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Public Safety

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Monday, October 30, 2017 5:30PM- 6:00 PM Title: Community Action of Skagit County Guests: Joan Penney, Donor Development Consultant for Community Action of Skagit Summary: A conversation about the need for a larger building to house Community Action, an organization that helps low-income people, homeless and veterans among many others.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Friday, October 13, 2017 5:30-6:00 PM Title: Security Issues on the SVC Campus Guests: Jim Jolly, Head of SVC Security Summary: A discussion of security issues on the campus.

Program: Speak Up, Speak Out Date Aired: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:00-5:30 PM Title: Mall Shooting a Year Afterward Guests: Chris Cammock, Lt. Mount Vernon Police and Shannon Meyer, FBI Clinical Psychologist and Victim Specialist Summary: A conversation about what happened at the mall in Skagit Valley, Burlington, WA, in the Fall of 2016

Program: We Do The Work Date Aired: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 5:00PM- 5:30 PM Title: Public Defenders Guests: Jon Komorowski, Chief Public Defender of Whatcom County, Summary: Jon explains in more detail why public defenders are so important to the justice system.

Environment

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, October 5, 2017 5:30-6:00 PM Title: Kelp Bed and Green Crab Surveys Guests: Samathe Russell, Padilla Bay Volunteer Coordinator Summary: A conversation about the work of the Padilla Bay Volunteer Program in regards to the Kelp bed Survey, the Green Crab Invasion, and volunteer opportunities.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Friday, November 25, 2017 Title: Ornamental Grasses in your Yard Guests: Linda Walls, WSU Master Gardner Summary: A discussion of the Do's and Don'ts of ornamental grasses in your yard.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Tuesday, Nov 28, 2017 5:30 -6:00 PM Title: English Language Acquisition Class Guests: Various voices of students Summary: An audio Montage of an English Language Acquisition class at Skagit valley College. Students explain why they are taking the class.

Program: Speak Up Speak Out

Date Aired: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 5:00PM-5:30 PM

Title: Public Land Threats in Skagit County

Guests: Recordings from nine people who spoke on those days.

Summary: Since the summer of 2016, Skagit residents have become aware that our county commissioners have been consulting with anti-public lands groups seeking local control over federally owned lands, paving the way for resource extraction on these lands. In the state of Washington this means national park and national forests lands. The commissioners agreed to stop paying membership fees to two of these groups: the American Lands Council and the American Stewards of Liberty. However, residents have learned that our tax dollars have been funding DC lobbyist Robert K. Weidner, who supports an extreme right wing environmental agenda, for many years, currently contracting his services for \$20,000 in 2017. In an effort to bring this to public attention, people spoke up at the Tuesday commissioners' comment period on Nov. 21, and 28, 2017.

Program: Speak Up Speak Out

Date Aired: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 5:00PM-5:30 PM

Title: Testimony from Public Hearing for Tesoro's Xylene Project Shoreline permit Guests: Local individuals and representatives from various environmental organizations

Summary: On Nov. 2, 2017 the Skagit County Hearing Examiner took public comment regarding Tesoro (now Andeavor) Refinery's "Clean Product

Upgrades" proposal at the March Point refinery. The majority of those comments were from people either opposed to the project or concerned about negative environmental impacts.

Health

Program: Skagit Talks: Today is Your Health Date Aired: Friday, October 6, 2017 5:30 PM-6:00 PM Title: Tinnitus Guests: Diane Fox, health care provider Summary: A discussion about hearing care

Program: Skagit Talks: Today is Your Health Date Aired: Friday, November 10, 2017 5:30 PM– 6:00 PM Title: Diabetes Prevention Guests: Laura De Frees, Lifestyle Coach Summary: Information about Type 2 Diabetes, care, solutions, and prevention.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 5:00-5:30 PM Title: The Binaytara Foundation Guests: Dr. Binay Shah, MD Summary: A discussion of the work the Binaytara Foundation, of Sedro Woolley, is doing in Nepal and India, setting up Hospice clinics.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Thursday, November 30, 2017 5:30PM - 6:00 PM Title: Mother's Vision of Hope Guests: Valerie McCormack, organizer Summary: A discussion about the founding of Mother's Vision of Hope and the holiday toy drive to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Seattle.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Title: Burlington Senior Center Activities Guests: Jackie Cress, Burlington Senior Center Coordinator Summary: A lively discussion of the services the Burlington senior offers, including lunch Monday-Friday, various activities during the week, and an explanation of the Meals on Wheels Program.

Education

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Friday, October 8, 2017 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Title: Mt Vernon Library Upcoming Events Guests: Isaac Huffman, Librarian Summary: A conversation with the new Mt Vernon Library Director who talks about upcoming library events for the season and changes coming to the library. Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 5:30PM – 6:00 PM Title: 40th District News Guests: Kristine Lytton, 40th District Representative to the Washington State House Summary: A discussion of recent legislative issues

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Monday, October 9, 2017 5:30PM -6:00 PM Title: STEM Guests: Phil Brockman, Superintendent and Michael Olsen, Asst Superintendent, Sedro Woolley School District Summary: A discussion of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in the SW District

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Thursday, October 19, 2017 5:30 PM-6:00 PM Title: Cascade Job Corps Academy Guests: Ken Meenaghan, Academy Director Summary: A discussion of the new educational program.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 5:30PM - 6:00 PM Title: Harvesting Family Fun Guests: Shelee King George, consultant teacher Summary: A conversation about the upcoming Allen Elementary School's Family Fun Night

Program: Speak Up, Speak Out

Date Aired: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 5:00PM-5:30 PM Title: Answering Islamophobia, Supporting our Muslim Neighbors Guests: Reverend Terry Kyllo of Anacortes, Director of Neighbors in Faith Summary: Pastor Kyllo feels that interfaith dialogue is critical, enabling us to live with each other given our cultural differences. He now works full time as the director of Neighbors in Faith, an interfaith effort to recognize Muslims as neighbors and partners in building a more peaceful world. With Muslim speakers, he co-leads a presentation called Faith Over Fear - an overview of the Islamophobia industry, the threat it poses to our nation and civil liberties, and what we can do about it together. This is an in-depth look at what makes Americans vulnerable to anti-Muslim propaganda, what allows the fear to grow, and how we can work together to build a movement which allows us to see each other as human beings and live together in peace.

Agriculture

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Thursday, November 2, 2017 5:30PM - 6:00 PM Title: Heritage Pigs Guests: Miryam Garrote of Baldham Farms Summary: A discussion of a heritage breed of pigs being raised organically outside Sedro Woolley.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Friday, December 22, 2017 5:30PM – 6:00 PM Title: Holiday Greenery Guests: Valerie Rose, WSU Master Gardener Summary: A discussion of holiday greens; variety and their uses for decorating.

Local Economy and Labor Issues

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Thursday, November 16, 2017 5:30 Pm - 6:00 PM Title: Women's Work International Market Guests: Virginia Darvill, founder of the local chapter Summary: A discussion of Women's Work, their aims and organization

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 5:30PM-6:00 PM Title: S & W Pies Guests: Wayne Brusseau, founder of S&W Pies, a non-profit Summary: A discussion of the non-profit business S & W Pies, that sells pies to benefit various non-profits that support transitional housing for homeless families.

Program: We Do The Work Date Aired: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 5:00PM-5:30 PM Title: Inequality, Part 1 Guests: Gordon Zurn, Financial Secretary for USW Local 12-591, & Les Leopold, Director of The Labor Institute and author of Runaway Summary: Gordon and Les discuss what inequality is, how it happened, and what to do about it.

Program: We Do The Work Date Aired: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 5:00-5:30 PM Title: Fighting for our Democracy and Future in the age of Trump. Guests: Mark McDermott, Social & Economic Educator and Activist Summary: Mark gives many examples of why the truth matters in our lives and tells us about his new workshop called Fighting for our Democracy and Future in the age of Trump.

Program: We Do The Work Date Aired: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 5:00-5:30 PM Title: AFL-CIO young worker programs Guests: Liz Shuler, Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO Summary: Liz describes the AFL-CIO young worker programs that engages and empowers younger workers.

Latino Community Issues

Program: My Point of View Date Aired: Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 11:00AM-12:00 PM Title: Congressional talk Guests: Pramila Jayapal, Congresswoman Summary: A conversation about the changes of DACA and updates on the DREAM Act.

Program: My Point of View Date Aired: Wednesday, December 20th, 2017 11:00 Am- 12:00 PM Title: Home Buying Event Guests: Nora Mazonson and Yaret Lopez, REaltors Summary: A discussion about the upcoming community event to help educate Spanish speakers about the process of buying a home.

Program: Hablame De Ti Paisano Date Aired: Friday, December 15th, 2017 1:00 PM-1:30 PM Title: Migrant Health Program Guests: Armando Isais-Garcia, Supervisor of Migrant Health Education programs Summary: A conversation about the different programs that are provided about Migrant Health. Also an explanation of what is needed from the community to help their efforts.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Monday, November 13, 2017 5:30 – 6:00 PM Title: SVC Spanish Speaking GED Program Guests: Elizabeth Salinas, Education Navigator Summary: A discussion of the program: how it works, who it services.

Quality of Life and the Arts

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Monday, October 2, 2017 5:30PM -6:00 PM Title: The Naughty Blokes Guests: Theodore Misuraca (Miss-a-rocka), liaison and Warren Meier, songwriter Summary: A conversation with the lead singer and songwriter of the Naughty Blokes, a local area band. Influences and music styles revealed.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 5:30 PM-6:00 PM Title: In the Valley of Mystic Light Guests: Claire Swedberg, author Summary: A conversation with writer Claire Swedberg, about her recently published book documenting Skagit Valley artists and styles from 1940-2010. A landmark work. Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 5:30-6:00 PM Title: Ladies Night Out Guests: Mt Vernon Downtown Association representative Summary: A discussion of the Ladies Night Out Fund Community benefit event.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Title: Surviving the Holidays Guests: Judie Landy, author Summary: A sharing of tips for surviving the emotional challenges of the holidays plus a reading of two short stories pertaining to the holidays.

Special Topics

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Monday, October 16, 2017 5:30 PM-6:00 PM Title: SW Library Plans Guests: Eron Berg, SW City Administrator Summary: A discussion of plans for construction of a new city library

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 5:30PM – 6:00 PM Title: Skagit College Foundation Guests: Anne Clark, Executive Director and Brad Tuininga, Director of Philanthropy Summary: A discussion about the role of the Foundation in fund raising for SVC and the support it provides.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Thursday, November 6, 2017 5:30 PM-6:00 PM Title: Veterans Day Celebration Guests: Bill King, Director of Mt Vernon Parks and Recreation Summary: A discussion of the upcoming Veterans Day Celebration event.

Program: Skagit Talks Date Aired: Thursday, November 16, 2017 5:30 – 6:00 PM Title: Girl Scouts Guests: Karla Ayala, Community Engagement Specialist and Emilia Smith, Community Engagement Manager Summary: A discussion of the Girl Scouting Program in the Skagit Valley