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Whatcom Museum opens heritage exhibits to indigenous people; part of 'bigger conversation'

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The exhibit “Tribal Canoe Journeys” has helped open conversation locally about indigenous peoples’ access to museum displays of heritage items. Above, an image from the exhibit shows a canoe navigating the Salish Sea during the 2019 Paddle to Lummi. Photo courtesy of Children of the Setting Sun Productions, Inc.

Feb. 24, 2020 — *By Kimberly Cauvel* — New exhibits and a new perspective on access at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art have become threads in a national conversation about the relationship between museums and indigenous people... [Read more here.](#)

News from around the region ...

[Steep budget cuts left Alaska with only one operating mainline ferry. Then it broke down.](#)

A 30 percent budget cut imposed on the Alaska Marine Highway System meant the *Matanuska* was the only mainline ferry operating to and from Bellingham. It broke down late last month and it will be mid-April before ferry service resumes. (Washington Post)

[Elenbaas likens environmental nonprofit group to domestic terrorists.](#)

At a February 11 Whatcom County Council meeting debate on a \$65,000 education outreach contract, Councilmember Ben Elenbaas likened Bellingham-based RE Sources, a nonprofit organization founded in 1982 to advocate for the environment, to domestic terrorists. (Northern Light)

[Mobile homeowners fight to stay](#)

Mobile homeowners in Bellingham want an extension of a one-year moratorium protecting 10 mobile home parks from being redeveloped. (Western Front)

[City reviewing tiny home encampment](#)

The city of Bellingham is reviewing a new site for a tiny home village at the former city "Clean Green" yard waste disposal site between Lakeway Drive and Old Woburn Street near Bayview Cemetery. (Western Front)

[Ferndale School Board to take revised levy proposal to voters in April](#)

After rejecting a 4-year Ferndale School levy at a \$2.50 mil rate on February 11, voters will vote on a 2-year levy at a \$2.17 mil rate at the April 28 Special Election. (My Ferndale News)

[Ecology fines BP Cherry Point Refinery for environmental violations](#)

The Washington State Department of Ecology fined BP Cherry Point Refinery \$8,000 having incomplete labels on dangerous waste containers, improper management of universal wastes, and missing inspection logs. (Bellingham Herald)

[Port's plans for events center meet opposition](#)

The Port of Anacortes' long-standing proposal to build a new events center at Cap Sante Marina is moving its way forward, but some residents and marina tenants are expressing their opposition. (Anacortes American)

[The hunt is on in Whatcom for invasive, bee-killing giant hornets with painful stings](#)

The state will set "sap traps" and ask people to make homemade bottle traps in an effort to find and destroy invasive Asian giant hornets and keep them from making a home in the Pacific Northwest. (Bellingham Herald)

[Wastewater treatment plant repair requires maintenance rate increase](#)

Sewer users of the Eastsound Water and Sewer District will pay \$15 a month more to refurbish and upgrade the existing wastewater treatment system. (Orcas Issues)

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