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Newsbriefs

City to get sexual harrassment training

Department heads and staff at the city of Grand Coulee will attend a sexual harassment training at 4 p.m. this Friday, according to mayor Chris Christopherson. He stated that he didn't want to comment on the reason for the training.

Christopherson said that members of the city council have also been asked to attend Friday's training class, or one scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7, which is scheduled for firefighters and ambulance workers.

Canfield & Associates, the city's risk management firm, will conduct the class.

Rolling along

A woman organizing a local roller derby team says the effort is going well. Rayne Rabe, known on skates as Chick Norris, Derby Rayne-ger, says she will meet with at least 13 prospective team members on Friday and Saturday, and she's heard of more interest from the Wilbur area. She signed papers with the Grand Coulee Dam School District Tuesday with the intent to use the Center Elementary gym for indoor practices this winter.

Tent increase

The Electric City Council approved a request by Coulee Playland for increases of $2 a day for some of its tent sites for the 2013 season, The rental costs of these sites will go from $42 to $44 a night. The city is the lead agency administering the land on which Coulee Playland operates.

Filtering plant to be previewed

Engineers from Gray & Osborne, city officials and contractor Clearwater Construction will get together Feb. 4 and 5, at Electric City to review the city's new arsenic treatment plant. City officials expect the plant to be up and operating within a short time.

Tab funds to flow

Electric City should start to receive funds from its Transportation Benefit District in May, City Clerk Jackie Perman told the city council. Through the TBD, the city will collect $20 for each new license tab issued, with a few exemptions under the law.

Jail biz is brisk

The Lincoln County Jail held an average of 21 inmates a day in 2012, up from 14 in 2011, county Sheriff Wade Magers said last week.

"Essentially if our jail has room we provide bed days in our facility for sentenced inmates from Adams County, Airway Heights, Department of Corrections, and Cheney," he said. "This has worked very well and in fact has exceeded our expectations by bringing in over $200,000 for the county's general fund since we started the program."

Magers reported that deputies had responded to 5,431 calls in 2012, an increase of 11 percent over 2011.

Magers said a recent burglary in Sprague was solved in less than eight hours after the suspect's photo was posted at the sheriff's Facebook site www.facebook.com/WadeMagersLincolnCountySheriff.

Every inch counts

Ice climber Craig Pope, of Moscow, Idaho, makes his way to the left, looking for a path up on icicles clinging to the coulee wall at Million Dollar Mile along SR-155 Sunday. At one point, he said, the ice was only about an inch thick. Ice and rocks fell from a higher spot as Pope was about 160 feet from the bottom. He was there with three climbing colleagues. — Scott Hunter photo

Civil meeting makes for progress in Coulee Dam

Two sides discuss sewer plant options

by Scott Hunter

Two days earlier, people on opposite sides of a contentious issue hadn't gotten along so well, but the regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council Wednesday progressed with civility remarkable by contrast.

The town council accepted without comment a 275-signature petition by citizens to submit plans for a wastewater treatment facility upgrade to third-party engineers for "value engineering," a formal process performed on many projects by engineers who do nothing else but look for ways to save money in such proposals.

The petition also said signers wanted Coulee Dam to work with Elmer City on the project and roll back a recent increase in sewer service rates.

The council heard comments by resident Greg Wilder, a retired municipal planner who has been critical of the project, and asked questions about his submitted comparison to a similar project completed eight months ago in Rock Island, Wash.

At the end of the exchange, Mayor Quincy Snow thanked Wilder for his comments. At the end of the meeting, Town Clerk Carol Visker offered cookies to those still lingering.

Council members and the mayor asked several questions of Wilder, who had given them a written comparison of the plan prepared for the town's upgrade proposal with the results of the entirely new Rock Island plant, built for nearly the same cost but operating with far less expense.

Wilder said the new facility at Rock Island, with nearly identical volumes to process as Coulee Dam, operates on $144,750 a year, compared to an estimate of $393,000 for Coulee Dam's rebuilt plant. And servicing the debt on the project cost $95,000 yearly in Rock Island, compared to a projected $324,000 in the Coulee Dam plan. Combined, total annual costs for the Coulee Dam plant as planned would reach three times that of the stated costs for the Rock Island plant, according to the information Wilder presented. Figures were derived from each project's facilities plan.

Comparing the entire life of each plant, Wilder said, Coulee Dam's would cost about $7.745 million more, or about $20 a month more per "equivalent residential unit" (ERU).

"It's not chump change to some of us," he said.

Wilder included a list of possible funding sources in addition to the state loan Coulee Dam's current plan relies on.

Snow noted that he had inquired of two congressional offices more than two years ago regarding two grant programs Wilder listed; they were no longer available, the mayor was told.

Councilmember Bob Poch said Wilder's comparison was not entirely valid because he was comparing the town's expected 20-year refurbished plant life with Rock Island's new 40-year plan. Wilder said Coulee Dam's facility plan did not explore a new plant option, but probably should have.

Councilmember Karl Hjorton noted the biggest difference involved the funding of the two plants, not the engineering.

Wilder said Rock Island's financing mix of 60 percent grants and 40 percent loan was determined four years ago, well before construction started. He was critical of Gray and Osborne, the town's engineering firm, for not having already pursued additional funding sources. He said if the Colville Tribes had been involved early on, Indian Health Service would likely have helped find more funding.

Councilmember Andy Trader noted the town was "still in the running" for a possible grant from Indian Health Service.

"If this is done right," Wilder

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Worries about chickens stated

by Roger S. Lucas

If they allow chickens in the city, they might attract snakes that would come for the eggs.

That and a declaration that chickens are "filthy birds" were among comments The Electric City Council heard Jan. 22.

Ken Doughty, who was against the city allowing chickens, said that he drove around his neighborhood on Sunset Drive and estimated that there could be 300-400 chickens there if they were permitted. He said that chickens could attract raccoons.

The issue is still before the planning commission and will be a subject at a February council meeting. The talk has been that the city will consider allowing up to six chickens, no roosters.

A resident on Sunset had chickens, but it wasn't until his fence blew down that it became public knowledge. One councilmember last Tuesday said there were several residents in the city that had chickens, but didn't name them.

The issue started with Lynda Dernik, who lives on Diamond, reading a prepared statement saying she was against chickens and was afraid that if they were allowed that snakes would come to eat their eggs.

She asked that the city not "pit me against my neighbors." She stated that if her neighbors all had chickens, they would move the pens as far away from their houses as they could — and that would be back against her fence.

Chickens are "filthy birds," she stated.

Gayle Hardin, who lives on Sunset Drive, echoed the same feeling about chickens.

Mayor Jerry Sands explained that the issue won't come to council until sometime in February, and suggested that, to have chickens, residents would have to get a permit from the city.

School year calendar revamped

by Roger S. Lucas

Grand Coulee Dam School District board members took next year's calendar and turned it upside down at their Monday night meeting.

A printed calendar for the 2013-14 school year was given to board members at the district's last meeting a month ago to give them an opportunity to look it over.

Look it over they did, and they were quick to note they didn't like it.

Board member Ted Piccolo jumped in first, stating that he didn't think the district needed to take so many days off.

The calendar that had started with Wednesday, June 11 being the last day of school, end up scheduling Friday, June 6, as the final day. Graduates will go through their ceremony the day after school ends in 2014.

The board did away with the Feb. 27-28 mid-winter break and voted to eliminate Columbus Day, Oct. 7, as a holiday, not realizing that the district's contract with its teachers and public service employees gives them that day off (even though Columbus Day actually falls on Oct. 14). The contractual conflict wasn't discovered until Tuesday when a report of the meeting reached Sandy Davidson's desk in the administration office. She advised of the problem with it being a contract day off.

The board also plans to alternate Native American Day and Columbus Day off every other year.

The calendar proposal had been given to the teaching staff for comment; nine responded. One board member stated that nine responses hardly made a mandate.

After about 45 minutes of combing through the printed calendar, the board finally settled it with all five members voting for the changes.

Burglary takes cash from golf course

by Roger S. Lucas

A safe with an estimated $2,800 inside was taken from Banks Lake Golf Course during the night hours Monday.

Thieves dragged the 300-pound safe out the back door after gaining entry with a crowbar, police stated.

The loss was discovered by Port District 7 Commissioner Orville Scharbach, along with Mike Parisian. The port district operates the golf course and Parisian is an employee.

Grand Coulee Police Chief Mel Hunt said the safe was dragged across the floor and through the same entry door. Police suspect that there had to be at least two people involved.

Police found two sports drinks on the desk in the office. They were taken as evidence.

Hunt said one possible fingerprint was found on the cash register in the club bar.

Police took pictures of footprints in the snow just outside the entry door. The door frame, moulding and deadbolt were all damaged. The entryway was repaired by Port Commissioner Jerry Birdwell.

Local housing report given

by Roger S. Lucas

The local housing market is surviving a bumpy ride and is showing signs of improvement, real estate broker Merle Kennedy told chamber of commerce members at a Thursday luncheon last week.

Kennedy said that the housing market last year looked bleak but with a number of sales late in the year, 2012 nearly matched the value of homes sold the year before.

Before the international financial crisis, home sales through Foisy & Kennedy in 2007 totalled over $8 million, with 75 units sold. In 2011 sales totaled $6,638,600 and home sales came to $6,228,580 in 2012.

In each of those years, his firm handled the sale of 58 homes.

Home sales for the area in 2012, Kennedy said, were 18 in Coulee Dam, 17 in Electric City, 20 in Grand Coulee and Grant and Lincoln Counties, and three in Elmer City and Okanogan County.

Kennedy said while lenders are "cautious," loans are still being made. Low interest rates of 2.5 percent on a 15-year loan and 3 percent on a 30-year fixed rate make it attractive to purchase a home now or take out an equity loan, he said.

He said he is often asked, "how much is my home worth?" His answer: "As much as you can sell it for."

Recent assessments of property values in Grant County show a drop in value, "but it will mean less taxes," Kennedy noted. One homeowner in Electric City said the new assessment showed a drop of about 10 percent in value.

Kennedy said getting a loan today is somewhat "challenging" and may require "patience."

He also stated that rentals in the area are scarce, and that his firm currently lists about 45 homes for sale in the area.

Steve Becker of Coulee Medical Center will present the program for the chamber's next meeting, Jan. 31.

Woman looking for her son

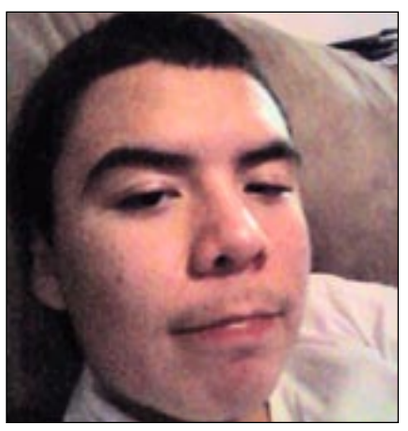
by Roger S. Lucas

A Grand Coulee woman is seeking information on the whereabouts of her 14-year-old son, who was reported to police as a runaway Jan. 15.

Keyana Gendron told The Star newspaper Monday that her son, Terrance Jim, has been missing for more than two weeks.

In the original police report, which was published Jan. 23, it was stated that Terrance had run away three times previously. The family lives on Bowen Street. The Jan. 23, report stated that the boy had left with a friend.

Gendron said that if anyone knows anything about where her son is, she would like to hear from them. She can be reached at (509) 449-8530 or 634-2926.



Terrance Jim

Rotary gets school wish list

by Roger S. Lucas

The school board gave the Rotary Club a list of possible projects that it could take on to enhance the new K-12 school.

The Rotary Club advised school officials that it had $15,000 and would like to see how far it could leverage the money toward something at the new school.

The Rotary Club plans to apply for a Rotary District grant to double its monies and continue leverage with other possible grants.

The school board picked student plaza tables, a gathering spot for students and also visitors to the gymnasium. Cost of this project was estimated to be $28,400.

Other proposals picked by the board included the building entry plaza and flagpole, at a cost of $28,270; a screen and public address system and speakers, at a cost of $28,800; and a student plaza play area at a cost of $26,792.

The board made its selection from 11 possible projects.

Corrections

• In a story last week, it was reported that Coulee Dam Mayor Quincy Snow had requested that a meeting with the Colville Tribes Community Development Committee on Tuesday be changed from 9:30 a.m. to 9 am.

An agenda from the committee emailed the prior Friday showed that Snow had been given the 9-10 a.m. time frame in the meeting. He gave a presentation, asked if he could answer any questions and left.

The meeting was held to supply information about the town's planned wastewater treatment plant.

Snow had not responded to two phone messages seeking comment prior to publishing the story last week.

• Greg Wilder graduated from Coulee Dam High School, not Lake Roosevelt High School, as stated in a story last week. Apologies to Beavers everywhere.

The Star regrets the errors.

Meeting

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said, "you'll be in the running for a lot more than IHS."

Answering a question from Hjorton, Wilder acknowledged it's possible that with good value engineering and enough funding found, the plant could still be built in its present location, rather than at a new site, and still keep rates lower than current projections.

The council and mayor also queried Wilder on his opinions on engineering firms in the state and asked if he would help craft a legally required public notice for the value engineering process. He agreed to do so.

The council held off on reconsidering a rollback of the recent rate change. That money could pay for the value engineering. Trader estimated the VE would cost about $18,000. Wilder noted the process on average saves about 15 times what it costs.

Food watch

An American bald eagle perches in a tree at Crescent Bay on Lake Roosevelt Tuesday morning. — Scott Hunter photo

Road to be repaved

Coulee Dam has received a grant from the federal government to redo lower Crest Drive from River Drive to the city limits, a distance of under a quarter mile.

The federal grant was for for $302,750, with the state Transportation Improvement Board paying the town's match of $47,250, for a total of $350,000.

Work is expected to be done in April if the bids come in OK, according to public works director Barry Peacock.

The work includes removal of guardrail, excavation of the road material, re-paving and flaggers for one-way traffic while the work is being done.

The plans and bid process is controlled by the State Department of Transportation.

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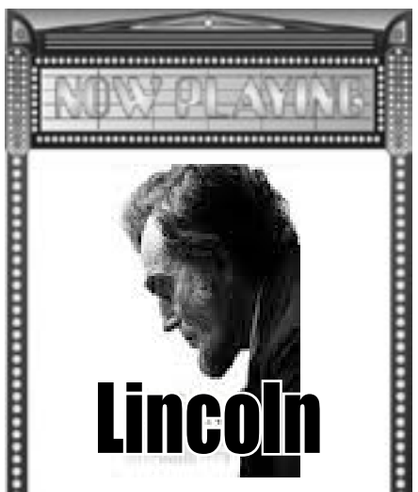

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Commemorative Map Being Produced of the Grand Coulee Dam Area

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Village Square is working to produce a full color poster size map of the Grand Coulee Dam area with the assistance of Star Publishing and the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce for distribution.

Mick Thune, project coordinator, is calling on local businesses and organizations to be included in the special publication that will be distributed by The Star this summer.

"The lasting colorful graphic will illustrate the personality of the community in a unique and fun way," Thune said. "This is a lighthearted look at a very serious business, the business of promoting the businesses that make up this scenic area."

The caricature graphics accentuate the points of interest in the community such as churches, schools public buildings landmarks and historical sites, as well as businesses.

"Because people have pride in their community, we feel it is important that all citizens receive a graphic," Thune said. "For that reason we have contracted with The Star to insert the commemorative rendering in its publication.

Additional copies will be available from other organizations for ongoing distribution."

Thune has been working in this specialized graphic industry for over 15 years and has created depictions for communities all over the country.

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OPINION

Our take on the news

The civil discussion at the Coulee Dam council meeting was a welcome relief from the tension building over the wastewater treatment plant issue. More than that, it was a model of how a town council meeting should be run. Kudos to all involved.

Concerns about cleanliness and snakes notwithstanding, one has to wonder about our misgivings about chickens in town, when reportedly they can exist unknown to neighbors until a fence blows down.

We've seen enough government audits to know when one would disapprove of not depositing government-held cash with the county treasurer. The burglary of a port district-owned safe containing $2,800 in cash from the golf course, emphasizes the point.

With interest rates low and local housing demand bound to increase as USBR hiring does, we hope some enterprising developers can find the means to take a leap and provide both rental housing and new homes.

Scott Hunter
editor and publisher

Letters From Our Readers

Progress reported for handicapped parking

In a follow-up to my Oct. 29, 2012 letter requesting handicapped access parking signs at The Eagles and Pepper Jack's, there has been progress.

The Eagles reinstalled their sign and I purchased handicapped signs at the local hardware store and took them to Pepper Jack's and Fusion, which they have installed.

So far so good. You'd think problem taken care of, which it seems to be at Pepper Jack's with the sign on the east wall of the building.

The Fusion restaurant has been another story. Cars continually park in front of the handicapped sign, which has been at the northwest corner of the building for weeks.

Those who have the handicapped placards or license plates really do need these parking spaces left available at all times with extra room left between vehicles for wheelchairs or walkers. After all, some day you may need them, too, or already know people who do.

Until then, there really is room for all.

Anita C. Condon
Coulee Dam

Give teachers some credit

Guest Column
by Danie Ward

It's been over a month since Team USA 4th Grade did their coaches, American public school teachers, proud by coming in fourth in the world's reading rankings. Yet, there's been very little celebrating in this country of ours so famous for making the most out of success in international competition. An Olympic Bronze in synchronized swimming would have garnered more praise.

According to the 2011 PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study), the only countries with better 4th Grade reading levels are Russia, Finland, and Singapore. Hong Kong was also listed as outperforming us, but it's not a country. This is a remarkable success for U.S. public education, especially when you take into account that we have 48 million public school students of which at least 10 percent are English Language Learners - that's about five million students - almost equivalent to the total population of Finland.

In addition, U.S. schools and teachers have to deal with disproportionate levels of poverty, and research has proven unequivocally that poverty is the most important determining factor in educational outcomes. According to census statistics, more than 16 million American kids (nearly 25 percent) live in poverty, whereas Finland's childhood poverty rate is about 5 percent. There are no official statistics out of Singapore but the wealthy city-state offers a relatively comprehensive social safety net for locals, borne out by the fact that 80 percent of Singaporeans live in public housing, the purchasing of which is subsidized, so 90 percent own their own homes. Reliable Russian poverty statistics are elusive but anecdotal evidence suggests that poverty levels may be high but education is prioritized.

Fourth may not be a medal spot but surely some good news about the educational achievements of our "failing" public schools warrants at least a pat on the back of our oft-maligned teachers.

Of course, the value of these international comparisons based upon standardized tests is questionable. However, when U.S. students perform poorly on such comparisons, we never hear the end of it. What happened to South Korea which the President recently hailed as having an exemplary education system? Indeed, the nation's whole attitude to schools and teachers is based upon the presumption that our schools are overfunded and underperforming compared to their overseas counterparts.

A whole industry is based upon this presumption - Waiting for Superman's Michelle Rhee has pledged to raise $1 billion through her lobbying organization, StudentsFirst, to overhaul the public education system according to her reform tastes. Raising that kind of cash will be tough enough without having to deal with the adverse publicity that U.S. educational success might create.

Contrary to accepted wisdom, and many reports, we're not spending relatively more than other countries to get these results. According to a new report the Economist Intelligence Unit, the U.S. spends less than 22 percent of its GDP on education compared to Finland's 30 percent and the UK's 26 percent. Figures are unavailable for Russia or Singapore but even Hong Kong clocks in at 23.5 percent.

It is vital for us to recognize the successes as well as the failures of our schools. Too many people are being misled by biased reports about the condition of our educational system. In turn, this is leading to bad decisions and the misuse of public funds to fix things that ain't broke. Of course, we should always be striving to improve our schools but we must also recognize what does work and give credit where credit's due.

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California vs. Texas

California and Texas are like the two biggest kids on the block going toe-to-toe for bragging rights. Who's the biggest? Who's the best?

Bravado aside, comparing the business climate in these two states reveals why one state is lagging while the other is thriving.

California, once the most attractive business environment in the nation, is today caught in a downward economic spiral while Texas is on the upswing.

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Between 1960 and 1990, more than four million people moved to California, attracted by the state's beauty, weather and booming economy. However, a 2012 study by the Manhattan Institute found, that since 1990, California has lost most of that gain as millions moved out of the state.

Many of those who left were business owners driven out by California's high income taxes, oppressive regulations, high energy costs, property taxes and labor costs. As employers relocated to Texas, Nevada and Arizona, workers followed, taking their money with them -- a total of $18.55 billion in lost wages from 2000-2010.

Once a magnet for job creators, California's unemployment rate has been higher than the national average for the last 22 years.

In 2012, 650 business leaders surveyed by Chief Executive Magazine rated California the worst state in the nation for business -- for the eighth consecutive year. That same survey rated Texas #1 for the eighth year in a row.

As California lost population, Texas grew at double the national rate. Former California State Assemblyman Chuck Devore says the reasons are clear.

Devore says that in California, state and local taxes consume one-third more of the economy than in Texas. In November, California voters approved Proposition 30, further increasing taxes on incomes over $250,000. The income tax rate for top earners in California is 13.3 percent. In Texas, it's zero.

Taxes aren't the only problem. Devore estimates that regulatory costs in California are costing small businesses more than $134,000 per year and growing, as lawmakers pass 900 new laws each year, including the state's costly cap-and-trade regulations. He says permitting a major project in Texas takes four to five months; permitting that same project in California takes four to five years.

The better business climate in Texas is not lost on California employers.

The Campbell Soup plant in Sacramento is closing in July after 66 years because of high production costs, eliminating 700 jobs. Production will be shifted to plants in North Carolina, Ohio and Texas.

Comcast announced it will close all three of its call centers in Northern California because of the high cost of doing business.

ResMed, a San Diego medical-device manufacturer with 600 employees, is considering moving out of state in the wake of the Prop. 30 vote.

The California Manufacturing and Technology Association reports that the Golden State has lost 613,000 manufacturing jobs -- one-third of the state's manufacturing base -- over the last 10 years.

So, what does all this mean to us? It provides a blueprint of what to do -- and what not to do.

Washington's latest revenue forecast projects a $900 million deficit in the next two-year budget and a $1.1 billion shortfall for the following biennium. While Gov. Inslee has rejected a general tax increase, some lawmakers will be tempted to increase business taxes and fees. The experience in California shows that is not the answer.

What is the answer? Judging from what's happening in Texas, the answer is to create a better business climate.

By lowering the cost of doing business in Washington and easing the regulatory burden on employers, state officials can help existing businesses grow and attract new ones. Encouraging growth will help create jobs for the 300,000 unemployed people in our state and produce more tax revenue to support vital state programs.

Coulee Recollections

Ten Years Ago

A local woman and her family must deal with mixed emotions as the nation prepares for war. She left Sunday to assume her post in the Army for at least the next several months in western Washington. Sara Zlateff, who makes her home on the outskirts of Lincoln County with her husband Pat, reported to Ft. Lewis Monday.

Starting Sept. 1, the sounds of concrete trucks and pile-drivers will replace motor homes and families at the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Arrival Center. Public Affairs Officer Craig Sprankle said the bureau must make some modifications to the building to meet current building codes for fire and earthquakes and to make the building more accessible under the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Bonneville Power Administration officially made the decision last Wednesday to build more powerful transmission lines between Grand Coulee and Spokane.

Twenty Years Ago

A decision made in a Chicago board room last Saturday will affect the people in the Grand Coulee Dam area. The local Sears catalog outlet in Grand Coulee will close along with about 2,000 other such stores by the spring of 1994.

The Grand Coulee Dam School District is hoping for fair weather and a supportive community for next Tuesday's levy election. If approved, the levy would generate $350,000 of income for the district in 1994 and $380,000 in 1995.

At 8:22 on a frigid Saturday morning, fire caught hold in a pile of rubble on the second story of Mom's Tavern, a run-down establishment situated mid-block on historical B Street in Grand Coulee.

Lake Roosevelt High School senior Jessica Hall is in Pullman this week competing for the title of Washington's Young Woman of the Year.

Close games continue for the Lake Roosevelt boys' basketball team. Finally one of those close games helped the Raiders move up in the standings. They defeated Quincy 100 to 98.

Selected as Pirate of the Week was Adam Sprankle.

Thirty Years Ago

The Grand Coulee Dam Area's 1983 New Year Baby has finally arrived. Joseph Thomas Wood arrived on Jan. 20 at 2:20 p.m. at Coulee Community Hospital. Just three minutes later, his brother Steven LaVern arrived. That's right. Joseph weighed 5 lbs., 3 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long and Steven weighed 5 lbs., 8 oz and was 17 1/2 inches long.

J.S. Saunders has been named Chief of the Engineers and Resources Division for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at Grand Coulee.

Amateur boxing will be held Jan. 29 at the Nespelem Community Center.

The Wrath of Tonasket was a fitting title for last week's basketball contest in which both Raider teams fell in the home gym. Varsity lost 59 to 42 and junior varsity 70 to 43.

The new Sears store will open its doors Feb. 1.

Samara Morger who has been serving an internship with Elgin, Kirkland and Syfred Advertising Company in Seattle, is in a McDonald's restaurant commercial on TV.

Forty Years Ago

Robert Skordas placed first in the annual Genius Kit Contest held at the Coulee Dam City Hall last week. His winning exhibit was a carousel. Other top winners were Kenny Neddo and Denny McFarlin

Ben Myrick of Delano and his son, Wayne, of Electric City, have just finished their invention of a glass cutter which has been almost two years in the making.

Fifty Years Ago

Henry Moritz, deputy tax assessor for Douglas County, is calling on area ranchers in the Rex and Delrio areas this month.

Ronald H. LaCourse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin LaCourse of Nespelem, has been promoted to cadet second lieutenant in the Eastern Washington State College Reserve Officers Training Corp.

Sixty Years Ago

Marie Baines, owner of the DeLuxe Hotel, recently returned from an extensive trip through Europe and the Mediterranean area.

New officers of the Grand Coulee Dam Assembly, Order of Rainbow Girls include Roxanne Bajer, Donna Moore, Sally McNeilly and Juanita Garrison.

Know these students?

Mark Tonn of Pine Grove, Ca., sent this picture he found in an old book. It is the fourth grade class of 1963-64 at Center School in Coulee Dam. If you can help identify any of the students, the Star would like to hear from you or have you drop by. Tonn had called the Star after he found the picture and thought someone here might want it. After identifying the students, the Star plans to give the photo to the school district for its archives.

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Laurel G. "Gerry" Beck

Laurel G. "'Gerry" Beck, Gerry aka: "Tootie" to her family, 89, was born February 26, 1923, in Cathay, N.D., to Hjalmer "Jonie" and Hulda Stokes. She passed away from her Grand Coulee, Washington home into the arms of her Lord Jesus the third weekend of January, 2013. Eleven-year-old Gerry moved with her family from North Dakota to Grand Coulee, Washington, in 1934 and graduated from Grand Coulee High School in 1940. A longtime member of Grand Coulee's Zion Lutheran Church, Gerry wore several "professional hats" during her working career: owner-operator of Grand Coulee's Coulee Heights Grocery, legal secretary for future Superior Court Judge Robert Hunter and assistant lab technician at Coulee Community Hospital, before retiring from the U.S. Postal Service in Grand Coulee. Always active in her community, Gerry volunteered at the Coulee Dam Visitor Center, belonged to the Grand Coulee Eagles Club, sewed clothes and crocheted beautiful items for herself and others, faithfully helped at the reception desk of the Grand Coulee Senior Center where she also known as a 'passionate' pinochle player and possibly her greatest love – bowling!!! accumulating many trophies and accomplishing more than one perfect 300 game.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband Alfred Beck on Mar. 24, 2000, her son Ronald "Ron" Ponder on Dec. 18, 2010, brother Harlan A. Stokes and brother-in-law Arthur J. Nicholson Jr.

Tootie is survived by her sister Jean Nicholson; step-children: Byron Beck (Leslie), Boyd Beck (Rory) and Phillip Beck (Mary); several grandchildren, numerous nephews and nieces and her many, many friends.

At Gerry's request, cremation has taken place. A memorial celebration of her life will take place at Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Coulee at 11 a.m., on Saturday, February 23, 2013.

Gerry's family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Gerry's memory to support the Grand Coulee Senior Center at 203 Main Street, Grand Coulee, Wash. 99133.

Bertha Ann Mustard

Bertha Ann Mustard, 80, passed away Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at Coulee Medical Center in Grand Coulee, Washington. She was in the arms of her daughter Mary at the time of her passing.

Bertha was born to Otto Clinton Mustard and Margaret Mae (Novotne) Mustard on September 17, 1932, in Lewiston, Idaho, one 12 children. Bertha often loved to recount her many fond memories of growing up in Lincoln, Washington, where everyone was family.

Bertha came to Nespelem, Washington, in 1951, after meeting and marrying Ira Jay Cox on September 15, 1951; six children were born to their union.

Being a farmer's wife for years and mother raising her children, hard work was Bertha's usual way of life. She raised huge gardens from which she would freeze, can and preserve all that she grew, Bertha never let anything go to waste. As well as caring for her garden, Bertha loved flowers, caring for any animal that was ill or needed her tender loving care, embroidering, watching the Gonzaga Bulldogs "Go ZAGS!", Seattle Mariners, playing Solitaire and was a huge fan of Alan Jackson. A long-time member of the Grand Coulee Eagles, her family and friends fondly remember Bertha's excellent cooking and baking.

Predeceased by both of her parents, the father of her children Ira Cox; a son Elmer Cox and five siblings; Bertha's legacy lives on through her children: Francis Cox, Mary Cox and Daniel Cox all of Nespelem, Washington; grandchildren: Stacey Cox, Christal (Jim) Sinzdak, David (Daicia) Cox and Barbara Cox; ten great-grandchildren; brother Dan; sisters: Ethel, Barbara, Ruby, Agnes, Minerva and Donna (who, though Bertha's niece – was raised as a sister); and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services for Bertha were conducted Monday, January 28, at 10 a.m., at Strate Funeral Home in Grand Coulee, followed by interment at Wilbur Cemetery in Wilbur, Washington.

Her family requests that any donations be made in Bertha's name to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla. www.cancer.org

An on-line register book for Bertha's friends and family is available to sign at www.stratefuneralhome.com. Strate Funeral home of Grand Coulee, is honored to be serving Bertha's family.

Clarence "Lee" Chafin II

On Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, Clarence "Lee" Chafin II left his earthly body and flew to the heavens to join his family that went before him after a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 56 years old. Lee was born to Clarence and Alta Chafin on May 13, 1956, in Weisbaden, Germany, and was the youngest of three children. His father Clarence was an active military man and the family soon moved from Germany, back to the United States to Ft. Smith, Arkansas, then to Miami, Oklahoma, Ft. Lewis, Washington, Raymond, Washington, and eventually settling in Grayland, Wash., when Lee was 10 years old. Lee attended Ocosta School District in Westport. After high school he worked as a carpenter for nearly 20 years in the Grays Harbor area. At the age of 29 he welcomed his first son Clarence "Lee Jr" Chafin III, into his life and four short years later welcomed his second son Mathew Scott Chafin. Lee raised his children on his own for most of their life and spent all of his free time involved in his sons' school activities and coaching their Little League baseball teams. One of his proudest accomplishments was being able to coach a Children's Special Olympics baseball team.

In 1996, Lee and his boys moved to Wilbur, Wash., to be closer to his sisters, Peggy and Anna. While living in Wilbur, Lee worked as a farm hand and janitor at the Wilbur School District. But his true passion was coaching girls' JV basketball and track. When he was not working or coaching you could always find him at the lake fishing. Lee was a musically talented man and often played his harmonica, guitar, or banjo for family members. He truly loved being around all his nieces, nephews, and sons and spent a lot of time sharing stories of his life with them. He will always be remembered as a loving, and caring father who had a hard head and never backed down away from anything. Lee will forever be in our hearts.

Lee was preceded in death by his mother (Alta), father (Clarence), and sister (Peggy). He is survived by his sons: Lee Jr. and Matt (Stephanie) and granddaughter Kaylie all of Creston, Wash. His sister Anna (Bud) Gould, stepmother Dolly Chafin and stepsiblings: Tim Street, Dan (Juanita) Street, Larena (Wally) Lake, and Jonelle Chafin. Nieces: Cherokee (Richard) Stanczak, Jenny Burns, Jerri (Todd) Pirtle, and Teddra (Rod) Lake. Nephews: David (Shawna) Hudnall, Russell (Adrienne) Graham, James "Buzzy" (Lisa) Wilken Jr., Tyrell Rutledge, Brian Fletcher, Shane and Dylan Mustard and Rush, Tim, Travis, Brennan and Kyle Street. Along with many great-nieces, great-nephews, and close buddies: Jake Eggleton and John Dawson.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at 11 a.m., at the Sonrise Church, 103 Knox St., Wilbur, Wash. Pastor Tom VanDerEnde will be officiating services. Everyone is welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Special Olympics in memory of Lee.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Wendy Hughes and the Amedysis Hospice team: Jeannie, Marcy, Nichole, Christy, Marsha, and Gloria for the wonderful care you gave Lee and all of us these past six months. We couldn't have taken care of Lee without your constant support and uplifting words of encouragement. You all are truly amazing women.

Legacy Memorial of Omak was in charge of arrangements.

Free tax help at the Seniors

Income tax time is here! Free tax preparation is being offered at the Grand Coulee Senior Center again this year. Volunteers trained in cooperation with IRS and AARP will be available every Tuesday, Feb 12 - April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This service is available to anyone with low or middle income. You do not have to be seniors or members of the senior center to take advantage of this free help. However, special attention is given to those 60 or older. Free e-filing is also available.

Taxpayers need to bring: A copy of last year's tax return, social security cards, or other official documentation showing social security numbers, for themselves and all dependants. It is VERY important to bring social security cards for dependants to make sure the correct number is entered on the tax form. Also, bring proof of salary, interest, pensions, social security or any other sources of income.

For a faster refund, bring a sample check so your refund can be directly deposited to your bank account.

Snowy recess

Second-grader Charles slides on a well-used hillside in Center Elementary's playground Thursday morning during recess. Kids with boots and snow pants are allowed the sliding privelege, but others didn't seem to have any problem finding fun either. — Scott Hunter photo

Meetings & Notices

Chamber to Meet

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday, Jan. 31, at noon at Pepper Jack's Bar & Grille. Steve Becker, marketing director at CMC, will speak about CMC marketing plans for the community.

Port Dist. 7 to Meet

Grant County Port District 7 will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 31, at 5 p.m., at the GCD Airport office..

Grand Coulee PTA to Meet

The Grand Coulee PTA will meet in the elementary school gym on Monday, Feb. 11, 2013, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Come join for some food and fun.

It's a girl for Jordan/Palmanteer

Shoshannah Jordan and Uriah Palmanteer of Coulee Dam are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Milliana Vanae Palmanteer on Friday, December 21, 2012, at Coulee Medical Center in Grand Coulee. She weighed 8 lbs., 2oz., and was 21 inches in length at birth.

Milliana is also welcomed by her 3 big brothers: Elijah, 9, Alonzo, 8, and Aidan, age 6. Maternal grandparents are Shirley Wak Wak and Larry Jordan of Coulee Dam. Paternal grandparents are Tina Palmanteer of Bridgeport, Wash., and Randy Johnson of Oroville, Calif.

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December Students of the Month at Center

Front - Aaliyah Cheeney, Sadie Desautel, Lucy Budravage, Nathan Garcia, Jerusalem Picard Adams Back - Raven Clark, Kiley Short, Adriana Garcia-Atchison, Jenna Cleveland, Anthony Vu. Not pictured - Tatyana Catchings, Julia Stair, Amanda Marconi. — submitted photo

Raider wrestlers ready for sub-regional

by John R. McNeil II

Raider Wrestlers finished the regular season last Saturday at Pateros where they wrestled in a preview of this week's sub-regional meet in Republic.

At the league mixer in Pateros, the Raiders wrestled 27 matches against all-league competition. Some matches determined seeding for the coming Republic event.

"We had a really good day and are ready for sub-regionals," Head Coach Steve Hood said.

Zack Erickson recorded his fourth win of the season by pinning Meric Merkley of Selkirk in the third round. Jacob Smith wrestled Trent Skelton of Liberty Bell, among the top 10 in the state, who pinned Smith in the second round.

Oscar Pakootas also wrestled top-10 competition at 120 pounds against Jose Marin of Kittitas, Taylor Woodruff of Liberty Bell, and Chase Gleason. Pakootas wrestled a close match against Marin and pinned Gleason. James Monaghan also defeated Gleason by 10 points.

Coltin WIlliams beat Tim Koppin of Northwest Christian in an important seeding match. Williams also took down Carlos Cruz of Pateros 8-5.

Lukas Hermetz fought hard to defeat Leo Curiel of Oroville 11-9, then pinned Chance Chantry of Selkirk in the first round.

Josh Jim wrestled three times at Pateros at 132, facing good wrestlers that have better prepared him for this week.

Kodie Horn wrestled highly ranked Jon Walling of Kittitas at 138 and won 6-2, which places him in a good spot going into Republic.

Lucas Beneditti defeated David Evans of Mary Walker (Springdale) 9-2.

Sean Waters swept the field, pinning all he faced at 182. This dominance will garner a good seed at sub regionals.

New Raider wrestler Jordan Allen won two of his three matches at 170, pinning Doug Mitch of Mary Walker and Ruben Renfro of Oroville both in the third round. Allen moved in from Eatonville and has been practicing since the end of Christmas break; he will be wrestling this week at sub-regionals.

Andrew McClure beat Jacob Klingensmith of Republic 14-3.

Coach Hood noted that Kittitas and Liberty Bell are strong squads with several new wrestlers who were not there earlier in the season.

Sub-regionals will be a rematch of the Pateros match, as the same schools will be going against one another. The action starts at 11 a.m. at the Republic High School gym. The sub-regionals were suppose to be in Springdale, but due to repairs on the gym, the event was moved to Republic.

The top six boys then move on to Reardan for the regional meet next week.

The Raider girls travelled to Quincy on the Jan. 22 for a mixer, where Alexa Hanway won two matches at 106 and Jazmyne Marchand faced off against good competition for the sub-regionals. The girls' sub-regionals will be held at East Valley High School Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. Unlike the boys, the girls have only one classification, so Hanway and Marchand will face 4A and 3A girls. The top four girls move on to regionals next Saturday.

This week in sports

Thurs., Jan. 31
6/7:30 p.m., Basketball at Liberty Bell.

Sat., Feb. 2
**4:30/6 p.m., Basketball here with Riverside Christian.
11 a.m., Wrestling, Sub-Regionals at Republic.

* 6 p.m., Girls' varsity at high school and boys' JV at middle school; 7:30 p.m., boys' varsity at high school and girls' jv at middle school.

** 4:30 boys' JV middle school and girls' varsity high school; 6 p.m. Girls' JV middle school and boys' varsity high school

Lady Raiders extend win streak

by John R. McNeil II

Victories over Bridgeport and Manson last week placed the Lady Raiders solidly atop the Central Washington North with just five games left in the regular season.

Against the Fillies Jan. 22, the Lady Raiders took to the court without leading senior scorer Danielle Laramie who took time out to heal some minor injuries.

Katelynn Schilling stepped up to fill the void, putting together a double-double with 20 points and 16 rebounds to lead the Lady Raiders to a very convincing 68-24 win.

Unable to score in the first four minutes of the game, Bridgeport fell behind by halftime 32-13.

In the second quarter, LR's Tanecia Stanczak and Hailey Chaney left the court with injuries. Stanczak's knee buckled on her while going for a loose ball but after sitting out the rest of the second quarter, she returned for the second half. Chaney fell hard on her knee and did not return to the game.

The red-hot Lady Raiders' offense put the Fillies out to pasture in the third, racking up 30 points to push the lead past the 40-point mercy rule. So for the entire fourth quarter the game had a running clock. Head Coach Wallace Pleasants unloaded the bench and set the cruise control to close out the game and the win.

"The girls have been working hard and we were able to work on some things that will help us down the road," Pleasants commented after the win.

"Katelynn (Schilling) really had a better offensive performance getting a double-double, Tanecia Stanczak continues to be a scoring threat in the paint, and the Epperson twins get more quality playing time against quality opponents, which will help us when the postseason comes around," Pleasants said.

When the Lady Raiders took the court last Friday to play the Manson Trojans, they were again without Laramie, but also had to play without Hailey Chaney who took time out to rest her knee. Even so, the Lady Raiders jumped out to a 19-2 lead in the first quarter.

In the second quarter Coach Pleasants played many of the non-starters to slow down the scoring and to give them playing time in a different situation, one they could find themselves in the postseason. At the half, the Lady Raiders had a comfortable lead, LR 35- Manson 8.

Manson's defense stiffened in the third, and their offense more potent as they started to challenge the Lady Raiders. The game also started to get rough down in the paint as Schilling was double teamed and everyone was mugged on their way to the basket. Then Keya Fast Horse and Rickyna Sam got hot and hit three 3s to close out the quarter, 47-20.

In the fourth the Trojans continued to play strong but were too far behind to come back. The final score was LR 56, Manson 30.

Schilling scored 14 points and challenged the big girl from Manson for control of the boards. Fast Horse led LR scoring with 18.

Last night the Lady Raiders travelled to Entiat for the last North Central League contest

They travel to Liberty Bell tomorrow for a 6 p.m. game. Saturday at 4:30 p.m. they host the CWL 2B South-leading Riverside Christian Crusaders.

Keya Fasthorse

Bridgeport
Baldovinos 0, Monje-Lopez 8, Torres 2, Melasquez 1, Perea 0, Ag. Herrejon 2, Rios 0, Martinez 0, Salazar 3, Ai. Herrejon 4, Varrelman 4.

Lake Roosevelt
R. Epperson 0, Sam 16, Chaney 0, Palmer 0, Wilson 0, Fasthorse 7, McCraigie 15, Stanczak 4, A. Epperson 6, Schilling 20.

Manson
Meff 0, Sanchez 3, Guillen 4, Walters 4, Vanderholm 9, Russell 2, Castro 8, Machus 0

Lake Roosevelt
R. Epperson 0, Sam 7, Palmer 6, Wilson 0, Fasthorse 18, McCraigie 5, Stanczak 4, A. Epperson 2, Schilling 14

Central Washington 2B Standings

Riverside Chris.	9-5	4-0
White Swan	11-6	5-1
LR	11-4	6-1
Oroville	8-8	4-3
Manson	3-9	2-4
Bridgeport	4-10	1-4
Kittitas	3-8	0-3
Liberty Bell	0-13	0-5

Raiders drop two, tied for first in North

by John R. McNeil II

The Raiders four-game win streak was snapped by a fourth-quarter comeback by Bridgeport on the Jan. 22. Then the Raiders dropped to second-place Manson last Friday, allowing the Trojans to tie with them atop of the Central Washington North standings.

Against Bridgeport, the Raiders had diffculty in the first quarter getting the offense going as Bridgeport came away with the lead going into the second, 10-5. The Raiders came back into the game with a solid second quarter, scoring 16 points and taking the lead on a Justus DeWinkler layin for a halftime lead, 21- 16.

Lake Roosevelt put together a solid third quarter, pushing the lead to a high of 17 points and ending the quarter at LR 39-Bridgeport 25.

Trey Nicholson

In the fourth, the winds shifted and the Mustangs came alive as Raider turnovers turned into quick points for the Mustangs in ragged offensive play and rushed decisions.

With only 32 seconds left, the Raiders found their lead cut to only one point. In just 14 seconds, off a three-shot foul, the Mustangs took a one-point lead and got the ball back.

Their lead had grown to three when Chance Garvin got fouled with eight seconds left and went to the line. Both shots missed, and the Mustangs were fouled on an inbound pass.

The Mustangs called timeout and then threw the ball down court. It was taken away and the Raiders called timeout. With two seconds left, the pass was inbounded and DeWinkler threw the ball up from beyond half court. The shot missed, and the Mustangs won 48-45.

The Raiders gave up 23 points during the fourth quarter while scoring only six themselves.

Friday's game became even more important as a loss would put the Trojans of Manson tied for first in the North with the Raiders.

Drew Saxon and Austin Rosenbaum did not start against the Trojans. Jacob Palmer scored five of LR's seven first-quarter points as the Raiders fell behind early 16-7.

LR fouled so much that the Trojans were going to the line every time at the start of the second quarter. The offense came back online, but Manson's big forward, hot-handed wing, and swift-footed point guard kept them ahead at the half 44-21. After coming out late from the locker room, the Raiders were checked by the Trojans at every turn in the third quarter, but they did not give up and closed to within 20 points of the Trojans 56-39.

In a physical fourth quarter, Manson's point guard taunted Theron Nault, allowing the ball to roll on the floor between his legs like a soccer ball and backing into Nault challenging him to foul. Not long after this, Nault was hit with a soccer style body tackle and taken to the floor.

Drew Saxon entered the game with only five minutes left to try and give the Raiders a jolt of offense.

In the end, Manson's improved play got the better of the Raiders in the Trojan 67-50 win.

With only four games left before district games, and the seeding picture in the North becoming muddled, the Raiders are in a need-to-win situation.

Tomorrow they travel to Liberty Bell for a 7:30 p.m. game against the Mt. Lions who are tied for third with Bridgeport. Then LR hosts South-leading Riverside Christian Saturday at 6 p.m. at Gailord Nelson Gym.

Central Washington 2B North

LR	6-10	4-3
Manson	10-5	4-2
Bridgeport	8-7	3-3
Liberty Bell	8-8	3-4
Oroville	4-11	1-5

Raider scoring
vs. Bridgeport
Nault 7, Rosenbaum 0, Garvin 12, Picard 0, DeWinkler 5, Saxon 12, Piccolo 5, Nicholson 4, Palmer 0, Campobasso 0

vs Manson
Nault 4, Rosenbaum 2, Garvin 9, Picard 0, DeWinkler 4, Saxon 5, Piccolo 4, Nicholson 13, Palmer 5, Campobasso 0

ACH track athletes to practice with LR

by Roger S. Lucas

The Grand Coulee Dam School District board debated Monday whether to allow ACH (Almira/Coulee/Hartline) athletes to train with Lake Roosevelt track athletes.

And ACH won, but only after a debate that ended with a split school board vote.

Last season, ACH athletes were allowed attend practice at the district track to train with Lake Roosevelt athletes, but compete for ACH at events. And from reports, everything went smoothly.

The issue came up at Monday night's meeting when an agenda item asked for a two-year extension of the practice.

Board Member Ted Piccolo spoke out immediately against the practice.

"They take time away from our coaches focusing on our own athletes," Piccolo argued.

Chair Joette Barry shot back, "With all the bad publicity our school district gets, we should show people that we can welcome others here."

Susan Chaffee said she thought it was a "win, win" situation.

Barry and Piccolo exchanged views again with Piccolo saying, "Don't you think I feel that way about our kids" also?

Board member Ken Stanger brought the discussion to an end when he moved to welcome ACH track athletes to the Lake Roosevelt practices. Four voted for the measure, with Piccolo voting against it.

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by Linda Thistle

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Weekly SUDOKU — Answers

Notices

GRAND COULEE DAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEW K-12 SCHOOL PROJECT
INVITATION TO BID

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Preliminary Estimate:
Base Bid: $24,000,000

Proposals will be accepted by the Superintendent for the Grand Coulee Dam School District until **3:00 PM**, prevailing time, on **February 25, 2013** at the Grand Coulee Dam School District Administrative Office at **110 Stevens Avenue, Coulee Dam WA 99116**. Bid proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud at 3:00pm. Interested parties are invited to attend.

A Pre-Bid Conference, **recommended for all prospective bidders,** will be held **2:00 PM** prevailing time, on **Wednesday February 13, 2013** at the Project Site, Coulee Dam, WA 99116.

Plans and Specifications are available, **January 29th, 2013**, through the Architect at $300 per set (limit 2 sets to General Contractors and 1 set for subcontractors) or emailed PDF plans and specifications at no cost. The cost is refundable provided the documents are returned in good condition within 10 days after bid opening. Additional sets may be purchased at cost, non-refundable. Bid security amounting to five percent (5%) of the total Base Bid and five percent (5%) of each bid alternate must accompany each Bidder's proposal in accordance with Instructions to Bidders.

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Bid documents will be available for examination during the bidding period at the following locations:

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Associated General Contractors – Coeur d'Alene, ID
Walla Walla Valley Plan Center – Walla Walla, WA
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Spokane Regional Plan Center – Spokane, WA
Tri-City Construction Council – Kennewick, WA
Yakima Plan Center – Yakima, WA
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No bidder may withdraw his proposal after the date and time set for opening thereof or before Award of Contract, unless said award is delayed beyond 45 days.

Substantial Completion shall be achieved within 530 calendar days of the Notice to Proceed.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, and in particular, to reject a proposal not accompanied by the required bid security or data required. The process shall comply with WAC 180-29-105, RCW 28A.335.190 and RCW 43.19.1906. There are no federal funds associated with this project.

(Publish January 23 and 30, 2013)

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS (RSQ) FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Town of Elmer City is inviting statements of qualifications from consulting engineering firms to provide engineering services for wastewater facility planning, analysis of existing system, hydrogeological investigations, evaluation of treatment alternatives, preparation of a Wastewater Facilities Plan (per WAC 173-240-050 & 060), and subsequent design and construction engineering and inspection for wastewater facility upgrades. The Town of Elmer City is located completely on the sovereign lands of the Colville Confederated Tribes and is subject to the permitting of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Colville Confederated Tribes; either of which may have different and/or additional requirements. Associated work may include preparation of funding applications, funding assistance, environmental reviews and other work as directed.

The Wastewater Facility Plan and subsequent improvements may be funded by: the Community Development Block Grant Program with federal funds provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, USDA-Rural Development, Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington State Public Works Trust Fund, Indian Health Service, Environmental Protection Agency, and other state and federal funding programs. Therefore, a number of state and federal equal opportunity and affirmative action requirements will apply to the selection process and throughout the project(s).

An engineering firm will be considered for selection based on the overall firm's qualifications, experience, personnel, professional reputation, experience with funding programs, and other criteria determined by the Town. Elmer City will select the firm it deems to be most qualified and in the overall best interests of the Town. Elmer City reserves the right to reject any and all submittals. The Town of Elmer City is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer Minority and Women-owned businesses are encouraged to submit statements of qualification.

Questions regarding this solicitation should be directed to Renee Tillman, Town Clerk, at 509-633-2872 or by email to Renee Tillman; elmercityclerk@live.com. Statements shall be submitted to Renee Tillman at 505 Seaton Avenue, P.O. Box 179, Elmer City, Washington 99124 no later than 3:00 PM, March 1. Each envelope shall be labeled "Engineering Services" in the lower left corner.

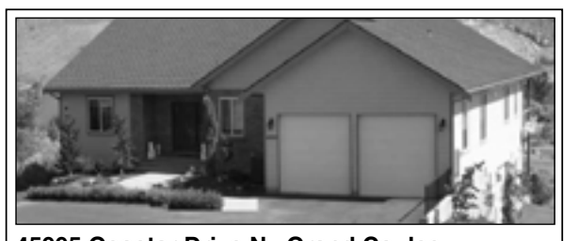
(Publish January 30 and February 6, 2013)

Check Out These Listings!!

A complete listing of our properties can be found at our website FoisyKennedy.com

611 Pine Street, Coulee Dam

#611 Pine Street, Coulee Dam, Looking for an adorable 2 Bedroom Cottage, close to everything? This home has been very well maintained over the years. It has updated Vinyl Siding, a Newer Composition 3 tab roof, and new updated double pane windows. There is a detached extra large two car garage and a concrete RV pad adjacent. The property is 2 1/2 lots that total appr. 128 feet wide by 77.50 feet deep, or just under 10,000 s.f. The property has a beautifully landscaped fenced back yard and includes a cherry tree and an apple tree. **List price is just $139,900.**



45995 Geostar Drive N., Grand Coulee

45995 Geostar Drive N, Grand Coulee, Custom Built Home along Lake Roosevelt. The home was designed to take full advantage of its beautiful setting. Everything has been done on a grand scale. The home has over 2,630 square feet on the main level, plus an additional 1,874 square feet on the lower level. There is even over 1,400 square feet garage and workshop space. The home has spacious rooms and vaulted ceilings throughout. There are exposed aggregate patios and a large composite covered deck to enjoy the great outdoors. You have to view the property to discover all that it has to offer. **The List Price is now just $427,000**

504 Banks Ave, Grand Coulee, Classic Ranch Style home that has been pampered over the years. The home has appr. 2,050 s.f. on the main level, plus another 1,000 s.f. of finished living area in the lower level. There are 4 bedrooms and 2 and a half baths. The Living room is 16.5' x 22.25' and has a tiled fireplace with insert and built in shelving. The kitchen has been transformed with custom oak cabinets. The home has Central F/A heating & cooling with a heat pump, vinyl siding and vinyl windows and over a 1,000 s.f. of workshop space in addition to the attached 900 s.f. garage. The property is just over an acre in size. **List price is just $249,500**.

#138 Silver Drive, Electric City, Newer Home built in 1978 that is in immaculate condition. There are 3 Bedrooms and 1 3/4 baths all together, plus a large Family Room with Office area downstairs. The home has newer dimensional shingle roof, lap Siding, Central Heat & AC with a Heat Pump, and a large patio. There is a 27' by 32' insulated garage and workshop with woodstove and cold room. The living room has a wood Fireplace and there is an air tight wood stove downstairs. The property is appr 105' x 113' or 1/4 acre in size & the yard is wonderfully landscaped. There are fruit trees & an auto sprinkler system. There is even a lemon tree. **List Price is just $240,000**

#32 Diamond Street. Electric City, Looking for a spacious home in excellent condition? Come take a look. The home was built in 1978 and has just over 1,400 sq ft upstairs and another appr. 1,325 sf downstairs. The home has an updated kitchen, Updated windows and roof and central heat and air conditioning. There are two wood fireplaces and very large family room. The property is 90' by 110' and has a very large fenced backyard, a patio, renovated deck, and even a playhouse for the kids. There is also an in ground auto sprinkler system. **List price is now just $218,500.**

1110 Tilmus St, Coulee Dam. 5 Bedroom home that's ready for you to move in. The home has a large living room, updated kitchen with lots of oak cabinets and lots and lots of storage. There are 2 bedrooms and 1 bath on the main level, plus 3 more bedrooms upstairs with another full bath. The finished basement has a rec room, office, TV room and Utility room. Built in 1965, the home has almost 3,000 s.f. of finished living area all together as well as vinyl siding and windows, large deck and garden spot. The garage is almost 700 s.f. in size and has a shop area on the end. The property is just over 10,000 s.f. and has an auto sprinkler system. **List price is now just $187,500 with the seller paying up to $2,500 of Buyer's closing costs.**

#918B Buffalo Lake Road, Nespelem, Beautiful 2005 Valley Quality Manufactured home on 20 Acres. The home is just over 1,800 s.f. in size and has 3 Bedroom and 2 full baths. Vaulted sheet-rocked ceilings, Central Heat, Vinyl 2 pane windows, Copper Plumbing & Comp 3 tab roof. The kitchen has tons of cabinets and counter space. Side by Side Ref, dw, ctop, oven, washer & dryer, and freezer all stay. The home was built to Super Good Cents construction standards so it has high energy values and 6 inch exterior walls. The property dimensions are 661' by 1,320' and are mostly flat with some trees and partially fenced. **List Price is just $174,900.**

57944 NE Spokane Blvd Grand Coulee, Large 6 bedroom home with over 2,425 square feet of finished living area on main and upper floors all together, plus there is a 975 s.f. unfinished basement for extra storage. Originally built in 1938, the home has had a number of updates over the years. It has newer laminate flooring and carpet, all newer built in kitchen appliances, and an attached 2 car garage. Fenced yard with auto sprinkler system. RV Parking, and more. The property is approximately 17,500 s.f. in size or .40 of an acre and has been recently surveyed. **List price is just $167,500 with Seller paying up to $4,000 of buyers closing costs**

803 Walnut Street, Coulee Dam. Here is a large 3 Bedroom - 1 3/4 bath home with everything all on one level. Spacious Living Room and Dining Room and a modern kitchen. The rec room gives you another area to hang out or play games. The exterior wood lap siding was recently painted. It has a Comp 3 tab roof, updated 2 pane windows, updated electrical service and a huge backyard area that is mostly fenced. The property is approximately 132' wide by 112.50 deep, so there is plenty of room for a big shop if you would like or develop an area for a garden or maybe add a larger deck, you decide. **List Price is just $144,900.**

702 Birch Street, Coulee Dam, Do you need lots of storage at an affordable price? Then this might just be the place you're looking for. The home has 3 bedrooms and 1 bath on the main level and is just over 1,050 s.f. in size, plus another 1,050 s.f. in the unfinished basement. Plumbing all set up for installing a second bath downstairs. Home has Wood lap siding, comp 3 tab roof, copper plumbing and bb electric heat with a wall ac. Small yard makes it easy to care for. 1 car carport provides off- street parking. **List price is just $92,500.**

607 Cedar St, Coulee Dam, 2+ bedroom 1 bath home in need of some updating. It has just over 1,150 square feet that are all on one level. Home has metal lap siding, dimensional tab roofing and wood fireplace in the living room. The plumbing is a combination of galv and copper. The electrical is a 200 amp fuse service and home does have perimeter foundation. The property is 120' wide by 80' feet deep, or appr. 9,600 s.f. all together. It has a nice backyard and patio area. **List price is just $75,000.**

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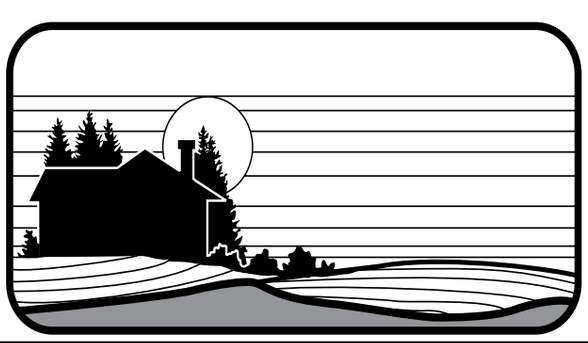

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Grand Coulee Police

1/18 - Dispatch advised police of a domestic violence issue on Kelso in Electric City, where they arrested a 66-year-old man who was taken to Grant County Jail.

- Police checked on a report of a man trying to commit suicide. When the officer arrived at the West Cardinal Road NE location he learned that the man had taken a rope and left the area.

- Police responded to a call of a deceased elderly woman at a residence on Mead Avenue. The police report stated that there was no evidence of foul play and the county coroner's office stated that the body could be released to the funeral home.

1/20 - Police answered a domestic violence call on Dill Avenue in Grand Coulee and arrested a 45-year-old woman for that and for third-degree malicious mischief.

- A woman reported a suspicious person on Park Avenue. She told police she asked him why he was running and he sprinted away. Police looked for the man but couldn't find anyone fitting the description.

1/21 - A woman on "A" Street told police that a dog entered her yard and attacked her dog. A verbal dispute developed between the two dogs' owners. Police advised both about the city's ordinance on dogs being loose.

- A person found a wallet at North Dam Park. The wallet contained a Chippewa Cree Tribal identification. Police are trying to find the owner.

1/22 - A Spokane Valley driver was cited for his tabs being expired and not having insurance after being stopped at the Four Corners.

- A man told police that someone was trying to access personal information of his by claiming he owed a credit card debt. He is complaining to various agencies.

1/23 - Police responded to a 911 call from a residence on Stevens Street in Electric City and found that a couple had apparently been in a dispute and the woman had kicked in an interior door. It was also noted that the man had a bite mark on his wrist. The woman was arrested for malicious mischief with an attachment of domestic violence and taken to Grant County Jail.

- An Elmer City woman told police that she had left her purse in a shopping cart and it turned up missing at Safeway. She said she didn't notice that she didn't have it until after she left the store. Officials at the store said no one turned the purse in. An officer plans to review store security tapes to see if they can see who took the purse.

- Police were notified that there were some 6-foot-long coiled metal pieces in the roadway at milepost 29 on SR-174. Police found out that the metal pieces belonged to Wilson Construction, a company doing work at the dam. They picked up the metal pieces.

1/24 - A woman turned in a computer bag that was given to her on Disautel Pass by a woman who had been in a wreck before she left in an ambulance.

1/25 - A man living on Hill Avenue found some fireworks debris near his residence and asked police to take the material away so kids couldn't get into it.

- A woman came into the department office to retrieve a suitcase held by police when she was arrested and taken to jail. The woman agreed that everything was there when it was returned to her.

- A man on Spokane Boulevard NE, told police that a female with a pink umbrella and a teddy bear was in the horse stables in the area. He said he told the woman to leave, and when he returned all the horse stalls were open.

- Coulee Medical Center asked for assistance in watching a man with mental problems.

1/26 - A man at Coulee Medical Center told police that someone had entered his unlocked vehicle and taken a prescription drug container with 100 pills in it. Police are looking to see if security cameras recorded the theft.

- A man on Spokane Way called to tell police that someone had taken his trailer that was parked on the property. The man was in Tacoma and he said he would supply information when he returned.

1/27 - Police responded to a report of domestic violence at a residence on Spokane Way. A 12-year-old girl at the house said that her mother had punched her in the chest while two sisters, 7 and 4, had held her down. The mother denied it and the two smaller sisters backed up the mother's story that she had been trying to discipline the 12-year-old. Police advised the 12-year-old girl to obey her mother.

1/28 - Police were asked to patrol a residence on Washington Place in Electric City due to a death in the family.

1/29 - Police were called to the Hill Avenue area where it was reported that a woman was talking to herself and acting strangely. It was handled by an EMS crew.

Coulee Dam Police

1/21 - A woman called police to report that a number of young people were in front of Lake Roosevelt High School making noise. Police found the front door of the school open and went to the gym where the lights were on and the youth were playing basketball. When the youth saw the police they ran outside and hid. Police ordered them out of hiding.

- A man jogging on his treadmill called police after he saw a young man hide a black zippered bag in the bushes at the Mormon Church. Police found the bag, which contained, among other things, a black bag with marijuana inside.

1/22 - Police went to a house on Cedar Street where there had been a dispute and an alleged assault of a 9-year-old boy. Police learned that the dispute occurred when one person accused another of having a secret boyfriend. The child was allegedly hit with a belt because he wouldn't get ready for school. Police are sending the report to Okanogan County Child Protective Services.

- A driver was stopped on River Drive because a pop can dropped out of his vehicle. He received a warning.

1/23 - Police checked on a vehicle and found that the joint owners had problems. The driver was on a suspended license and the passenger had violated a no-contact order. A licensed driver came to take charge of the vehicle and the driver was cited. The violator of the no-contact order was arrested and taken to Okanogan County Jail.

- A man living on Grant Avenue told police that when he returned from eating out, he noticed his front door was ajar. There were footprints in the snow leading to the door that didn't match the homeowner's. Nothing was missing from the house, the homeowner said.

1/24 - A man who lives in an apartment complex on River Drive told police that he had been drinking and because he got dizzy from an inner ear problem, a woman offered to drive him home. He said he went to bed immediately and fell asleep. He stated that when he woke up two of his laptops were missing, along with $475 in a change bottle and a rifle. He gave police the name of the woman who drove him home, and the incident is being investigated.

Rotarian to travel with Guatemala Literacy Project

Rotarian and Electric City resident Rob Hughes will travel to Guatemala with a group of Rotary volunteers from across North America to bring educational opportunities to impoverished children.

The Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP) group will deliver first-ever textbooks and inaugurate brand-new computer centers in rural schools.

In 14 years of existence, the GLP has established 184 textbook programs, 52 computer centers, 27 primary schools with the Culture of Reading program and 578 one-year scholarships. There are more than 26,000 children using GLP textbooks, 16,911 students being trained at GLP computer centers and 117,622 textbooks in circulation.

This will be Hughes' second trip to the region to support the program.

The Grand Coulee Dam Rotary Club has supported the project, which gets the textbooks printed in-country, creating a sustainable boost to the local economy.

"The long-term effect of the project, providing the means for people to plan for their future, is the real life example of giving 'hope,'" Rotarian and tour participant Carolyn Johnson said.

Service tours with the GLP and partner nonprofit Cooperative for Education take place every February and late summer and are open to all. More information can be found at www.coeduc.org/tours.htm.

The Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP) was founded in 1998. In partnership with the U.S.-based nonprofit Cooperative for Education: over 350 Rotary clubs across the globe support the GLP.

The GLP's mission is to help Guatemalan schoolchildren break the cycle of poverty through education. The GLP works to accomplish this mission by creating self-sustaining textbook and computer center programs within impoverished community schools. Learn more at www.guatemalaliteracy.org or www.coeduc.org.

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