Students in the Anacortes School District, including at Mount Erie Elementary School (pictured), headed back to school Tuesday. At Mount Erie, teachers gathered with classes outside of the school before a randomly chosen fifth-grader (Harper Love this year) cut the ribbon to officially start the school year.

Back to School

The dock at Cap Sante Marina is the primary piece of infrastructure, said Heather Haugen, executive director of the McKinley Research Group.

Anacortes woman shot to death in shooting that occurred during domestic dispute at her home

Anacortes police arrested Thomas following the Aug. 25 shooting and booked him into the Skagit County Commu-nity Detention Center.

According to an affidavit of probable cause, police were dispatched on the report of a shoot ing on 30th Street on Aug. 25.

White was found shot at the scene and was taken to Island Hospital, but died from his injuries, according to the affidavit.

Shomirinda Hicks, who is Thomas’s mother, said the shooting occurred during a domestic dispute between White and Hicks outside Hicks’s apartment, according to a news release from the Anacortes Police Department.

Hicks reported pain to the tops of her feet and a general pain to her eyes and head, though officers observed no major visible injuries requiring medical care, according to the affidavit.

Hicks told an officer that she and her daugh-ter initially ran from the scene but returned after realizing that White no longer posed a threat, according to the news release.

The 2009 fire was deemed arson, but the cause of the latest fire is still under investigation, according to city officials.

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Investigation continues in trestle fire

A fire Aug. 30 destroyed roughly 60 feet of the Tommy Thompson Trestle over Fidalgo Bay and the City of Ana-cortes is figuring out how to replace the area.

It isn’t the first fire to cause structural damage to the trestle. There have been several fires, including a similar fire burned 300 feet of the trestle on Oct. 15, 2009, but a community grant will replace it at about twice the size and $300,000.

The McKinley Research Group's findings at the Sept. 1 commissioner meeting.

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By Skagit Publishing staff

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Readers share photos of life on Fidalgo Island

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The dock doesn’t bring in much money for the Port of Anacortes itself, but helps its tenants create income in their busi-nesses. It also creates and supports jobs in this region, which is impor-tant to the port, he said.

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