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Weather

Thursday	47	39	Cloudy showers
Friday	51	41	Rain
Saturday	47	39	Rain

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READERS CARE FUND

Readers called to help

Publisher Michael Lewis launches Tribune Readers Care Fund

Calvin Brett
Editor

MOUNT VERNON -- The Lynden Tribune is creating a Tribune Readers Care Fund in partnership with the Whatcom Community Foundation.

The recipient organizations this first year will be Project Hope and New Way Ministries, said Tribune publisher Michael Lewis.

The program will continue each November and December.

"Creating a holiday giving fund is something that I have wanted to do for quite some time," said Tribune publisher Lewis. "Many other community newspapers have successful programs and our vehicle (the Tribune) allows us the opportunity to do the same."

Through the end of the year, 100 percent of donations to the new fund will be split evenly between the two charitable organizations, which both operate out of the New Hope Center, 205 South B.C. Ave., Lynden. (See accompanying story.)

The 10-year-old Whatcom Community Foundation is a vehicle that allows individuals, businesses, organizations and private foundations to channel gifts to help nonprofit causes in Whatcom County.

Calene Lefferts, foundation chief executive officer, said she is very excited about the Tribune commitment, as it fits ideally

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New Way Ministries and Project Hope are local and life-changing

Timothy Newcomb
Assistant editor

MOUNT VERNON -- There is something special about being able to help people in need.

And that is what New Way Ministries and Project Hope, Lynden-based service organizations, are doing with their time and resources.

Both agencies, under the umbrella of the Christian Hope Association, operate out of offices on South B.C. Avenue in Lynden and serve a variety of local families in need. They have been selected to receive money donated through the Tribune Readers Care Fund (see adjoining article).

Jim Grennell, Christian Hope Association executive director, said that all the services offered by the organization blend together nicely.

Started in 1969 as a small food pantry, the association has grown to include five different service wings, with Project Hope (a basic needs provider) and New Way Ministries (transitional housing for women and children) as its two main arms.

Those services today also include the Hope Chest for second-hand clothing, a Seafarers Program at Whatcom County shipping ports and cross-cultural Hope Counseling.

New Way Ministries began only in 2003, but in fact be-

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Tribune READERS care Fund

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Jim Grennell, Christian Hope Association executive director, and Jan Ruiter, New Way Ministries program director, take a break from their busy days to show off the New Way kitchen area.

2006 ELECTION RESULTS

		VOTES
Lynden City Hall		
Approve:	63%	1,695
Reject:	37%	994
State Rep. Pos. 1		
Doug Ericksen:	53%	15,596
Jasper MacSlarrow:	47%	13,912
State Rep. Pos. 2		
Craig Mayberry:	31%	8,855
X Kelli Linville:	69%	19,722
State Senator		
Dale Brandland:	51%	15,166
Jesse Salomon:	49%	14,361
Fire District 3/13 Merger		
X Approve:	77%	1,835
Reject:	23%	544
U.S. Rep.		
Doug Roulstone:	33%	14,070
X Rick Larsen:	67%	28,075

PARKS

Million Smiles project getting underway

Volunteers looking for more help

Travis Sherer
Sports reporter

LYNDEN -- The volunteers for the Million Smiles playground project have reached one quarter of their goal living up 1,250 volunteers.

The program has approximately 20 volunteers working on 12 different committees ranging from food, public relations, and work tools to even gathering more volunteers.

It's all part of the planned rebuild of the City Park play area next spring from April 24 to May 5.

Last May, associates and designers of Leathers & Associates, a company that has helped over 1,000 communities build and rebuild playgrounds, sent designers to schools in Lynden to interview more than 900 kids to get their ideas on what to put in the park.

As a result, there will be a climbing wall, castle, maze, rubber bridge and a race track for remote-controlled vehicles.

"Some of the kids had some great ideas that we just couldn't do because of safety," said Gary Vis, recently shifted from Lynden City Council to Chamber of Commerce director. "Like they wanted a trampoline, but we got a rubber bridge."

"Nearly 300 volunteers have signed up so far, said Colleen Oweina, co-chair of the volunteering committee. "Right now, we have six volunteers out there just trying to spread the word and get more volunteers."

Those volunteers are Mark Ewing, Janine Malley, Karin Schollenner, Shelly Comstock and Judy McCombs.

Set-up for the 10 days of building will start on April 23, and the next day volunteers will start working in three shifts. The first shift is from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., the second shift from 12:20 to 4:30 p.m. and the final shift is from 5 to 9 p.m.

"Some people think that they will have to work all day for 10 days, but that isn't true," Oweina said. "It's broken down."

After the first five days, the Million Smiles project will take a day off for volunteers to restock on materials and reorganize.

Organizers are looking for people

See **SMILES** on A2

Million Smiles

What: A community-sponsored renovation of Lynden City Park.
When: Fundraising is ongoing and construction will begin in April.
Who: Volunteers are needed to help fundraise and construct.
How: Contact volunteer coordinator Colleen Oweina at 354-5823.

CITY COUNCIL

Business park foreseen

Plans move forward for West Lynden area

Calvin Brett
Editor

LYNDEN -- The City Council Monday approved a general site plan for 62-acre West Lynden Business Park at the corner of West Main Street and Northwest Road.

It's the first specific development to emerge for the 104 acres annexed and zoned for light industry earlier this year directly west of Lynden Dixie Inn.

Planning Director Amy Harbolt said a binding site plan shows general layout, but is flexible enough to allow for the actual needs of prospective tenants.

The property still needs to have sewer service brought in from Birch Bay-Lynden Road, said Dick Vanderzberg of Windward Consulting Group LLC. Jim Wynstra is a partner with him.

After receiving the approval, Vanderzberg spoke to the council about the course of investment being made to prepare the site for development, and he asked for relief from a performance bond

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WEATHER

Worst of flooding over, Nooksack River subsiding

Travis Sherer
Reporter

LYNDEN -- The flooding in Whatcom County had reached its high point early Tuesday morning and began to subside.

There are still isolated areas of flooding, mostly limited to Ferndale and Marietta.

The Nooksack River crested on Monday and County Executive Pete Kremen signed an emergency declaration due to flooding caused by heavy rain.

Reports from the National Weather Service indicate that

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A truck was submerged on Hampton Road Tuesday. The driver appeared to escape through the roof.

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