.

APRIL 6

VEHICLE RECOVERY

11800 blk. Mukilteo Speedway. Officers investigating a suspicious vehicle determined that it was stolen. The vehicle was released to the owner.

APRIL 5

PROPERTY LOST/FOUND

10500 block 47th Pl. SW. A caller found some lost property. Police returned it to the owner.

APRIL 4

DISTURBANCE

700 blk. Front St. A caller reported a disturbance. A subject was contacted. He boarded the ferry and there were no further problems.

WELFARE CHECK

900 blk. 3rd St. Police contacted a man after a welfare check request. He was taken to the hospital.

APRIL 3

STEAL AWAY

11600 blk. 49th Pl. W. Police arrested a man for theft and booked him into the Snohomish County Jail.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

7800 blk. 44th Ave. W. A domestic disturbance was reported. A man was taken into custody.

APRIL 2

MALICIOUS

9800 blk. Harbour Place. An officer responded to a report of property damage. The case is under investigation.

MOVE YOUR CAR

1400 blk. Goat Trail Loop Rd. A caller submitted a parking complaint. The owner was contacted and agreed to move the vehicle.

TURN IT DOWN

8200 blk. Mukilteo Speedway. Someone complained about loud music. The subject was contacted and agreed to turn down the music.

WRONG ADDRESS

8800 blk. 45th Pl. W. A caller reported improper mail was delivered. The main was turned over to the post office for redelivery.

SOUND OF SILENCE

12500 blk. 54th Ave. W. Officers responded to a noise complaint. No noise violations were heard.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

10500 blk. Mukilteo Speedway. A woman was arrested for domestic violence and was booked into Snohomish County Jail.

APRIL 1

TRAFFIC HAZARD

4700 blk. 116th St. St. A called reported a traffic hazard. A car was partially blocking a lane. The owner was contacted and there were no further problems.

DUI

600 blk. Front St. Officers responded to a report of a DUI subject. The individual was arrested for DUI.

MARCH 31

MISSING DOG

800 blk. Goat Trail Loop Rd. A dog was reported missing. An officer was unable to locate the pooch.

DISTURBANCE

3600 blk. 121st St. SW. An individual reported that a woman with a dog, who was not leashed, yelled at them, after they asked her to leash the dog. The officer was unable to locate the woman or the dog.

BACK HOME

1400 blk. Goat Trail Loop Rd. A woman called to report that her missing dog has returned home.

TOO LOUD

12300 blk. Harbour Pointe Blvd. A caller reported loud music from a neighbor. The offender agreed to turn down a loud television.

ASSAULT

12300 blk. Harbour Pointe Blvd. A woman reported that her boyfriend assaulted her. The suspect left the location. Charges were referred to the prosecutor's office.

MARCH 30

THEFT

11700 blk. Mukilteo Speedway. Police apprehended a shoplifting suspect, who fled from a store. The suspect was cited for theft and criminal trespass.

COLLISION

Mukilteo Speedway/Harbour Pointe Blvd. SW. A tire apparently flew off one vehicle and struck another. The involved vehicles were located and an officer helped the parties exchange information.

INJURED ANIMAL

4800 blk. Deerfield Pl. A caller reported seeing an injured

raccoon and was concerned because it might be aggressive. The caller said that a lot of children were outside playing. The raccoon reportedly limped into a wooded area. An animal control officer advised the caller to keep the children away from the area and leave the animal alone.

PEEPING TOM?

Hartford Way/Wilmington Way. A caller reported seeing a suspect looking around a house with binoculars.

MARCH 29

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

12300 blk. Harbour Pointe Blvd. Officers were dispatched to investigate two subjects playing with a water hose and possibly dealing drugs. Upon contact, officers found no evidence of drug dealing but the subjects said they had been using the school's garden hose. Police told them to leave and they did.

ROCKING OUT

700 blk. Front St. A caller reported hearing a disturbance near the train tracks. Police determined subjects were listening to loud music. They agreed to turn the volume down.

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"They're realizing, 'I'm at home. I've got to deal with things.'" They're using it as an opportunity to reconnect with themselves."

One person was so focused on being helpful to everyone else in their life that they made it their purpose in life.

"This made them stop that. They can't go out and please other people," Alpert said. "They're focused on themselves. It's brand new and intriguing."

The best way people can get through this national crisis, Alpert said, is to have a positive intention.

For example, people might say "My intention is to enjoy today. My intention is to be hopeful. Public thought can create an amazing physical experience."

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Holy Week in the shadow of COVID-19

It seems odd to be planning for Holy Week from my home and not from my church office. As the COVID-19 pandemic restricts our physical proximities to each other, it is amazing how much of these isolation and "stay at home" orders have also allowed for deeper connections with others.

It seems we have gotten used to a world where we have compartmentalized so much of our daily living to keep areas separated and organized: work is work, school is at school, and church is at the church building. But let's

face it – right now, daily living can seem a bit messy and unorganized. From trying to "home school" our children, and make sure they are still getting recess, as are we while working now from home, to spending more waking hours with each other – it can become stressful for some, but it also can allow for deeper connections to form.

All of a sudden, for many families who have been stretched thin going to dozens of different events, activities, and playdates, we are now learning how to play again ourselves, and with our children. We are cooking and eating together as families. We are going at a slower, and maybe even healthier, pace than we had before. We are going for more walks, and pausing more often to enjoy the sounds

and sights; even smiling at others as we pass by. I find this refreshing and encouraging! Our world has been changed, and in some ways, maybe we see a glimpse of what goodness could come out of this pandemic.

As we enter into Holy Week in the Christian faith, we remember the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem, and yet the path which would lead to his crucifixion on the cross. Traditionally we wave our palm branches on Palm Sunday, and this year we either stood on our doorsteps waving them to our neighbors, or driving through the church parking lot to do a "palm procession" from our vehicles – keeping a safe distance, and yet providing the ability to see friendly faces again.

Traditionally we enter into the Triduum with Maundy Thursday, a time to wash feet and remember hospitality and humble service to one another as Christ did to his disciples, and sharing a Last Supper. This year, we are washing our own hands as a sign of hospitality and care for our neighbors and loved ones, and delivering food to the quarantined.

Traditionally on Good Friday, we remember Christ humiliated and crucified because God-Incarnate loved the world so much, that he took on all our sins and forgave through the ultimate act of love. This year, we are at home, and hopefully in a place of forgiving those around us, and asking for our own forgiveness as we are far from perfect creatures.

We traditionally encounter Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) in which we wait for our Lord. We wait and we wait. We ponder the idea that our Lord rode in on a donkey, was humble in service, and died, and yet was the Son of Man and was supposed to be the anticipated Messiah and change the world. And then finally the dawn breaks on Easter morning, and the tomb is found empty, and the resurrected Christ has indeed conquered the grave

and death for us all.

I know it can be a crazy and sometimes unfathomable story to believe. But that Holy Week, that crucifixion, that first Easter morning did change the world. The anticipated Messiah to rescue the world from oppression, did show up, and did conquer everything that holds us back from living the lives we are intended to live.

Christians are "Easter people" – we celebrate the empty cross and the empty tomb every day – because we know and trust that Jesus loves us as we are an exactly where we are today. And just like the disciples didn't recognize Jesus after his resurrection on the road to Emmaus, Jesus meets us on the road of our own Emmaus, and we may not recognize him, but he is fully present with us on our journey.

"Easter people" celebrate new life – the new opportunity for a new way of living – every hour and every day. And right now during this pandemic, we have an opportunity to live a new way of life. We can be more intentional about our telephone calls and Zoom meetings. We can enjoy the slower pace and spend the quality time as families. We no longer can compartmentalize our personal lives from work life – we are becoming more transparent, and more authentic in our daily living with each other.

We can literally see into each other's lives as we do internet meetings from our bedrooms and living rooms, and know that we are indeed all the same – and all in this together. And I think this is a part of the celebration of an empty tomb. We have been called out of our tombs, which we have personally built in trying to keep our lives tidy – when in fact – sometimes they are just simply messy and we need to be okay with that. And if Jesus can

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BY PAMELA GOMPf PASTOR, POINTE OF GRACE

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6-feet of physical distance from non-household members and performing frequent hand hygiene with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Wearing cloth face coverings will not prevent spread of COVID-19 without these other protective measures.

This is not a mandate that you must wear a face covering. It is considered an additional layer of protection.

The department said that the best community and individual defense

against COVID-19 is:

- Performing frequent hand hygiene
• Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
• Avoiding being around sick people
• Practicing social distancing, especially by staying at home.

Visit the Washington State Department of Health website for the full guidance document: https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/ClothFacemasks.pdf

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thing: power and control, because that's all domestic violence is - violence and control," Hilty said.

The 24/7 support line is 425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873).

What can people not experiencing abuse do to help?

Hilty stressed referring people to the above support line. "Honestly, the best thing to do right now is to help your family and friends, to be a good ear, to offer them our 24/7 support line to call

when it's safe."

She also said Domestic Violence Services is in need of monetary support and donations.

"Financial help right now would be huge," Hilty said. "The needs change. We can use that money in the way it needs to be done - to buy products we need, keep things clean."

Hilty said the organization's thrift store, New & Again Thrift Shoppe, has had to close during the stay-at-home order, so that income has gone away for the time being. Its other event, the 28th Annual Chocolate and Wine Lovers' Gala, has also been postponed. It is now rescheduled for June 5. Hilty said about a third of the organization's operating budget comes from that event.

Donations can be sent by mail or online.

"I will tell you any amount is huge. Let me assure you a \$5 gift is important. That love and support, if people can, it would be a game-changer. It would really, really help in this time."

If you are experiencing abuse, call 911 immediately. If you are searching for help from abuse, contact Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County's 24/7 support line, 425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873), or online at https://dvs-snoc.org/, when you are able.

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handle our messiness and still say to even the criminal on the cross, "Today you will be in paradise with me" - can't we hear the same words in our own homes during this isolation?

Today God is with us. God never abandons God's children. We are all children of God. God breathed, and God created. It is my prayer that we will take this time, to be more intentional in all our love and care to our relationships. Become more transparent and authentic. Be the humble servant to our neighbors in need. Trust that God is on this journey with us! Amen.



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for PPE has created a severe shortage across the world.

“The challenge put out to the community is to produce 100 million masks,” Kaas said. “Even that probably won’t be enough.”

Kaas texted a contact at Providence, and Kaas Tailored’s design team worked closely with officials from the hospital, who provided detailed specifications for the surgical masks and face guards.

“They know what the doctors need,” Kaas said. “We know how to make stuff.”

Providence also supplied the materials – surgical wrap – used to make the face masks. Surgical wrap is normally used to protect equipment after it has been sterilized. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, most elective surgeries are being postponed.

Kaas Tailored started producing masks and face shields less than 48 hours after the 100 Million Mask Challenge was announced. The company employs about 200 people, and some volunteers also have joined the effort in the company’s 90,000-square-foot facilities housed in two buildings on Beverly Park Road.

Kaas Tailored has produced more than 140,000 surgical masks and 50,000 face shields since March 19.

“Most people are showing up. Most people are smiling even though we’re struggling,” Kaas said. “Overall, what I’ve heard from many different people is that this is the best teamwork we’ve ever had.”

Providence’s executive vice president and chief clinical officer Amy Compton-Phillips said Providence’s physicians were elated when they received face shields Kaas Tailored provided.

“We brought a stash of these over to our physicians that are actively taking care of COVID patients, and they were almost in tears as we were dropping them off because they just need them so much to take care of the people that they are trying to serve,” Compton-Phil-



Beacon photo by David Pan

Plastic is cut into strips for face shields that are being produced by Kaas Tailored, a manufacturing company located in Mukilteo.

lips said in a Providence video extolling the collaboration between Providence and Kaas Tailored. “It’s actually an unbelievable partnership.”

Kaas Tailored isn’t just focused on production. Kaas and his staff also have put detailed plans up on its website for other companies to use. Manufacturers across the state, country and the globe are accessing the information provided by Kaas Tailored. Kaas is also actively consulting with dozens of companies and health-care organizations.

“We’re sharing the data with the world as quickly as possible,” he said.

The goal is to save lives.

“It’s a love-your-neighbor deal,” Kaas said. “I don’t care what country a nurse is in. I want her face to be protected.

... If my team has a hand in protecting nurses on all continents, that’s a cool thing.”

Kaas Tailored is currently hiring workers to help produce personal protection equipment. For more information, see <https://kaastailored.com/careers/open-positions/>

Other Mukilteo companies have joined the call to provide personal protective equipment and other medical supplies. See related story on this page.



Photo courtesy of Terrene Inc.

Workers at Terrene Inc. assemble material for face masks. The company has produced 170,000 kits that can be made into masks for health care workers.

Mukilteo companies united in effort against coronavirus

One day, Danica Chadwick, a nurse manager at Providence Regional Medical Center, told her husband Colin that the hospital was running short on personal protection equipment, such as face masks.

“Somebody should call me. I can make all that,” said Colin, who owns Terrene, Inc., a metal fabricator company.

Providence officials directed Chadwick to Kaas Tailored, another Mukilteo manufacturing company that provided details and helped coordinate between Providence and Nordstrom, where Terrene’s mask kits are being sent.

As of this week, Terrene, Inc. has provided more than 170,000 kits to make masks.

Terrene Vice-President John Adair said the company’s 13 employees have been working in two shifts five days a week.

“We’re spread a little thin, and we’re wearing a lot of hats,” Adair said.

The switch to producing parts for surgical masks went smoothly.

“It was not difficult at all,” Adair said. “It just took communication and coordination. The biggest challenge is getting up to speed.”

Ram Technologies, a foam and fabric converter, also had pivoted from producing sports and outdoor equipment and is now manufacturing 10,000 face masks and face shields.

Electroimpact, an aerospace tooling and automation company, collected about 100 N95 masks from its supplies and donated them to Providence.

The company also was able to produce its first batch of face shields, which likely will be sent to Overlake Hospital. Employees kept hearing about the need for personal protection equipment from friends and company officials realized they would be able to produce the equipment.

MDI Manufacturing and Design Inc., as part of its usual business, supplies parts for ventilators for General Motors and Ventec.

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