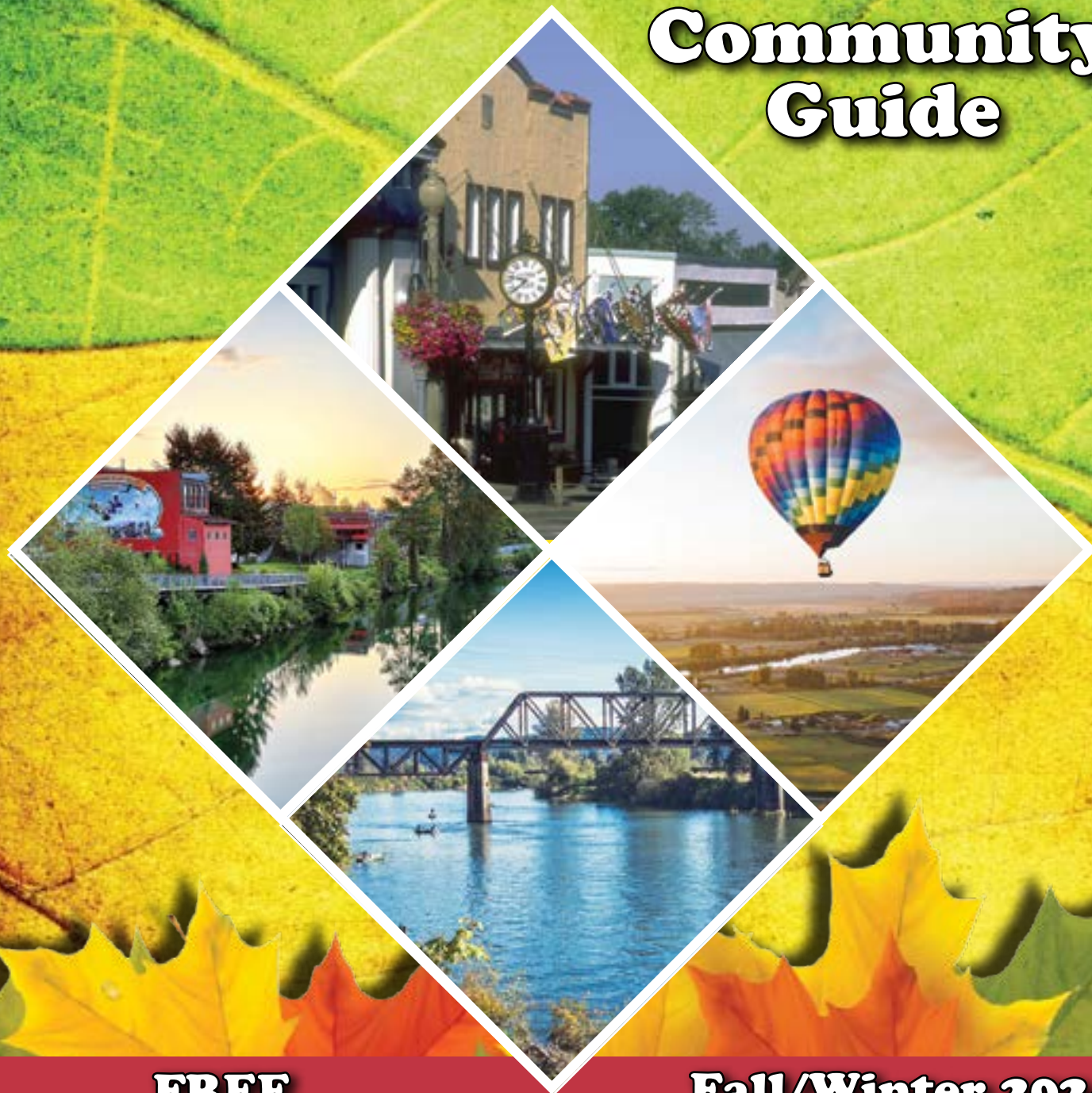


Discover Snohomish

Community
Guide



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Fall/Winter 2024

For your dining pleasure

Discover Snohomish's many dining varieties

While visiting and shopping Snohomish, be sure to take advantage of the wide selection of eat-

eries offered. Restaurant selection varies widely in Snohomish, from American, British, Japanese,

Barbecue, Thai, Chinese, Mexican and European. You'll find food choices such as organic, seafood,

pizza and steak, etc.; as well as pies, cupcakes and soups. Snohomish also boasts coffee and sand-

wich shops, ice cream and frozen yogurt shops, delis, wine tasting, craft beer and more.

Enjoy a fine dining experience in Snohomish with everything from casual to fine cuisine.

Sponsoring Restaurants:

• **Andy's Fish House** ccrsnohomish.com
1229 First Street
360-862-0782
andysfishhouse.com

• **Brava's Pizza & Pasta**
120 Glen Avenue
360-862-0900
bravaspizza.com

• **Cathouse Pizza**
1120 First Street
360-863-3626
cathousepizza.com

• **Collector's Choice Restaurant & Old Man Brewing**
215 Cypress
360-568-1277

• **El Paraiso Mexican Grill**
1431 Avenue D
360-568-5406
elparaisomexicangrill-snohomish.com

• **Grilla Bites**
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grillabites.com

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Festival of Pumpkins



When fall is in the air, the pumpkins are prime for pickin'. Make it a fun day for the whole family by coming to one of the great family farms to find the perfect pumpkin,

enjoy harvest decorations, take a hayride or just savor the beautiful countryside.

A favorite activity for families is getting "lost" in a corn maze. There are a variety of mazes to choose from, some are even "haunted" at night for that extra-special scary experience!

Several of the farms allow you to reserve use of their maze and firepits for group outings. Visit each farm's website to confirm cost and the days/hours each maze is open to the public.

A couple of the farms offer

Zombie Paintball (and even a Haunted House) for an outing you will never forget!

Each farm has many activities for the whole family. Bring the kids, bring the grandparents and bring your camera to catch all the fun!



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Festival of Pumpkins Pumpkin Patches

- Bailey's Farm - www.baileyveg.com
- Bob's Corn and Pumpkin Patch - www.bobscorn.net
- Carleton Farm - www.carletonfarm.com
- Craven Farm - www.cravenfarm.com
- Stocker Corn Maze & Pumpkin Park - www.stockerfarms.com
- The Farm at Swans Trail - www.thefarm1.com
- Thomas Family Farm - www.thomasfamilyfarm.com

Zombie Walk Saturday Oct. 26

Zombies and ghouls are invited to Downtown Snohomish for a friendly (or not!) visit Saturday, October 26!

In preparation for the impending Zombie-Apocalypse, all participants and spectators are asked to bring "rations for the survivors." (Food donations to benefit the Snohomish Food Bank. Cash donations are also welcome.)

Zombie festivities will begin at Noon at the Snohomish Carnegie, 105 Cedar Avenue.

Festivities will include Zombify Face Painting stations, music and entertainment, vendors, Costume Contest and more.

Walk begins at 4:00 p.m. Lurch through downtown Snohomish (First Street). Please stay on the sidewalks.



Haunts of Snohomish

By ANGELA COOPER-McCORKLE



The creepy doll at the Oxford Saloon and Eatery in Snohomish.

Spirits linger around every corner of the Historic District downtown.

While shoppers bustling through may not see the town's haunted history, some residents know the unworldly inhabitants by name, while others know them by their chilling touch.

The spirit of a little girl, Sybill Sibley, aged 10, is well known at the Cabbage Patch Restaurant on Avenue A.

Employees have reported apparitions of the child who died in 1930.

"At one time the house next door was a rental house, that had an outdoor porch behind it, and (my neighbor's) 5-year-old son was talking to a girl, 10-years-old," After the mother questioned her boy, she told the owner Sondra McCutchan, "you won't believe this." The boy said his new friend's name was Sybill.

The Oxford Saloon on First Street, one of the city's most storied, has carried its violent past with it through a century, until it now teems with as many as 45 spirits by one account.

Overseeing them all is Kathleen, a brothel madam who was decapitated in her clawfoot bathtub by a discontented customer according to owner Brian Swanson.

Staff have had knives fly down at them, and pots and pans jump their hooks, said a bar manager.

Many female visitors have reported encounters, with the sharp touch of cool fingers pinching them says Deverie Wood, a storyteller

who specializes in Snohomish ghost tales.

Legend has it the handsy phantom was a bordello client aptly named John. He may be kept partly in check by a member of Snohomish's own police force of yore, in the disembodied form of Henry, an officer who moonlighted as a bouncer. He met his end late one night, stabbed to death while trying to break up a brawl between two gamblers.

But the most disturbing manifestation from beyond the grave may be the form of a child's doll whose glassy eyes have surveyed the Oxford for many years.

Antique shop owners who were former tenants sold the doll to a wealthy New York family, only to return her with a note months later. They wanted neither a refund or exchange, but to have nothing to do with the doll ever again. A second sale followed, but the dolly was dropped off after midnight with a similar note and has lived at the Oxford since.

Bar manager Rebecca Cadden knew better than to disturb the spirit in the figurine, but had to when her boss recently instructed her to move the doll away from customers who might be tempted to swipe her.

The nightmares began soon after.

"I was being drowned, suffocated, choked ... someone shoved a sheet down my throat," Cadden remembered. When she told a coworker about the night terrors, they replied: "you know, Rebecca, the story with her (first owner) is how she probably suffocated and died."

See HAUNTS on page 9

Recreationists enjoy boat launch



The Snohomish Boat Launch is located at Julia's Landing, a 20-acre property at 20 Lincoln Avenue along the Snohomish River.

It is a City-owned and maintained recreation facility surrounded by unimproved future parkland.

The facility's parking lot has eight trailer spaces, two ADA-

accessible spaces, 11 standard spaces and overflow parking.

The boat launch was built to replace the city's damaged and deteriorated Cady Park boat launch off of First Street.

The Cady Park boat launch has been retained for hand launched, non-motorized boats.

Snohomish Library



The Snohomish Library is located at 311 Maple Ave. and is part of the Sno-Isle Library System.

Many classes and events are held at the 23,000 sq. ft. library throughout the year for youth and adults alike.

Internet PC's may be reserved online or in the library.

For more information call 360-568-2898.

Events Subject to Change

2024-2025 Calendar of Snohomish Events

OCTOBER 2024

The Month of October:

Snohomish Festival of Pumpkins, Citywide and local pumpkin patch farms. Farms have special activities every weekend.

4: Serpentine SHS Homecoming Celebration "parade" through town

5: Mrs. Roper Romp, starting at 4 p.m. at the Oxford, 913 First St.

5: Community Breakfast/

Bingo Bonanza, Senior Center, 506 4th St. 360-568-0934

13: Snohomish River Run, 5K, 10k, Half and Full Marathons www.snohomishriverrun.com

26: Zombie Walk, Festivities begin at Noon at Snohomish Carnegie Building, 105 Cedar, Zombie Walk on First St. at 4 p.m.

31: Trick-or-Treat Downtown Businesses, 3-5 p.m. www.historicdowntownsnohomish.org

NOVEMBER 2024

2: Community Breakfast/Bingo Bonanza, Snohomish Senior Center, 506-4th St.

9: Snohomish BrewFest, Thomas Family Farm, 9010 Marsh Road, Snohomish. www.snohomishbrewfest.com

19: Angels Among Us Fundraiser, dancing, food, drinks, silent auction. Hidden Meadows, 11805 Springhetti Rd. Tickets \$25, email tracy@visithiddenmeadows.com

18: Holiday Bazaar, Snohomish



26: Garden Club Plant Sale, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at The Farm at Swan's Trail, 7301 Rivershore Road. www.snohomishgardenclub.com

TBD: Spring Tea, Snohomish Senior Center 360-568-0394

MAY 2025

1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Farmers Market, Thursdays, 3 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Cedar Avenue and Pearl Street. www.snohomishfarmersmarket.com

3: Community Breakfast/Bingo Bonanza, Senior Center, 506 4th St. 360-568-0934

18: Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show, Downtown Snohomish. www.skyvalleybikeshow.com

30-June 1: Snohomish Lacrosse Harvey Cup Tournament, www.snolax.com

JUNE 2025

5, 12, 19, 26: Farmers Market, Thursdays, 3 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Cedar Avenue and Pearl Street. www.snohomishfarmersmarket.com

6-7: Snohomish Pride Celebration, Downtown Snohomish. Parade at 10am (June 7) on First St. Street festival, entertainment. www.historicdowntownsnohomish.org

7: Community Breakfast/Bingo Bonanza, Senior Center, 506 4th St. 360-568-0934

1: Snohomish Wedding Showcase, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Twenty beautiful venues with vendors. 360-563-9900

www.mysnohomishwedding.com
June 1: Snohomish Lacrosse Harvey Cup Tournament, www.snolax.com

JULY 2025

3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Farmers Market, Thursdays, 3 p.m.-8 p.m., Cedar Avenue and Pearl Street www.snohomishfarmersmarket.com

5: Community Breakfast/Bingo Bonanza, Senior Center, 506 4th St. 360-568-0934

16-20: Klaha Ya Days, city wide festival, carnival at Harvey Field, arts & crafts, entertainment, soccer tournament and more. Parade July 19 at 10 a.m. on First St. www.klahayadays.com

27: Snohomish Garden Tour, 12-4 p.m., www.snohomishgardenclub.com

TBD: BIGFOOT Soccer, multi-weekend soccer tournament, Stocker Field, 11 Lincoln Avenue. www.snohomishunited.org

AUGUST 2025

2: Community Breakfast/Bingo Bonanza, Senior Center, 506 4th St. 360-568-0934

7, 14, 21, 28: Farmers' Market, 3-8 p.m. Cedar Avenue and Pearl Street. www.snohomishfarmersmarket.com

22-24: Snohomish Block Party, Downtown Snohomish. www.snohomishblockparty.com

Senior Center, 506-4th St.

30: Snohomish Home for the Holidays, Santa comes to town! Community Christmas Tree Lighting. www.historicdowntownsnohomish.org

DECEMBER 2024

7: Community Breakfast/Bingo Bonanza, Snohomish Senior Center, 506-4th St.

13-15: WinterFest "Miracle on First Street," downtown Snohomish, www.historicdowntownsnohomish.org

14: Holiday Wine Walk, 4-8 p.m. Check in at the Waltz Building, 116 Ave. B

15: Chase the Grinch Outta Snohomish, 5K Run, 5K Jogger/Walk, Kids Dash. Averill Field, 400 Second St. www.chasethegrinch.net

TBD: Freestyle Christmas Lights Cruise, downtown

JANUARY 2025: Community Breakfast/Bingo Bonanza, Senior Center, 506 4th St. 360-568-0934

FEBRUARY 2025

1: Community Breakfast/Bingo Bonanza, Senior Center, 506 4th St. 360-568-0934

MARCH 2025

1: Community Breakfast/Bingo Bonanza, Senior Center, 506 4th St. 360-568-0934

1: Wine Festival, Thomas Family Farm, www.snohomishchamber.org
TBD: Citywide Cleanup, For update visit www.snohomishwa.gov

APRIL 2025

5: Community Breakfast/Bingo Bonanza, Senior Center, 506 4th St. 360-568-0934

TBD: Household Garbage and Recycle Event, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. For update visit www.snohomishwa.gov

TBD: Spring Bazaar, Snohomish Senior Center, 506 Fourth St., 360-568-0934

19: Easter Parade and Bonnet Contest, First St. www.snohomishchamber.org

22: Earth Day, Avenue A Gazebo, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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2nd Annual Mrs. Roper Romp

The 2nd annual Mrs. Roper Romp will be Oct. 5 starting at 4 p.m. at the Oxford Saloon, 913 First St.

Bring on the brightly colored caftans and gaudy jewelry! Although this event is typically geared more towards a pub crawl vibe, it definitely brings in folks from all over, all day long. Many businesses are par-

ticipating including boutiques, antique stores, restaurants, and bars. Come early for the shopping, lunch and

round out the day with live music and dancing.



Visit Blackman House Museum

Take a step back in time to the 19th Century when you enter Snohomish's Blackman House Museum.

This structure was originally built as a small farmhouse in 1879 for Hyrcanus Blackman, an early settler of Snohomish. He lived in the house with his wife and two children. Later, Blackman's daughter, Eunice, lived there with her husband, Dr. W.S. Ford.

In the 1930s, Dr. Ford enclosed the entrance to the home to create a sunroom for Eunice's plants.

The home was family-owned until 1970 when it was purchased and restored by the Snohomish Historical Society.

Much of the furniture in the Museum came from Emory C. Ferguson, the founding father of Snohomish, and the Norman Lenfest family. The original etched-glass



Photo by Joanne Cole

The Blackman House Museum was originally built as a small farmhouse in 1879. It is now owned by the Snohomish Historical Society.

door and some of the original wallpaper, carpets, furniture and pictures remain intact and on display in the home. The Historical Society arranged the furniture using

photographs of the inside of old Victorian homes.

The museum is open by appointment only at this time. For tour information, call 360-568-5235.

Discover Snohomish

Historic Downtown Snohomish has much to offer visitors and residents alike. Downtown is a multi-use area that appeals to many different customers. Retail and gift shops, restaurants and coffee houses, antique stores, entertainment, and a wide variety of other businesses that are all part of the mix.

The City of Snohomish had a redevelopment plan in 1965 that proposed the destruction of the historic structures along First Street in order to make way for a covered mall. Fortunately, the plan was not carried out due to

lack of available funds and as a result, the area remains today as it has through much of history.

In the 1990s, First Street was redeveloped to take advantage of its historic buildings as a tourist attraction. The sidewalks were rebuilt and public restrooms were added in order to further serve the community and visitors. The city hall and police station were moved away from First Street and a new fire station was built, allowing those historic buildings to be renovated.

Today, Snohomish is very

much a model of how cities can reinvigorate their business districts by preserving their historic charm. The town has continued to grow with much of the development to the north along Bickford Avenue. The city has nurtured a great balance between regular businesses in modern facilities which serve the community and specialty shops in the historic part of town.

Come stroll along First Street and admire the architecture and murals, enjoy refreshments at the many establishments and discover the great treasures to be found at many of the shops.

Oh No! He's Back! Chase the Grinch Outta Snohomish



Jim Scolman, Tribune file photo

The infamous Grinch is threatening to spoil all of the holiday merriment in the little town of Snohomish...AGAIN!

Runners and walkers can help restore holiday order by Chasing the Grinch out of town on December 15 at 9:00 a.m. in Historic Snohomish.

Check in starts at 8:00 a.m. 5K run is at 9:00 a.m., Jogger/Walker 5K is at 9:15 a.m., Kids Dash at 10:30 a.m. (Kids Dash is for Elementary age and younger).

The Fun-Run 5K starts and finishes at "Cheermeister Village" at Averill Field, 400 Second Street in Snohomish (next to the Snohomish Boys & Girls Club). The route takes you along the picturesque

Centennial Trail. This fun and mostly flat 5K distance is a fully supported out-and-back course. Runners return to a festive and fun finish line with fun entertainment and photo ops!

The kids dash will take place around Averill Field.

All 5K participants will receive an official event T-shirt and medal showing that you helped Chase the Grinch out of Snohomish. Kids Dash participants receive an event t-shirt and participation ribbon.

Registration opened Sept. 1 so register early to guarantee your swag (www.chasethegrinch.net). Wear your most fun and festive

attire to help spread holiday joy as this tradition continues in Historic Snohomish!

Register at chasethegrinch.net

PACKET PICKUP
• Friday, Dec. 13 from 3-5 p.m. at Anna Marie Creative Collective, 1015 First St, Snohomish

• Sunday, Dec. 15 from 8-9 a.m. at Averill Field, 400 Second St., Snohomish

This event is produced in partnership with Central Emerson PTA & Historic Snohomish Downtown Association

For questions please contact snohomishgrinch@emersonpta.net

There are no refunds for this event.

Important Phone Numbers

- **City of Snohomish**
360-568-3115
www.ci.snohomish.wa.us
- **Fire Department**
Non-emergency 360-568-2141; Emergency 9-1-1
- **Police Department**
Non-emergency 360-568-0888; Emergency 9-1-1
- **Snohomish County PUD**
425-783-1000
www.snopud.com
- **American Legion**
360-568-5340
- **School District**
360-563-7263;
www.sno.wednet.edu
- **Library**
360-568-2898
- **Boys & Girls Club**
360-568-7760
- **Snohomish County Tribune**
360-568-4121
www.snoho.com
- **Chamber of Commerce**
360-568-2526
- **Eagles Club**
360-568-8406
- **Blackman House Museum**
360-568-5235
- **Snohomish Senior Center**
360-568-0934
- **Garbage/Recycling: Republic Services**
425-778-0188
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Certified parachutist Kim Knor, at age 85, with tandem skydiver Kelly Craig of Skydive Snohomish, on her 731st jump. Her goal is to make 1,000 jumps.

Golfer shoots 9-under, demolishes record at Snohomish Golf Course

By MICHAEL WHITNEY

Palmer Mutcheson of Snohomish smashed the record at Snohomish Golf Course in the Dutch Hill area, shooting a 63 on the 18 holes from the furthest-back black tees Aug. 4 during the Men's Club Championship.

Mutcheson made 10 birdies and had one bogey that day.

It's a par-72 course. Mutcheson was nine-under.

The prior record from the black tees was a 71 in the current configuration of the black tees, and Todd Tibke shot a 66 before the black

tees were relocated at two holes, course marketing director Kiana Richards said.

Mutcheson, age 18, chalked it up that he "had a really good day out there."

He said he approached things by "taking it one hole at a time" and improved his control of alignment and his putting during the second day of the tournament that led to the outstanding round.

It's been the talk of the club, Connor Pitts at the pro shop said.

"It's hard to beat a 63," Pitts said.

Mutcheson grew up golfing,

and helped Snohomish's Class 3A state golfing teams come fourth this year and eighth in 2023. During the 2024 state tourney, he shot a 73 for his low at The Links at Hawks Prairie, a par-72 course in Lacey, which was among the best rounds shot in the competition. (The best was a 70.)

Tips for a good game? "You got to go out there and practice," Mutcheson said. "That's where I gained all of my skills."

He's soon heading to the University of Northern Colorado to be on their golf team and get a degree in business finance.

Post-college, he has a goal to go pro.

His dad Joey Mutcheson is the long-time Snohomish High boys varsity golf coach.

The Richards family has run Snohomish Golf Course since its opening in 1967 on a former field.

Its course record from the gold tees is 62. The gold tees



Photo courtesy Kiana Richards of Snohomish Golf Course

Palmer Mutcheson of Snohomish holds his scorecard from the Aug. 4 round of golf.

are a shorter distance to the hole than the black tees.

Come on out to the Snohomish Golf Course and try to beat Mutcheson's score!

The Golf Course is located at 7805 147th Ave. SE in Snohomish

Snohomish Teen Center opens

The Snohomish Lions Club, at its March 4 meeting, was very pleased to present a check in the amount of \$75,000 to the Snohomish Boys and Girls Club to assist in the building of their new Teen Center.

According to Marty Robinett, the Chair of the Teen Addition Fundraising Committee, the check closed the gap and enabled the groundbreaking to begin.

The new Teen Center will be open September 25, 2024 and teens will be able to hang out and play video games, ping pong and there will also be a pool table and more.

Interestingly, the Lions Club also contributed to the opening of the existing building and were present at the groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 6, 2003.

The addition of this new center will give our teens their own space where they can interact in a fun environment with their friends. Executive Director CJ Freeman is hopeful that the Teen Center will be open until midnight on Friday and Saturday nights, providing teens with a safe environment.

— Contributed by Lion Vicki Adams

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The Centennial Trail is a popular recreation destination



Eventually the trail route will be from the Bothell area to Skagit County. The county is also considering extending the Centennial Trail from Snohomish to Monroe.

The linear park also serves as a conservation corridor protecting sensitive and important natural and cultural resources.

The closest trailhead to Snohomish is located at 5801 S. Machias Rd., just north of town. There is also parking available along the north end of Maple Avenue for outdoor recreational enthusiasts.

Trail users are also invited to visit the trailhead and rest stop in the community

of Machias. This facility is a replica of a railroad depot built in the late 1890s. The depot once served a rail line which today is the Centennial Trail. The Machias Trailhead facility is available for rent. Call (425)388-6600 or e-mail scparcsrec@gmail.com for reservations.

The trail is open for use during regular park hours, from 7 am to dusk. The trailheads are locked during off-hours.

Park History:

The Centennial Trail is

constructed on the original railway right-of-way built in 1889. The railway eventually connected Seattle with Canada and linked Everett with Stevens Pass. Operation ceased on the Hartford-Edgcomb section in 1972 and on the Snohomish- Hartford section in 1987. In King County, a section of this same abandoned railway line has become Seattle's heavily-used Burke-Gilman Trail, and the Sammamish River Trail.

The railroad provided local and international mail, freight, and passenger service. It

carried timber from the forests, lumber from the saw mills, and iron, copper, lead, silver, and gold from Mount Pilchuck and Monte Cristo mines. Tourists could ride in open rail cars to Monte Cristo and back for the day, winding through the steep canyons of the South Fork Stillaguamish River, or go to the Big Four Inn at the ice caves on the "Mountain Loop" to the east.

Development of the trail began in 1989 during the state's centennial, hence the name, Centennial Trail.

The Centennial Trail is an enormously popular recreational trail for walking, bicycling, hiking, and horseback riding and is accessible to persons of all levels of physical ability. A separate six foot wide equestrian trail runs parallel to the ten foot wide paved

trail. The trail is lined with benches and picnic tables for your convenience. Portable style restrooms are located at the trailheads.

The trail, now over 30-miles long, provides a safe alternative transportation route and extends from Snohomish to Skagit County.



This 12 foot, 5-inch diameter log is displayed at the Carnegie Building on Cedar Ave. It is from a Douglas Fir felled June 15, 1940 and is estimated to be 620 years old.

Tim Noah Thumbnail Theater thrives on community

Tim Noah Thumbnail Theater - "The Pacific Northwest's Cozy Home for the Performing Arts" is a non-profit organization staffed by dedicated volunteers, and the support of individuals and businesses in our local communities.

Offering high-quality performing arts experiences in a uniquely intimate setting, "The Thumb" presents monthly concerts featuring local, national, and international touring artists. Performances include Celtic, Americana/Folk, Indie, Jazz, Bluegrass, and more.

The Thumb also hosts a weekly Friday Night Open Mic, offers Classes and Summer Musical Theater Camps, and is available for rental

for performance recitals, rehearsals, audio and video recording and other projects.

Tim Noah and Cyndi Elliott offer private lessons in voice, guitar.

Attend a show, Open Mic, or other special event and experience this local gem in beautiful Snohomish!

Visit www.thumbnailtheater.org for events and other information.



Tim Noah Thumbnail Theater is located at 1211 Fourth Street in Snohomish.

Snohomish boasts a beautiful Senior Center



The Snohomish Senior Center is a great gathering place for senior citizens as well as a nice venue for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and gatherings of most any kind.

The Snohomish Senior Center is a lovely 6,000 square foot building and more than 1,330 seniors enjoy the center.

There are more than 45 different programs available.

This facility is also a wonderful venue for events such as weddings, meetings,

gatherings of most any kind. The facility includes a great room, two meeting rooms and a complete kitchen.

The center is located at 506 Fourth Street and is a wonderful asset to the community.

Visit www.snohomishcenter.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

Community Breakfast and Bingo Bash is held the first Saturday of each month. Breakfast 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Bingo 5:15 p.m.

BrewFest November 4 (Thomas Family Farm);

Fall Holiday Bazaar November 18 (Schedule subject to change)

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Snohomish Aquatic Center enjoyed by everyone



Aquatic wonderland is certainly one way to describe the 52,000-square-foot facility that for many is a dream come true for the community.

Among the many activities offered at the Snohomish Aquatic Center is swim lessons for children and adults.

The center is split into two main areas: the recreation side and the natatorium side.

On the recreation side are all the family-oriented “fun” pool perks, such as a recreation pool, warm-water therapy pool, spray-play and zero-entry area for children, the Flowrider, a lazy river and the Splashtacular water slide.

The Flowrider is a surf-simulation machine—the only of its kind in the area—crosses snowboarding, skateboarding and wakeboarding into an

exciting ride with plenty of challenges and a whole lot of fun! Guests must be 42-inches tall to ride the boogie boards and 52-inches tall to ride the stand-up boards.

“This is an aquatic wonderland,” said Kristin Foley, spokeswoman for the Snohomish School District, which built the facility. “Both sides (of the pool areas, separated by a large window) are saline. Our water is a saline system that produces natural chlorine. There are different bodies of water that are all inter-connected. Our lazy river is not very lazy. It moves along pretty quickly and kids love it!”

On the natatorium side of the facility is the much-needed competition swimming pool.

The 10-lane, 25-yard by 25-meter pool boasts a

technologically advanced Colorado timing system, complete with touch pads and time board. It also holds a deep diving well and two diving boards, as well as 10 starting blocks. The natatorium can seat 420 spectators.

“We have this large glass window, so that the two areas — the Rec side and the competition pool side — can operate independently of each other,” Foley said. “So if there’s a swim meet over (on the natatorium side), we can still have the rec side open.”

Profits made from admission fees, lessons, parties, etc. go straight into the school district’s general fund.

The Snohomish Aquatic Center is located at 516 Maple Avenue. www.snohomishaquatic.com

Boat Launches:

• **Pilchuck Julia Landing:** 20 acres at 20 Lincoln Ave. along the Snohomish River.

• **Cady Park boat launch:** 40 Maple Ave. is for non-motorized, hand launched boats.

• **Rotary Park:** 11.3 acre park with waterfront access and boat launch with access to the Snohomish River

system. Two launch lanes with central dock for small river boats 12-18 ft. Single launch fee of \$10, Visa/MC only accepted via on-line process.

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Local library lovers know an entirely gentle spirit, the former 1920s and ‘30s librarian Catharine McMurchy. The eminently civilized and kind McMurchy was known to help children at the old Carnegie Library on Cedar Avenue.

“The first year doing my (storytelling) tour I had two

parents and daughter” who “came up afterward, the last to leave. I’m so happy she was a nice ghost,” Wood recalls the child saying about the lovely talk she’d had with Ms. McMurchy.

McMurchy’s presence may have signaled unfinished business. Former Snohomish

librarian Mike Malone found that his predecessor had been buried with indigent status and no grave marker. In 2002 he rectified that wrong, forever memorializing her as a “Cherished Snohomish Librarian” on a marker at Seattle’s Evergreen-Washelli Cemetery.

Snohomish Area Parks

• **Averill Field/Skate Park:** 400 Second St.

• **Bob Heirman Wildlife Preserve at Thomas’ Eddy:** 14913 Connelly Road

• **Cady Park:** 40 Maple Ave.

• **Claytown Park:** 329 Ave. I

• **Ferguson Park:** 1330 Ferguson Park Road

• **Fischer Park:** 1214 Madrona Dr.

• **Flowing Lake County Park:** 17900 48th SE

• **Fobes Hill Park**

• **Harrymans Farm Park:** Lake Ave.

• **Heirman Family Park:** 20th St. off Bickford Ave.

• **Hill Park:** 1610 Park Ave.

• **Homestead Park:** 2000 Ludwig Road

• **Julia’s Landing:** 201 Lincoln Ave.

• **Kla Ha Ya Park:** 1117 First St.

• **Lake Roesiger Park:** 1608 S Lake Roesiger Road

• **Lord Hill Park:** 12921 150th St. SE

• **Lowell Riverfront and Rotary Park:** 3505 Lowell-Snohomish River Rd.

• **Riverview Wildlife Refuge:** 1805 West First St.

• **Morgantown Park:** 200 Long St.



Cabins are available for rent at Flowing Lake County Park.

• **Pilchuck Park:** 169 Cypress Ave.

• **Whistle Stop Park:** 1103 Maple Ave

• **Willis D. Tucker Park:** 6705 Puget Park Dr.

Snohomish Community Kitchen free dinner program

The Snohomish Community Kitchen offers free meals Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The meals are served at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 913 Second St., Snohomish.

The nonprofit organization invites all who are hungry for food, fellowship or friendship to attend the free dinners.

There is also free meal delivery available to shut-ins who are unable to come in person.

Since the COVID pandemic, there are many take out orders and the Community Kitchen organizers are very grateful to have received a grant

from the City of Snohomish to help differ this cost. “it’s been a real blessing, said Sandi Wheeler, President of the organization. “We also receive support from Volunteers of America and the Snohomish Community Food Bank, however we mainly operate by donations from individuals.”

Eleven churches and civic groups help prepare the meals on a rotating schedule. Organizers would love to have more organizations help with this effort.

If you are able to make a donation, please make checks out to “Community Kitchen” and drop off at the Church, 913 Second St. in Snohomish. You can also call the Church at 360-568-4622 or Sandie Wheeler at 425-308-9813.

If you would like to volunteer, or are a person who needs a meal delivered, or have your organization become a regularly participating member, contact Sandie Wheeler at 425-308-9813.