



## Third roundabout to be installed in city of Deer Park by the end of June

**By Paige Kavanaugh**

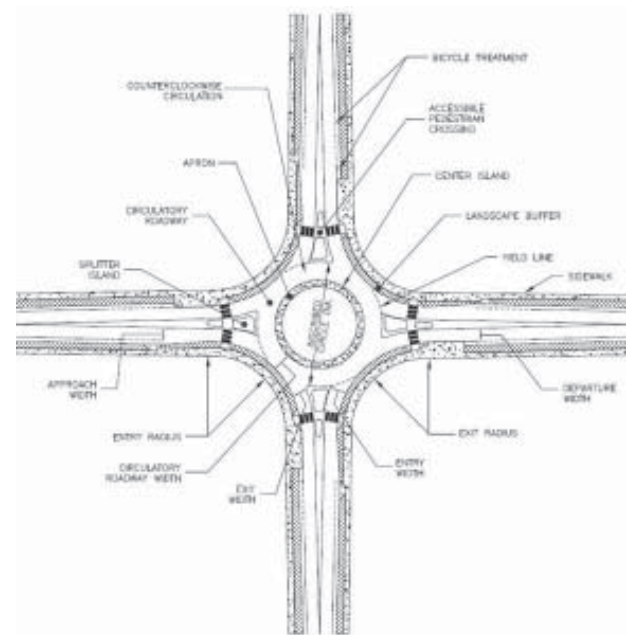
Did you hear that Deer Park will be putting up yet another roundabout! As you already know we have two roundabouts already in Deer Park — the first roundabout was installed at the end of E. Crawford St. and the beginning of Milan Rd. It was built to help with the flow of school traffic, and buses are able to get in and out easier. The roundabout had splendid results and proved very helpful during the school hours.

But of course, buses are not the only vehicles on the road that have difficulty. At the intersection of S. Main St. and W. and E. H St., cars were having difficulty using the intersection as a four-way stop. “It was just too difficult,” Becky Howey states. “Four cars would come to the stop and just sit. They just kept waiting for a car to go, and nobody went.” Her husband Frank added, “People just didn’t know how to use the four ways.”

With the traffic problems, it was officially decided to install yet another roundabout where the four way was. With a few months of construction delays, the roundabout was finally completed. Shortly after completion, the roundabout proved to be successful. “Traffic just flowed right on through,” says David Snider. “The roundabout was a good plan.”

Main St. has more than one four-way sadly, and since the completion of the second roundabout, the only place with traffic buildup is the four way on N. Main St. and Crawford St. near Napa Auto Parts. The idea of yet another roundabout seems good and many citizens of Deer Park are gladly accepting the plan. “I think it’s great that they are are going to put a roundabout on Main and Crawford,” says Martha Banks. “It will be so much easier and traffic will flow great!” Construction for the roundabout will begin in mid May and will hopefully end by late June. With Deer Park being such a success in its roundabouts, perhaps more will follow after the latest in the roundabout collection is complete.

**Roundabout sketch for Main and Crawford**



## Deer Park McDonald's will close its doors due to slow sales, and Starbucks will open

**By Brian Hendrickson**

Although it seems like McDonald's has been in Deer Park for a long time, it really hasn't. For nearly a decade, the McDonald's on Main Street across from Zip's has been a popular place. It offers food that most kids like at a somewhat affordable price. It even boasts one of those ever popular Play Places which is two stories high. Many families choose to have their children's birthday parties there, and some parents just like to drop in and have their kids play, especially in the winter.

However, McDonald's profits are really low and management has decided to tear the place down on July 1, 2011. I talked to the manager of McDonald's and he said that, “We are not making enough profits so we are going to wreck the place. We are going to move our business somewhere in Colville.”



McDonald's has tried to keep this under wraps, but of course, Deer Park is a small community, and one leak will travel fast. Shannon Shy is a regular customer at McDonald's. “I don't know where I'll entertain my family and friends if McDonald's closes its doors. And my kids won't eat anything except a McDonald's hamburger.”

Instead of another grocery store, which the community has decided is not necessary in this small town, Starbucks has decided to move into the space. Everyone loves Starbucks coffee in Spokane, but does Deer Park? They will try to sell their fantastic coffee here in Deer Park. The good news is that the teachers, the parents, and the travelers who are on their way to Colville or wherever they are going will be refreshed and wide awake.

So, look at the bright side. Even though the community is losing a gigantic icon, it is gaining another. When construction is complete, tell your parents to go to Starbucks. They have really good coffee. And we wouldn't want Starbucks to disappear too.



# Clayton Fair to return to its roots in the City of Deer Park



Farm implements ranging in time are enjoyed by many.



There is mighty competition with livestock, especially sheep.



A 4-H judge looks on at the mounted youngsters.

## By Cheneen Schliep

The Clayton Fair is returning to the city of Deer Park. Although private monies support a portion of the Clayton Fair, the majority of support is received by the Washington State Extension Office, a subsidiary of Washington State University. As the state is trying to balance their budget, they are looking at cutting the premiums issued at local, county and state fairs. According to the Feb. 9 Tribune, the Clayton Fair will continue even with less state dollars. But they have decided to move back to their original location in Deer Park.

Clayton Fair has more reasons for moving back to Deer Park than just money. Natural disasters have plagued the fairgrounds. There is a sinkhole causing severe damage on the grounds, one that stretches from the riding arena to the cattle barn which may cause both structures to collapse. Much of the space is now unusable because of the sink hole.

The fair board has come to the conclusion that it will be less expensive to move back to Deer Park and start over, than to fix the sink hole and the soon-to-collapse barn. The plans are not yet set but things are on the way. Many people feel that this will be good for Deer Park and better for the community fair.

"I think this will be good for the community and the fair will be more central," says Bettie Mith. Local business and residents are very excited about the fair coming back. Among other things, the fairgrounds will have to spread out along vacant lots on Main Street. This could be seen as a disadvantage, or as something that could benefit the community. This is what some of the citizens of Deer Park have to say on this subject. "I don't quite like of the idea," said Summer Lee Song. "You know, I think it would make Deer Park a little too crowded, and I kind of like some of the open space." Payton Seamaker disagreed, "I think that having the fair back in Deer Park will help the businesses in the area, and I personally think it will help Deer Park thrive in these hard times."

## Termination of mice outlawed

### By Daniel A. Mattison

"No joking," says Washington State governor Allan E. Johnson. "Assaults on mice are punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine to the Federal Government of the United States of America."

After a recent AC (Animal Count) and various other observations, the State Government was forced to realize that our population of mice consisted of less than 75,000 in the entire state of Washington. All game wardens and police personnel have been ordered to protect the species by any means necessary to preserve the population of the rodents before they reach a critical point of extinction, which are approximately 200 of the rodents in the whole state of Washington. Authorities are restricting the amount of information that gets out, as some people believe, because of the top secret methods which may be used to secure the population of mice.

Happy April's Fools Day!



## Pattison's Skate plans to open its doors in Deer Park in June

Another new family-oriented business is soon to come to Deer Park. Pattison's Skate has decided to purchase the old Rosauers store and turn it into a skating rink. "We're really excited about the opportunity to expand our business in such a wonderful place as Deer Park. It's the perfect venue for a family-oriented business," said owner Justin Ralph.

Another great incentive for the family-owned business to choose the recently vacated building is the fact that the original wooden floors are still intact and in very good condition. Much of the shelving from the Rosauers is already gone, so the family would just have to pull-up

old tile, refinish the wooden floor, and add some padding around the sides of the building. "We'll keep the bathrooms just where they are, so there really is minimal work," said Ralph.

Deer Park Pattison Skate hopes to open its doors to the community just as school lets out in June. As with the other skate rinks, special family times will be an integral part of the offerings as well as the ever-popular birthday parties. The new owners would also like to offer the building for special events like family and class reunions.

The possibilities are endless.

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