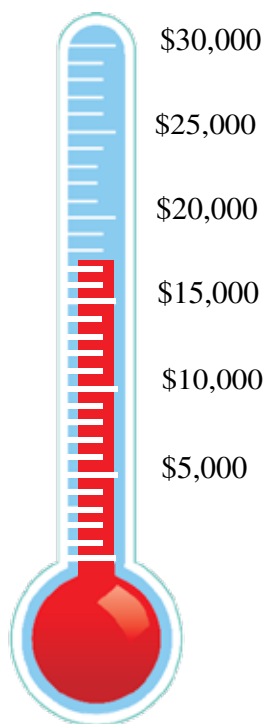




All funds donated go to Fishline, ShareNet, and St. Vincent dePaul to help neighbors meet basic and emergency needs



Bellringer donations double in 1 week

The Bellringer campaign continues in Poulsbo with almost \$8,500 in donations this week.

Leading the way is the Poulsbo Fire Department with \$2,450. The Poulsbo Lions Club donated \$1,000 to its own fundraiser to help those in need.

The donations include: Anna and John Eifert \$50 in memory of Joe Eifert; Merna Nordstrom \$50; Ostheller Family Trust \$100; Susan Weaver \$100; Carin Nelson \$100; Kelly and Karl Hadley \$1,500; Dean Seaman \$300 in memory of Suzan Seaman; Jim and Joanie Goodfellow \$250; Jeanne and Elaine Snouwaert \$100; Charles Weaver \$100; Tom and Bev Stark \$100 in memory of James R. Stark; Elda Armstrong \$100 in memory of Herb Armstrong; anonymous \$2,000; anonymous \$100. Total this week \$8,400. Overall total: \$17,300.

2020 Year in review COVID dominates headlines

BY KEN PARK
North Kitsap Herald

2020 has been a very long and wild year around the world and in North Kitsap. Like everywhere else, our everyday lives were disrupted by the impacts of COVID-19. For the North Kitsap Herald, that meant temporarily ceasing the print version of our publication for a few months.

January

2020 for Kitsap County began with a tragedy with the alleged murder of beloved educator Lynn Heimsoth (Jan. 3.)

A more cheery sign of the new year was the opening of the Smithshyre Farm to those interested in participating in goat yoga (Jan. 10).

The Port of Keyport has a frank discussion regarding derelict boats and the expectations from their owners (Jan. 17)

A tap house opens to allow creatives to collaborate over craft brews in a historic Port Gamble home (Jan. 24).

The Suquamish Tribe wins its lawsuit against the U.S Navy, requiring the Navy to place a moratorium on hull scraping for 10 years (Jan. 31).

February

Liberty Bay Books location in Poulsbo went under some minor renovation and is under new ownership (Feb. 7)

Kingston Theater raises money via GoFundMe to pay off debts and hopefully become publicly funded to keep the theater going. (Feb. 14)

North Kitsap High School art students have their art featured in downtown Poulsbo Gallery (Feb. 21).

March

North Kitsap School District families gathered into the district office to express their concern with the moving of the Options program from Gordon to Wolfle elementary (March 6).

Our March 13 publication was the first to address the growing cases of COVID-19 and its early impacts on our everyday life. The remaining issues for the months focused on the North Kitsap's community efforts to get through the times that were yet to come as the world turned upside down.

North Kitsap School District in conjunction with Kingston Ale House offered free meals to students each week of the shutdown (March 20).

Kingston neighbors come together to repair a washed out road that is its only access to the outside world. (March 27).

April

The North Kitsap Herald did not publish a paper in April due to a decrease in staff.



Above: Outdoor seating at bars and restaurants opened in Poulsbo in August due to COVID-19.



Left: Smithshyre Farm in Poulsbo opened up its barn to jump in on the goat yoga craze.

Ken Park/North Kitsap Herald photos



Local high schools like in Kingston found alternative ways to celebrate the class of 2020 amid COVID-19. Courtesy photo

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Stern appointed to state Public Works Board

BY KEN PARK
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Poulsbo City Councilman Ed Stern has been appointed by Gov. Jay Inslee to the state Public Works Board.

Stern was nominated by the 281-member cities that are part of the Association of Washington Cities, of which Stern is president.

The Public Works Board aids local governments in attending to infrastructure needs through a funding pool worth some \$200 million. The funding system



operates as a loan program managed by a citizens board of elected city and county officials, utility commissioners and members of the public.

"I am deeply appreciative of Gov. Inslee's appointment allowing me the opportunity to make a difference," Stern said.

One of Stern's goals on the boards and a goal he has for the city of Poulsbo as well has been to expand broadband access.

"By direct fiber or mesh network or low-orbit satellite, it will continue to be a high priority of mine as it has been for the last 20 years," Stern said.

This last year has shown that access to reliable internet is key

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— Ed Stern

in keeping families engaged in work and school as well as with family and friends when they cannot gather, he added.

Inslee said Stern is an important addition to the board. "It is important to me that everyone serving in my administration always work to maintain the trust of those we serve," he said. "My goals are to grow Washington's

economy, strengthen our schools, and promote a culture of performance and efficiency in state government.

"Ed can help me achieve these goals and take personal responsibility for making sure the Public Works Board operates in a way that is transparent, responsive and focused. These are the public's expectations as well as my own."

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