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Bellingham United kicks into a win



A Wenatchee FC player attempts to block Kurtis Penderson's shot during Bellingham United's decisive 6-2 win on Saturday, July 18, at Civic Field, with their first win of the season.// Photo by Jake Tull

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Shellfish poisoning restricts harvesting

Kerry Norris THE WESTERN FRONT

Diarrhetic shellfish poisoning biotoxin levels have recently been detected in Bellingham Bay and have gone over the limit for safe harvesting, said Tom Kunesh, environmental health supervisor for the Whatcom County Health Department.

Currently, the Whatcom County Health Department is concerned with the diarrhetic shellfish poisoning that been detected in shellfish in the surrounding Bellingham waters where recreational harvestcauses nausea, diarrhea and upset stomach. It can be severe and generally not life threatening."

The earliest expected date waters will reopen is Friday, July 24. Kunesh said the Department of Health's sampling protocol requires at least two consecutive weeks of samples that are below the closure limit before they reopen an area to recreational harvest.

Marine biotoxins refer to "poisons that are produced by certain kinds of microscopic algae that are naturally present in marine waters, normally in amounts too small to be harmful," according to the Washington State Department of Health's website. "Although toxin levels have increased above a limit that is considered safe, they are not yet at levels where we worry about people getting extremely ill," said Kunesh. "They are near the closure limit, not fanatically above the closure limit."



Ridgeway Kappa renovations to increase safety

Amy Page THE WESTERN FRONT

Ridgeway Kappa will have new safety systems, updated plumbing and a fresher look in a renovation project anticipated to be completed by early September.

Students should be able to move back in the dorm starting Tuesday, Sept. 15, said Paul Cocke, university communications director of Western, in an email. The project costs approximately \$3.7 million and is paid for by housing capital funds through room and board fees paid by students, John Trestion, Kappa project manager, said.

The project, which started in April, is in the process of implementing changes and updates including installation of a new automatic fire sprinkler system, Treston said. A mass notification system to enhance student safety will also be included, Cocke said.

"Usually the thing that takes the [most] amount of time is the testing for the fire alarm and for the fire sprinkler systems, and that takes a couple of weeks," Treston said. "So that'll probably be done in late August, so we should be in pretty good shape by that September day."

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Sustainability studies minor begins this fall

Amy Page THE WESTERN FRONT

A new minor will be available for Western students seeking to study sustainability, which is the ability to preserve economic, environmental and social systems. Sustainability studies, an environmental studies minor, was created by the WWU Sustainability Academy. The faculty involved meet together to talk about addressing students' interest in sustainability. The minor will go live in the fall, said Grace Wang, an environmental studies

professor and academic program director for the new minor.

The minor will be between 24 to 29 credits and will cover more than just environmental science, including subjects from art, history, industrial design, political science, busi ness, biology and more. Though the minor is provided through Huxenvironmental ley's studies department, the program is not Huxleyexclusive, Wang said. "In fact, I really want to make a strong point that this is considered an all-university minor," she said.

ing takes place, Kunesh said.

Because of the high levels of toxins, the Washington State Department of Health has closed Bellingham Bay, Portage Bay and all waters south to Skagit County, which included all of Larrabee State Park, for recreational shellfish harvesting, said Kunesh.

"Long term health effects [include] proneness to cancer in the future with folks that have been intoxicated with diarrhetic shellfish poisoning," Kunesh said. "The main immediate concern is that it

There is no way to predict whether the levels will increase or decrease," Kunesh said. "If we get a good shot of rain this weekend then we might see levels increase



A sign posted at Teddy Bear cove warns of the dangers of harvesting shellfish. // Photo by Alexandra Bartick

next week."

The Whatcom County Health Department partners with the Washington State Department of Health to monitor marine waters for biotoxins that can affect the

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AUTHOR ERNEST CLINE VISITS BELLINGHAM



Author Ernest Cline signs his new book, "Armada," after speaking at the Chuckanut Radio Hour on Thursday, July 16, at Whatcom Community College. // Photo by Jesse Nichols

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noticed until now, as reno-

vations don't normally look

into walls. The current reno-

vation team, helmed by Daw-

son Construction Inc., caught

this as they were working in

the bathrooms and decided

to replace it.

KAPPA: Hall renovation gets finishing touches

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Kappa will also have a variety of minor changes, Treston said. These include renovated student rooms and main lounges, new lighting, new drinking fountains and a new hydration station on the first floor. Treston said there will be new desk chairs in student rooms and new lounge furniture as well.

The current tiling will be replaced with vinyl flooring to give it a wood look to match other buildings on campus, as well as finishes to the doors and windows. The building should have a more contemporary look to it, Treston said.

Showers will replace the old tubs in the bathrooms, and plumbing and piping are also being replaced, which Treston said were in "very bad shape."

Kappa residents were relocated in spring quarter when construction started in

1:57 p.m., July 18

Officers responded to a

drunk individual walking

down the 1300 Block of

Humboldt Street with blood

on his chest and lacerations

on his forearm. He was trans-

ported to the hospital for

further care.

April, Cocke said.

"Students will be positively impacted when they return to Kappa in September 2015 - an improved building they can enjoy," Cocke said.

Kappa is the last Ridgway building to have fire sprinkler upgrades. Fire alarm upgrades and other life safety upgrades will be added to residence halls in the future to support modernization and new fire code requirements as well as bolster student safety, Cocke said.

Treston said progress on the renovation has been going well, though the bathroom has been the biggest project because of the piping, which has been there since Kappa was originally built in the early 1960s.

"The big part, which was kind of a surprise for us – we already knew we were doing the bathrooms, but replacing all the plumbing, piping and things like that was not an-

ticipated," Treston said. "But once we got in there we saw that we had to do it, so we're getting that accomplished while we're there.'

The building has been renovated twice before but the outdated piping was not



Ridgeway Kappa is set to open back up Tuesday, September 15. The renovated building will include updated plumping and a new fire alarm and **sprinkler system.**// Photo by Alexandra Bartick

Cops Box

3:09 p.m., July 18 A customer expecting to purchase her refurbished bike, reported that the bike was stolen from a shop on the 900 Block of North State Street before she was able to pick it up.

6:48 p.m., July 19 A 911 call was made after an employee found a box of ammunition in the women's restroom on the 4200 Block of Meridian Street. The ammunition was impounded for destruction.

9:40 a.m., July 20 Six new tires were reported to have been stolen from a car dealership on the 1900 Block of James Street.

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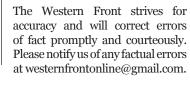
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Corrections



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Bartick

continued from page 1 safety of molluscan shellfish, Kunesh said.

Kunesh said inland Puget Sound and coastal waters are routinely checked for three biotoxins: paralytic shellfish poisoning - also known as red tide - , amnesic shellfish poisoning and diarrhetic shell-



MINOR: Sustainability studies combines several fields of interest

Grace Wang, an environmental studies professor, is the academic program director for Western's new sustainable studies minor. // Photo by Alexandra

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defines sustainability as maintaining a good quality of life.

"Another way to think about sustainability is this intersection between economic, environmental and social quality of life," she said. In this way, she said it meets the long-term needs of all three concepts.

Student demand for a program to study the subject has always been there, Wang said. Wang is part of the WWU Sustainability Academy and this demand is why she and her colleagues created a curriculum committee to address student interest, she said. The sustainability studies minor will offer an overview of how different fields consider sustainability, Wang said.

"One of the things I'm most proud of is that for students who take the minor, they can take classes in almost every college on campus," Wang said. "From Fairhaven to fine and performing arts to humanities and social science and science and engineering there is a lot of availability of classes that will meet the needs of the minor.'

Western sophomore Gwen Larned, a business and sustainability major and zero waste coordinator at the Office of Sustainability, said she thinks the new minor will help students realize that sustainability isn't just a buzzword.

"I think it's pretty cool since sustainability's a pretty broad subject and can apply to pretty much anything that you want it to," Larned

said. "It just gives you a much more positive, wellrounded view on the world in a way. So it kind of gives you a direction to aim for, as far as equity and fair business and that sort of thing."

James Loucky, an anthropology professor involved in the WWU Sustainability Academy with Wang, is involved in one of the many sustainability-related fields.

"It can bring in law and business and arts and humanities and natural sciences, and so sustainability is one of those things that really touches just about everything that we do," Loucky said.

To apply for the minor, students need to first take the Sustainability Literacy I course, which will be offered this winter.

SHELLFISH: Commercial sales rise with Bellingham Bay closure

fish poisoning, which are all found in plankton. Toni Knudson, manager of

Buck Bay Shellfish Farm on Orcas Island, said there is an increase in sales for commercial suppliers due to the recreational shellfishing closures because it's the only way for residents to get safe, toxicfree shellfish.

"They only places [residents] can get fresh shellfish is from us or another shellfish supplier," Knudson said.

Diarrhetic shellfish poisoning effects recreational harvesting far worse than its does commercial, Knudson said.

"The way Washington state works is if they have a sight that is south of the San Juan Islands than they will shut the entire San Juan Islands down for harvesting," Knudson said. "For commercial they will only shut us down if it's in our area and if the shellfish has tested positive for it specifically.

Commercial harvesters, including restaurants, are required to send their products

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to a lab before harvest for sale to test that their biotoxin levels are at a safe limit within the shellfish. Kunesh said.

Cooking shellfish does not destroy biotoxins, Kunesh said.

Kunesh advises residents who become sick from biotoxin-type illnesses should seek medical attention.

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ing a small desk stacked

with books and attended by

a young woman. "Secrets" is

the title. Many ask if the book

is hers, and whether it's her

The 19-year-old responds

cheerily that no, this is her

second book published, so

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The smiling face

behind the desk

Katelyn

junior

Schneider,

first book or not.

far at least.

FEATURES

writing her own future

After starting her writing career at the young age of 13, Western creative writing student Katelyn Schneider now has had two books published and is working toward a third.

> **Nick Belcaster** THE WESTERN FRONT

and creative writing major at Western.

Having two published books under her belt makes Schneider a seasoned author, but what stands out most is the age at which she began writing: 13.

Schneider's books fall into the young adult genre, a section of literature that is marketed towards teens. However they offer something more than most other books in the genre can offer, being written by an actual young adult.

Schneider's most recent title, "Secrets," follows main character Victoria Laine and her developing relationship with a mysterious Nick Avery, a boy who is full of secrets, Schneider said.

"It turns out that Nick is what's called a Protector, and their purpose here is to pro-

tect human beings both from themselves, and from these other mythical creatures that are called Valkyrie," she said.

"Secrets" is the product of a young mind driven to do things that many at such a young age feel is impossible, Schneider said.

Schneider's literary start came in the form of a vacation, when at 13-years-old she was struck with the idea for her first book on a trip to Leavenworth with her family, Schneider said.

Camping out in the computer room for three months, Schneider emerged with her first book, "Tweaked," but it was only after her father suggested they have it published did she consider the possibility, she said.

"If it weren't for him, I wouldn't have even

thought I could do it," Schneider said.

Schneider's father Jeff Schneider said that when she approached him about having a book she wanted to publish, he certainly encouraged his daughter to pursue the idea.

"I fully believe that everybody should follow their dreams and do what they have a passion to do, so I completely supported her and her endeavors of writing," Jeff Schneider said.

lished on her first try.

When Inkwater had accepted the book, Jeff Schneider said that he called in disbelief to clarify how selective the publisher tended to be.

Sean Jones, the acquisitions director for Inkwater Press, said that while it isn't exactly rare to see manuscripts from a younger generation come through the door, Schneider's writing stuck out.

"It definitely happens, but it certainly was refreshing to get something that was as well written as her work was," Jones said.

Jones said that often first-time writers like Schneider will use Inkwater's publishing services as their beginning foray into the world of book publishing.

"Her first novel was really to try things out I think, and see if writing was the thing that she wanted to do and was good at it, and both of those things were confirmed, at least for me," Jones said.

for her.

Previously having attended Spokane Falls Community College, this past year has been Schneider's first at Western, Schneider said. In that time her writing has seen a boost, with her having found great support in the English department, she said.

Cathy McDonald has taught three English courses with Schneider in attendance, and said that she had to have been very industrious to accomplish a literary feat at such a young age.

It isn't often that McDonald sees a student come through her classroom already having published anything, and those who do usually opt to go the online route.

Donald said.

Schneider said that McDonald's teaching style certainly helped foster her writing in a new location.

"McDonald has really helped to do what she can to promote creativity and that's really helped to get my creative juices flowing," Schneider said.

Schneider said.

Norse mythology.

Currently Schneider is writing the second book, in a series of three, that began with "Secrets," she said.

on, she said.

"There isn't a lot of Norse mythology apparent in the first one, but in

"Watching her grow as an author has been an experience that not many people get to have with their favorite author."

> Samantha Schneider Katelyn's sister-in-law



The publishing process is one with many avenues, but Schneider opted to forego an agent and went straight to the independent book printer Inkwater Press with her book, getting "Tweaked" pub-

Jones said that as Schneider continues her journey into the world of publishing, Inkwater Press would be thrilled to publish another book

"Rarely do you see someone that has had something in print," Mc-

"Secrets" doesn't ride the cliché literary wave of vampires and werewolves that has poured out of the young adult genre in the past years,

Instead, Schneider said that she created her own mythological creatures to populate her story, backing them up with deeply researched

The second book, however, is taking much longer than the first because it requires more research into the mythology her books are based the second one I definitely bring that in the spotlight," Schneider said.

Schneider's sister-in-law, Samantha Schneider, has watched her career grow into what she has made it today, and is an avid reader of her books, Samantha Schneider said.

"I fully believe that everybody should follow their dreams and do what they have a passion to do, so I completely supported her and her endeavors of writing."

Jeff Schneider Katelyn's father

"Watching her grow as an author has been an experience that not many people get to have with their favorite author," Samantha Schneider said.

Samantha Schneider said that the dedication that her in-law has exhibited has been astonishing, and that she is eagerly awaiting the second book in the series.

"I keep begging her to give me the manuscript which she won't do, she's going to make me wait," Samantha Schneider said. "But I keep wanting to read it."

Having published a book at a young age, Schneider is eager to share the possibility with younger generations.

In Spokane, Schneider would visit classrooms that had read her book and see firsthand the potential of young writers, Schneider said.

"That was me like six years ago as a thirteen-year-old," Schneider said. "I looked up to authors."

Persistence is the key tool Schneider offers to those who are looking to publish a book, no matter what stands in someone's way.

"A lot of young people think 'oh I'm just too young for that,' and it's really interesting to see them realize that 'I'm not too young for that, if I want to do that, I can do that," Schneider said.



Katelyn Schneider // Photo courtesy of Katelyn Scheider

6 OPINION

Opinions of the Editorial Board

Stop Complaining

Even though the days seem much longer, summer quarter is quickly coming to an end and there's one question that has been plaguing us. Why do so many students complain about class difficulty when we attend a university that offers nearly limitless options of support?

We made the choice to be students when we signed up for higher education and all of us knew there would be challenges ahead. We also knew that summer quarter would be a condensed and more challenging version of quarters during the academic year, but we still decided to take summer classes.

If college is considered a privilege around the world, then why are so many of us complaining about being here?

We've all been told at one point or another that college is supposed to be the best years of our lives. If that's true, then why do some of us students choose to sit around

moping about classes that should be considered minor stepping stones on our path to a greater future?

By being a chronic complainer, not only are you damaging your own ability as a student, but you're also negatively affecting and influencing others around you. If you're having trouble, it's up to you to handle it; nobody is going to hold your hand. Professors and other university support systems will provide you with help and advice, but overall it's up to you to get your stuff done. This is college; you're an adult, it's time to act like one.

By this point, some of you may be thinking to yourselves it's really hypocritical to complain about complainers. Let us assure you, we're not complaining, we're simply pointing out an issue that is a problem on our campus, especially during summer quarter. We hope that by discussing this, we can attempt to find a solution to this

problem, not further it.

Remember, at college, you're not alone. Everyone has problems in their lives that they've had to deal with, and it's how you choose to deal with your problems that shows others what you're made of.

Decisions that we make, even small ones, can influence how others perceive us for the rest of our lives. In the professional world, your boss will not magically decrease your workload just because you complain about how much work you have. Life is hard work for everyone. Sitting around whining about things is easy, but pushing through your problems and making the best of a situation, that takes real grit.

So let's stop all the bitching and moaning and get back to work.

The editorial board is composed of Miles Barnes, Stephanie Villiers and Alexandra Bartick.

Coleen Payne senior, psychology

"I like to go camping with my family."



Kylie Gallacher junior, mathematics

"I like to go watch movies, write reviews on them and rate them."



Joeli Funderburke junior, engineering

"I like to lay in the sun or do anything around water that involves a boat."

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Cam Caplinger THE WESTERN FRONT

For the first time in eight years, Joe Martin Field was the site of the West Coast League All-Star Game. With thousands in atten-

dance, the stands were filled with shouting fans, the thumps of bleacher steps and the smell of freshly grilled hot dogs.

Featuring six players from the Bellingham Bells, the city's collegiate summer team, the game was a low scoring pitcher's duel with just nine total hits as the South All-Stars beat the North All-Stars 3-0.

Throwing the first pitch at this year's all-star game was none other than former Seattle Mariners pitcher Jamie Moyer, who will be inducted into the Mariners Hall of Fame on Saturday, Aug. 8. Mover played for the M's for 11 seasons and is the franchise's all-time leader in wins, starts and innings pitched with a career ERA of 3.97.

"I enjoyed the whole atmosphere," Moyer said. "It's fun to watch these young kids that have an appetite for baseball and a dream to play in college and for a lot of these kids their aspirations are to go on and play

Six Bellingham Bells named to the North All-Star team: #3 #7 #14 #24 #32 #36



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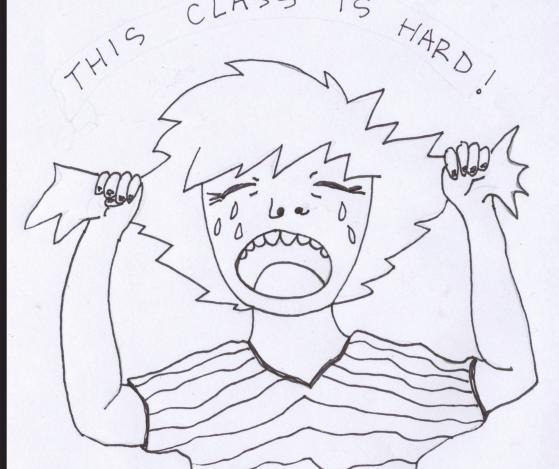


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Viking Voices

Jake Blondheim

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"I like to travel and go

on road trips."

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senior, psychology

"Going swimming

and hanging out with

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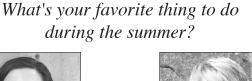
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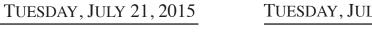
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"Sit on porches for

hours watching the sun

go down."





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Joe Martin Field hosts 2015 WCL all-star game

Thousands were on hand as the South All-Stars won 3-0 over the North All-Stars, which had six Bells players

professionally. Some will and some won't but they're all chasing a dream right now and it's fun to watch."

Leading the South All-Stars in their three-run win was first baseman Jake Scudder of the Kitsap Blue-Jackets and shortstop Cadyn Grenier of the Bend Elks. Griener had two stolen bases, one hit and one scored run while Scudder went 2-3 at the plate with one walk.

After the game, Grenier was given the Top Prospect Award and Scudder won the MVP.

"It was fun," Scudder said. "It was a good end to a good day. I came out here with a lot of good baseball players. I competed and did what I could do."

The home run derby for the West Coast League ran before the main game and showcased the Bellingham Bells very own, Bronson Larsen. The first round was a 10-out format with the second and final rounds having only five outs. Larsen was knocked out in the first round and Hunter Villanueva from the Kelowna Falcons won the competition on a go-ahead home run with three outs remaining in the final round to finish with five total.

С	Bronson Larsen
RHP	Andrew Kemmerer
SS	Dustin Breshears
1B	Andrew Reichenbach
RHP	Justin Calomeni
OF	Aaron Stroosma



OF Justin Flores from the Kelowna Falcons bats for the North All-Star team on Monday, July 20 at Joe Martin Field. // Photo by Yaelle Kimmelman

Another one of the players representing the Bellingham Bells this year was shortstop Dustin Breshears. A senior at Gonzaga University, the infielder has a batting average of .277 with 28 hits, three home runs and 14 RBIs in 27 games.

"It was an awesome experience," Breshears said. "This is one of those oncein-a-lifetime experiences so you've just got to have fun with it no matter what happens."

Other players from the Bellingham Bells in this year's all-star game were catcher Bronson Larsen, first baseman Andrew Reichenbach, outfielder Aaron Stroosma, and pitchers Andrew Kemmerer and Justin Calomeni.

Larsen will be a junior for the Brigham Young University baseball team next season and is currently batting .304 average with five home run.

Reichenbach is attending George Fox University and will be a junior next season. He has a .273 batting average with 24 hits this summer for the Bells.

Stroosma plays for Liberty University and is from Mount Vernon, Washington. This season he is batting .288 with 29 hits and 20 stolen bases.

Kemmerer started the game for the North All-Stars and gave up no runs in the inning that he pitched. He has an ERA of 1.45 this summer for the Bells while only pitching one game where his ERA rose above two. Kemmerer is a senior at University of Central Arkansas.

Calomeni came into the game for one inning as well and did not give up a hit; he

also struck out one batter. With an ERA of 2.03 for the Bells this season, he is 2-0 as a starter and is attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

The Bells' collegiate players don't always have a place to stay, so some fans volunteer to host players in their homes for the summer. Lisa McCoy enjoyed her first all-star game in Bellingham and currently hosts catcher Alex Galgano and pitcher Cody Anderson. McCoy says that the games are fun to come out to.

"Fans that come to the ballpark kind of put the boys on a pedestal," McCoy said. "But at home, they're just regular college students. They like to eat a lot, they sleep late, they work very hard while they're here, they really don't get much downtime but when they do we like to spend family time."



WWU women's basketball team hosts camp

Colleen Sengstock THE WESTERN FRONT

The Western women's basketball team finished their basketball camp last week where they coached young girls during a fiveday camp at the Wade King Student Recreation Center.

The team taught the girls the fundamentals of basketball including dribbling, shooting, footwork, defense and developing a player's individual game. The entire team was required to help coach the girls, including the incoming freshmen.

"They [the basketball team] all get to be together, so they do a lot of team bonding," Assistant Coach Stacey Turrell said. "We [the coaches] love this. The girls love it to get to know each other."

Some of the basketball team members have previous coaching experience.

"I coached fifth-graders for my senior project and then I have been helping out doing the Western camp over the summer," team captain and senior Kayla Bernsen said.



Girls from the basketball camp at Wade King Student Recreation Center. // Photo Courtesy of Stacey Turrell

The camp is for girls in fifth-grade through high school who have an interest in honing their basketball skills. There is no skill level required to be able to attend, just a love for the game, Turrell said "We usually have a waitlist," Turrell said. "It is a pretty popular camp."

There were about 120 girls who attended this year. Turrell said the number varies each year, but because of the Sam Carver Gymnasium remodel the camp had to take a smaller number this year.

"It's really, really cool to be able to [bond] with girls from basketball because they look up to you," Bernsen said. "It's super fun to be able to teach and hang out with younger girls who like basketball."

The camp is high energy and coaches really try getting involved with the campers, Bernsen said.

The camp mixes it up between fun activities and learning the fundamentals, Bernsen said. During demonstrations, the coaches teach the girls fundamentals, then they break down into smaller groups to practice the skills learned. Each coach is in charge of 10-15 girls.

"I think it's a really fun week," Turrell said.

One of Bernsen's favorite things about the camp is being able to interact with the girls on a more personal level and create a great bond, she said.

Taylor Peacocke, a team captain, also sees the benefit of teaching kids the sports she loves.

"Its kind of tough, especially when you're coaching younger kids, but it's really fun teaching other people something you love so much," Peacocke said.

Bellingham United wins first game this season

The Hammers now have a record of 1-11-1 with one game left to play this summer

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After a tough season, Bellingham United Football Club finally have their first victory of the summer and it came against Wenatchee Football Club. The Hammers won 6-2 on Saturday, July 18.

Bellingham had an additional 15 minutes to prepare for Wenatchee FC as the opposing team was stuck in traffic on Interstate-5 going through Mount Vernon, which forced the game to start 15 minutes later than had been planned. Shortly after kickoff, Bellingham United jumped out to a quick lead with three goals 15 minutes into the match.

At halftime, the score was 4-1 in favor of the Hammers. They added two more goals before the game's end and Wenatchee got another. The game ended 6-2 and fans celebrated during the entire second half of play, excited to be witnessing the team's first win this season in what has been a very difficult season for both the fans and the players.

Forward Nicholas Cashmere was named Man of the Match with three assists. Cashmere, who played at San Jose State, said the team changed the formation from how they were playing earlier in the year which helped them attack the goal and create more opportunities.

"We scored some goals and that's what makes the difference," Cashmere said. "We've been getting a lot of shots in the season, we just haven't been putting them away. Today we finally did it, so it made the difference."

Head Coach Lance Calloway said he was pleased by with another win and earn some more points. Currently, the team has four points in the league; with one win and one tie as well, he said.

Daniel Klotzer, a Bellingham United fan, was pleased with the outcome of the match as he felt the team played well and fought hard until the end of the match.

"The game was great, offensively we played awesome," Klotzer said. "Our forwards were attacking with good motion, the midfield was very clear, we had great defense with a couple of flubs for goals."

Bellingham United went on to play the Spokane Shadow at home the next day, Sunday, July 19. They would lose 2-0 as the Shadow captured the 2015 Evergreen Premier League title. Bellingham United will finish their season at Civic Stadium at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 26 against the Seattle Stars FC, who have a record of 3-7-3.





Gabriele Zaccagnini dribbles to evade Wenatchee FC players in Bellingham United's first win of the season on Saturday July 18, at Civic Field. //Photo by Jake Tull the complete game that the team played. Cashmere was dynamic and dangerous on the field by creating space and opportunities to score. He rewarded his teammates rather than himself as a result, Calloway said.

"[Defensively] we had a couple mistakes where we gave up goals, but in general [the defenders] snuffed out a lot of the attack," Calloway said. "The opponents were pretty direct so they were able to absorb a lot of it, especially as the game progressed and it was 5-1."

With one more game left this season, Cashmere said he hopes to finish strong Bellingham United players Uche Ugwoaba, right, and Nick Cashmere, left, celebrate after Ugwoaba's goal that put Bellingham up 2-0 in their game against Wenatchee FC on Saturday, July 18, at Civic Field. // Photo by Jake Tull

Records	
Bellingham United FC	1-11-1
Wenatchee FC	5-6-2