

As I watch the news this week I can't help but be thankful I live in a caring and thoughtful community. In Stillwaters it is common for neighbors to keep an eye out for each other or run an errand for a sick friend. Office staff provide support and problem solving for the various challenges that come along and even our service providers, mail people and our Chronicle newspaper delivery person all keep an eye out for signs of need. We are a community full of caring and giving residents.

The importance of community and caring neighbors is a nationwide story this week in the coverage of the Oso Landslide disaster. As I watch the news and read the stories of neighbors helping neighbors, and communities helping other communities, I remember the years not too far in the past when Lewis County was the center of that attention.



Oso Washington Mudslide Devastation

Our hearts break for the families who are impacted by this loss in Oso and to a degree I think we have experienced the outpouring of care and support when our community suffered significant damage in the 2007 and 2009 floods. In the days after these floods people from near and far provided support. At times like this it is heartwarming to know that friends, neighbors and even strangers come to our aid.

Giving to the United Way of Snohomish County


at <https://ssl.charityweb.net/uwsc/?custom8=LandSlide> is the most direct way to financially help with this disaster. According to the Snohomish County websites they are overwhelmed by food and clothing donations and now are just in need of funds to help in the recovery effort. You can also donate to the local United Way (Be sure to designate it for the Oso Mudslide Disaster) and they will ensure it goes directly to this purpose.

Thank you for being the caring neighbors that you are!

Quote of the week:

Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for. – Joseph Addison

Happenings this week:

 **Friday and Saturday:** The Lewis County branch of the American Association of University Women will be conducting its annual used book sale Thursday through Saturday at the Lewis County Mall. Hours will be 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. Fiction, nonfiction and many other categories will be available for sale. For more information about the AAUW, call (360) 736-2147.

Saturday, March 29: Barbershop Groups to perform at W.F. West The Two Town Tuners Barbershop Chorus will be giving two performances of “The Golden Age of Radio” Saturday in the commons of W.F. West High School. The shows will be at 2:02 p.m. and 7:02 p.m. Participants will include the Two Town Tuners Barbershop Chorus; Puget Sounders Barbershop Chorus; Yahtzee, the women’s

Sweet Adeline quartet regional champion that placed 11th in the international competition; and quartets from the chorus. Admission for the matinee is \$7, with children under 12 free. Evening admission is \$10 for everyone. Tickets are available at the Corwin Insurance Agency, 1307 Harrison Ave., Centralia; the Michael R. Mittge law office, 1079 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis; from Two Town Tuner members; or by calling (360) 7480-4765. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Weather: According to “WeatherBug.com” and “Weather.gov” our forecast is for rain showers and just plain “Rain” for the next week. This is our spring coming in like a lion!