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Newsbriefs

Four town vehicles to be sold

The town council of Coulee Dam voted Wednesday night to declare surplus four vehicles.

Those include a 2003 Crown Victoria, a 2006 Chevrolet Impala, a 1992 Cadillac Eldorado (all from the police department) and a 1991 Ford ambulance from the fire department. Proceeds from the sale will go into the general fund until the town works on its next budget, and then decide where the funds will be placed. The sale will be handled through "PropertyRoom.com."

Hantavirus a spring risk

With spring comes spring cleaning, and with it comes the risk of exposure to Hantavirus. Grant County Health District recommends taking safety measures when cleaning areas where rodents may have been. Visible droppings, nests and dead rodents are signs of the animals that can carry the dangerous disease, which spreads aerially through dust.

Corridor to clean up

Coulee Corridor members were advised that there would be an "Adopt a Highway" effort to clean up around highway 155. Their gathering will begin at 1 p.m. at the restroom side near Lake Lenore, Saturday, April 12.

The group's monthly meeting is scheduled March 21, at noon at The Corral Restaurant, 120 S. Main Street, Warden.

Players to meet

Planet Earth Players (PEP) will meet at 7 p.m. this Thursday, March 20, at the Grand Gallery Theatre on Grand Coulee's Main Street.

Flag disposal offered

If you have an American flag that is tattered and you wonder how to properly dispose of it, now there's an easy way. Jerry Beierman said the local NAPA auto parts store on Spokane Way has agreed to be a collection point. He will pick up flags from there to deliver to the American Legion, which will arrange for their honorable disposal.

Dewinkler named mayor pro-tem

Donna DeWinkler was elected mayor pro-tem at Elmer City's council meeting Thursday night. She replaces Don Bonertz, who had held the position. Mayor Gail Morin has been in the hospital in Spokane and was due to return home to Elmer City late last week.

Teacher resigns in settlement with school district

Paid administrative leave ends after nearly a year

by Roger S. Lucas

Guillermo Guzman, who served as a Spanish teacher at Lake Roosevelt High School until April, 2013, was given a final separation payment by school board action last week.

Guzman was arrested in 2013 by the Border Patrol and Coulee Dam police on a variety of allegations, including the use of someone else's Social Security Number, not being a citizen and working without a valid work permit. Guzman holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Washington.

Guzman had been on paid administrative leave since he was

arrested, and agreed to the final settlement through his attorney last week. The settlement, for \$20,000, was approved by the school district's attorney and board action. Guzman will be responsible for any tax obligations, according to the agreement, and has submitted his letter of resignation.

At the time of Guzman's arrest, school Superintendent Dennis Carlson said that the Spanish teacher had passed the Washington State Patrol's background check and the FBI's fingerprint test at the time of his hiring.

Guzman had taught at Lake Roosevelt since 2008.

As part of the agreement, the school district has advised the Okanogan County Prosecutor's Office that it has no interest in the "continued prosecution of Guillermo Guzman and no desire to participate in the prosecution of Mr. Guzman."

Chamber to offer Run The Dam race

by Scott Hunter

The local chamber of commerce will offer three runs and a walk on Colorama Saturday, all featuring a route over the Grand Coulee Dam.

The Run The Dam will take place the Saturday of Colorama weekend, May 10. It will feature 5-kilometer, 10K and half mara-

thon runs, plus a "Walk the Dam — Build a Gym" fundraiser for the local school district.

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber is promoting the run as part of the Colorama Festival.

Formerly known as The Over the Dam Run and last year as That Dam Run, the new event will be managed by chamber member

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The reason decorations still up in Grand Coulee

by Roger S. Lucas

The Christmas decorations are still up in Grand Coulee.

Public works director Dennis Francis advised the city council Tuesday night that relying on volunteers to help take them down hasn't been a viable option.

Francis explained that the city doesn't have the manpower to put the decorations up and take them down. He noted that the city has to borrow a bucket truck, and this year had to spend over \$1,200 in replacement bulbs.

The displays were purchased a number of years ago by local businesses through efforts of the Business Association in Coulee Dam.

Still up in Grand Coulee are the "Jack in the Box" and "Leaping Deer" displays.

The Regional Board of Mayors decided late last year that the numerous Christmas displays should be split up and put up in the various towns.

This was done and it was left up to city crews to take them down.

Father and son now represent tribes' Omak District

by Scott Hunter

Voters in the Colville Tribes' Omak District Sunday voted in a longtime member to fill a vacancy on the Colville Business Council, seating him next to his son, whom they had voted in for another vacancy March 1.

Mel Tonasket, a one-time chair of the CBC, garnered 79 of 172 votes, according to a tribal press release issued Tuesday.

His son, Richard Tonasket was chosen earlier for the first of two seats recently vacated as one member resigned and the council expelled another.

The elder Tonasket is to be

sworn into office today (March 19), replacing Benjamin Marchand, who was expelled on ethics charges dealing with credit card use. The term expires in 2015.

Mel Tonasket, 75, chaired the council in 1989, but resigned his chairmanship at one point in order to cast his vote on a council split over the Colville Tribal Enterprise Corporation. He has 20 years experience on the council and is past president of the National Congress of American Indians.

Richard Tonasket replaced Ernest "Sneena" Brooks, who resigned following his Feb. 14 arrest on the Coeur D'Alene Indian Reservation on a rape charge.



Patrick Barrett, from Quest, the manufacturer of this Kodiak aircraft, starts the process of replacing the turbine-powered motor. The motor experienced major problems while enroute from Paine Field in Seattle to Sandpoint, Idaho, and made an emergency landing here. The plane was pulled into a nearby hangar for the engine replacement.

— Roger S. Lucas photo

Plane glides to landing after engine failure

by Roger S. Lucas

A 10-passenger airplane lost power Thursday morning and had to make an emergency landing at the airport near Electric City.

The turbine-powered Quest Kodiak left Paine Field near Seattle on a flight plan for Sandpoint, Idaho.

Somewhere near Lake Roosevelt's Swawilla Basin, the pilot experienced engine failure, turned back to the airport here and made a dead-stick landing. The plane had been flying at 13,000 feet and made a gliding return to the airport. It later was taken to a nearby hangar where another engine was delivered. Mechanics were in the process of installing it Friday afternoon.

Grand Coulee Dam Airport Manager Bob Babler, when he found out about it, made a call to the Federal Aviation Agency. A person there said they didn't know anything about the mishap.

Babler said when he went out to the airport, the plane was tied down and he couldn't see anything wrong with it.

The brand new plane was in the Seattle area being painted for its new owner, MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship), and was in the process of being

delivered to its new owner in Sandpoint. The company has a training base at Felts Field, Spokane, and the aircraft was built at Sandpoint.

A spokesperson at the MAF headquarters in Nampa, Idaho, Dianna Gibney, said Friday afternoon that they were unaware of any problems with the aircraft.

Mid-afternoon Friday the aircraft was moved from the tie-down area to Dave Whitelaw's hangar where a new engine was being installed.

A spokesperson from Quest, the plane's manufacturer in Sandpoint, Julie Stone, said the aircraft will complete its final inspection and delivery will be made to MAF sometime later this week. It will be the 10th Kodiak in MAF's fleet.

A person familiar with the airplane said its cost was about \$1.9 million.

Mechanics worked through the weekend to complete installation of the replacement engine so it could fly back to Sandpoint for delivery to its new owner.

Babler said it points out how important the airport here is, and especially to those who need a safe place to land.

The airport here has a 4,200-foot paved runway.

Grand Coulee police to wear video cameras

by Roger S. Lucas

Sometime soon, Grand Coulee police officers will be wearing cameras that record video and audio to record your conversation when you are stopped for a violation.

The new equipment is in the trial stage now with only one officer, Dan Holland, equipped with the device while the department develops practices and procedures on how the program will work.

The camera is about three inches by two inches and clips onto the officer's uniform at an angle that allows video and sound.

The process allows officers to show the digital viewing when citations are challenged by those who are cited for violations.

The recording can be both seen and heard by a judge so a determination can be made whether a party is guilty of the violation.

The Grand Coulee Police Department has purchased eight of the cameras and will outfit all officers with the device after the testing procedure has concluded.

The cameras, manufactured by VieVU, has a 12-hour memory card and is battery powered. The LE3 version lists for \$900 on the company's website.

Police can download the video and sound and store them for possible later use.

Police say the devices will be useful in refuting any charges made by alleged offenders that their incidents were mishandled by officers.

Holland started wearing his camera March 5, and has used it to develop recorded information in cases. He said it will be useful against "he said, she said" charges in cases handled by the department officers.

The device shows time of day and the date when it is



Police officer Dan Holland wears one of the new department cameras that will take video and record conversations with people stopped for violations. The camera is seen just below the officer's badge. Holland is testing the equipment and assisting in developing policies and procedures related to the cameras.

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Poch resigns from council

He is honored for 28 years of service

by Roger S. Lucas

The town of Coulee Dam is advertising for a new councilperson.

Veteran Councilmember Bob Poch announced that he is quitting the council after a 28-year stint and it was time to hang it up.

He was recently elected to another four-year term last November.

Poch was honored at last Wednesday's council meeting for

his long service to the town.

Mayor Greg Wilder thanked Poch for his contributions to community life and said the town would begin advertising for a person interested in serving immediately.

"Poch's long-term service is symbolic of a dedication and commitment to service that is rare and exceptional," Wilder said.

Wilder then revealed a new form for people interested in serving on the council to fill out. Persons interested in serving can learn more about it by calling city hall at 633-0320.

Wilder said he would like to see the council seat filled as soon as possible.

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turned on and used. And the high definition video is managed by proprietary software that catalogues and stores video files with a digital signature that proves the video has not been altered, according to VieVU.

Holland said officers will announce that offenders are being recorded on camera.

He has been in the department 11 years April 1, and will be manager of the program.

The new Grand Coulee police cameras are about 3 inches high by two inches wide and weigh 2.8 ounces.



Spokane firm to prune town trees

by Roger S. Lucas

A Spokane firm, Senske Lawn & Tree Care, submitted the winning bid to trim trees for the town of Coulee Dam.

The firm's bid of \$75,618, was accepted by the town council at its meeting Wednesday night.

The town had set aside \$75,000 in this year's budget for the tree trimming project.

Senske's bid was for 400 hours of service at \$175.53 per hour.

Public works director Barry Peacock told the council that he didn't think it would take 400 hours to do the work and that this would bring the cost within the budgeted amount.

The contract covers the trimming of limbs that potentially could affect power lines throughout the town. This work is planned and executed every four years.

The Senske bid was the lowest of three the town received.

Race

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ButtonIt, a graphics shop. Richard and Mandy Button offered to take on the project for the chamber after an independent contractor that had run it the last couple years wanted to change it to a fall event, hoping more volunteers would be available then.

Buttons think they'll need about 20 volunteers for the race, which will feature altered routes.

Volunteers will get a swag package that includes coats and hats to wear the day of the race. Richard Button said community members are responding positively, with several offering to volunteer or sponsor the event.

The routes will all start at the

east side of Grand Coulee Dam, then cross the dam. The runs will end up at a North Dam Park finish line, with longer runs heading down Banks Lake along highway 155 and back.

Mandy Button said the routes will feature lots of directional signage to make it clear to runners which way to go.

"We're making some good changes," Mandy Button said. "I think people are going to be happy with it."

The event has a sign-up website that offers event registration and details, hats, coats and T-shirts at runthedam.com.



Envisioning a new passage

Third Powerplant Overhaul Supervisor Brad Dudley points to components of G-24, a generator being overhauled in Grand Coulee Dam's massive Third Powerplant. Dudley helped with a tour Monday afternoon of the dam by members of the Columbia Basin Tribes Coalition a day before they began a three-day technical workshop in Spokane to "bring together interested parties to discuss

technical, cultural, social, institutional and economic issues associated with restoring adult and juvenile fish passage to historical locations." The technical workshop is in preparation for the Future of Our Salmon Conference being held in Portland, Ore. April 23-24. The coalition includes 15 tribes, including the Colville Tribes.

Some drivers could see new tab fee

Added fee would pay for new ferry

By Rebecca Gourley WNPA Olympia News Service

OLYMPIA — Some Washington drivers could see a new fee added to their vehicle-tab transactions starting next year.

Both the Senate and House agreed on a bill that would add a \$5 fee for vehicle-registration renewals and purchases and a \$12 fee for title transactions through public offices. Unless the bill is vetoed by the governor, a rare occurrence, it will become law.

The money generated by the new fees would pay for a third 144-car ferry.

Currently, private businesses that offer these services already charge an administrative fee, online and over the counter. The bill would require public offices, such as county courthouses and the state Department of Licensing, to add the fee to each transaction as well, including online.

Currently there are no additional convenience fees if someone renews their tabs by mail or online through the DOL.

According to DOL data, 63 percent of Washington drivers already go to private businesses for these services, so the new fees would apply to about 37 percent of drivers.

These figures include people who process their vehicle registration and title transactions online. About 14 percent of transactions processed through a private business are done online; the DOL is at 34 percent for online transactions.

After the House passed House

Bill 1129 in February, the Senate added an amendment and passed it on March 7.

The amendment would allow excess money in the account that pays for new ferries to be transferred to the ferry operations account, which pays for regular maintenance and operations of Washington State Ferries.

The House agreed with the amendment and approved it on March 10.

The third 144-car ferry is expected to cost \$123 million, about \$9 million less than the average cost of the first and second ferries of the same class. The new fees outlined in this bill are expected to generate about \$11 million in its first year and then an average of about \$22.8 million per year after that.

Depending on the duration of

the bond that Washington State Ferries finances for the third ferry, the new fee could be implemented in its current form for the next several years.

Because of the amendment

added by the Senate, after the ferry is paid off, the fee is expected to remain in place and the money would be used for regular maintenance and operations of ferries.

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SEE THE "PAC" FOR DETAILS!



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OPINION

Poch will be missed

For nearly three decades, Coulee Dam has benefited from the reliably calm and deliberate approach taken by Councilmember Bob Poch, who announced his resignation last week.

While it's understandable that after 28 years he's decided to step away, he will not leave an easy vacancy to fill.

Poch's nearly unflappable public presence has often served to calm a brewing storm when the council meeting room filled with unhappy

citizens. And anyone diligent enough to keep up with the sometimes arcane details needed to navigate municipal government for decades is a rare individual.

Thanks go to Bob Poch for his long and valuable service.

Scott Hunter
editor and publisher

Letters to the Editor

Apologies to Lovelace and Hughes

I would like to apologize to Dawn Lovelace and Wendy Hughes.

Dawn, I did not read your letter in The Star. It was put down and never picked up again.

Since we live up on the hill we don't go to town but once a week and my computer is not used often. Dawn, I will always remem-

ber your quick response in giving us our beautiful Aubrey Jean!

Wendy, I was not a patient, but I remember when you took care of my elderly father in the hospital. You were so very kind.

You both are very much an asset to our community, and I hope there is some way to keep you both here as things were.

I am ashamed for not getting involved in this situation sooner.

Dawn and Wendy, thank you for all the years. If I can do anything at this late time, please ask.

Courtney, your grandfather and grandmother are very proud of you!

Laura Knighten

State Auditor's Office should be involved in Grand Coulee

Why hasn't anyone gotten the Washington State Auditor's Office involved or at least reported to them what is going on at the Grand Coulee City Hall between the mayor, city council and Police Department, including the chief because he knows what is happening in his department and city hall.

Actually, as the protector of his community he should be the one

reporting to the State Auditor's Office of possible corruption.

There are too many unanswered questions and accusations from all of them ... to me, it sounds like they were all involved in ??? and now that something has gone wrong they want to get the other person in trouble. Maybe they should all be scrutinized.

2014 motto: "Clean it up Coulee."

It sounds like the hospital is working on the same.

I wish you all the best of luck who remain living there. There is such beauty and potential to the Grand Coulee Dam Area. I still miss it, but have a hard time visiting.

Nancy Mitchell

Re: "Government obliged to protect liberties" (Letters from Our Readers, March 5)

After reading Angel Clark's letter in this newspaper, I was troubled by a few of the things that I read. I think some of that can be attributed to a misunderstanding of the U.S. Constitution.

First, Angel states that "when our government permits businesses to refuse its citizens service based on religious belief, does it fail to be a government for the people?"

What business does the government have telling a private business owner who they can and can't provide goods and services to? Do you really want more government intervention in private business? Have you ever seen a sign hanging in a store that says, "We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone," or "No shirt, no shoes, no service"? If Angel is right and the government has the right to control a business this way, then what happens when a KKK member walks into a minority-owned business and demands service? I hope that all of us would be happy

to see the business owner refuse service to this person and kick him/her out of the store. According to Angel's logic the business cannot turn this person away because the government has to prevent the private business owner from refusing goods and services to someone because of a difference in beliefs.

The key to all of this is the word "private." It's like watching television, if you don't like the show, then turn the channel. If you don't like a private business, go to another one.

Angel is right in saying that America is the land of the free, and part of that is the free market. With more government intervention comes less freedom. Angel also states, "such a provision is cause for the intervention of the government to ensure the separation of church and state." The phrase, "separation of church and state" cannot be found in any part of the U.S. Constitution. It came from a letter writ-

ten by Thomas Jefferson to the Baptists from Danbury, CT in 1802. The 1st Amendment does say that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. Is a private business owner who refuses service based on religious beliefs just exercising his/her 1st Amendment right of exercising his/her religion freely? Asking the government to intervene in our private lives is a dangerous road that we do want to take. Ask anybody who lived in the former Soviet Union. I believe that one of the first things they did was take over all the private businesses and attempt to eliminate all religion.

I admire Angel's passion in asking us to stand up against this blatant prejudice, however "we" must stand up to this, not the government.

Chip Cathcart
Coulee Dam

Fight for OUR hospital

I don't have all the answers. There, I said it. Kids are now smiling and so is my wife. Now, with that being said, I think it is about time I wrote about the big issue in our community, the situation at the hospital. I use the word "situation" because that's exactly what it is. The thing about a situation is that it can be changed and we usually allow it to happen to get to this point, either knowingly or with closed eyes.

I must be honest, Coulee Medical Center is not where I go for my primary care. I left when a doc I trusted left before. I just felt I had to go with him since he was the only doctor I ever trusted and he had been my doctor as long as I remembered. But with that being said, when I got sick I had no choice but to get some work done at CMC and I have made multiple ER visits for myself and my family. Would I rather have my primary physician right here at home? Of course, but long ago someone, or a board of someones, made a decision to cut some medical staff loose and the cause and effect of that made me follow the doctor, as did many of you. I know this by looking at the faces in his waiting room and seeing Grand Coulee Area faces.

OK, now that the air is clear and you know where I am coming from, we can chat about the current situation. That is, if you're still reading.

First off, not just the hospital will be affected by the loss of the two professionals we have already lost. Like many of you have already said, the loss of Lovelace and Hughes is a big blow to CMC and to their patients. But it is also a community-wide sucker punch to the gut. In a community that already has seen a mass exodus of great men and women of high integrity and professionalism, this is one more in a long succession of holes punched in our neighborhoods, leaving us searching and asking, why?

They will be missed, but it's not too late to get up off the canvas and fight back before the next right hook comes in the form of a Castrodale-Chaffey combination that will surely knock us out. Not just our

community but Coulee Community Hospital. Remember that name? Before it became Coulee Medical Center, it clearly had community in the title. I'm just saying.

I understand fully that this is a business and it needs to make money to survive. I get it. But there has to be some kind of moral, steadfast structure that allows us to have the piece of mind that, as customers, we will be able to see a provider, lab tech, nurse, x-ray tech and so on that is not disgruntled or overworked to the point of just doing the job to get through the day. That equals the herding of cattle one by one in a little room and moving to the next. Primarily, the docs cannot have, in the back of their minds, thoughts of their next move in an arena in which they seem to be losing. It affects us all no matter how professional they are. In my mind, CMC is not a business about dollars and cents, although I know that's important to survive, but it's a business about trust first. I know we trust the doctors! That can not be said about the administration right now. Now matter how you slice it.

OK, so with all that said, now what? Support the board we have voted in. Support the staff that we trust with our care. That means even more people will have to attend these board meetings and even more letters will have to be written to the paper. When we see these doctors and nurses in the community, we need to let them know we are on their side and will stand with them. This is OUR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, and we want to keep it. With the current administrators or without. I trust that the right decisions, not for business but for community, will be made.

Otherwise, we will be on the ropes, once again, as a community, trying to fill the gaps left by missing neighbors, friends and high moral professionals being forced out of our neighborhoods.



Commissioners ask NPS for changes

[Editor's note: The National Park Service closed the entire Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area during last fall's government shutdown. The following is a letter to NPS from Lincoln County commissioners (and submitted as an opinion to The Star) arguing for a different kind of solution if such a funding shortfall happens again.]

Director Jarvis, We are writing to request a modification to the National Park Service Contingency Plan that becomes effective upon a lapse in appropriation from congress.

In light of the recent government shutdown it has come to our attention that the NPS treats all of its 401 facilities, including over 50 different types of sites, in the same manner in the absence of funding. We feel even though the "National Park System" encompasses everything from true "National Parks" to "Wild and Scenic Rivers", that there are some very distinct differences between these facilities. We understand that they are generally managed in the same manner. In the event of a government shutdown, however, it would only seem reasonable and fiscally responsible to refine the Plan as to differentiate between the various entities within the National Park Service and address how each will be managed when a funding lapse occurs.

As an example, let's examine the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area (LRNRA) in eastern Washington State. LRNRA is over 150 miles long, has over 600 miles of shoreline, 26 different boat launches, 35 campgrounds and hundreds of access points. The LRNRA is managed through a 5 Party agreement, including the Spokane Tribe of Indians (STI), the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CCR), the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), and the National Park Service (NPS). Under this agreement, management responsibilities are separated into three categories: Reclamation (managed by BOR), Reservation (managed by STI and CCR), and Recreation (managed by the NPS). With this in mind, several of campgrounds and boat launches are managed separately by either the STI or the CCR. These Tribal owned campgrounds and boat launches are not under the jurisdiction of the NPS and are not subject to closure upon lack of funding. Visitors can still access the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area via these facilities. In other words, LRNRA is essentially still open to the public.

Glacier National Park, on the other hand, is extremely limited in the number of ways visitors can access the Park. With only

two main entrances and the majority of tourist activities happening at only a couple of locations, it would seem logical to close the entire Park. These distinct differences among units of the National Park System only exemplify the need for a precise Contingency Plan for each National Park Service "Unit".

Within the LRNRA there are many boat launches which also have campgrounds associated with them. While we understand the need to close the campgrounds and any facilities that would require NPS employees to operate, if each Superintendent had the ability to custom tailor each NPS unit, theoretically, it would be easy for the boat launches to remain open for public use. None of the launches are ever staffed by NPS employees, they are open year round and are essentially, "launch at your own risk". Although we certainly understand there are liability issues surrounding the idea of people being on federal land when the government is shut down, there are many ways to mitigate this. For example, since Lincoln County and other counties that border LRNRA, already provide for law enforcement and all emergency services within the boundaries, there could be a formal agreement with the NPS and the counties to provide these services and assume the liability (that already exists) in the event of no federal money for the NPS to operate. Liability remains constant for all governmental entities that have jurisdiction within the boundaries of a NPS unit, whether or not congress has approved funding.

The rationale behind closing boat launches and denying public access in a National Recreation Area is flawed, especially given the fact that entry is possible and permitted on tribal land. There are thousands of parcels of private land adjacent to the LRNRA that can be accessed on foot and are impossible to patrol. Essentially, it would be impossible to cordon off the entire area. Yet funds are being expended to do just that in NPS units nationwide.

Further, NPS employees enforce trespassing on public land in a funding lapse in the name of public safety. But in reality, if a public safety issue arises, the local jurisdictions respond. The five counties bordering LRNRA all provide first response Law, Fire and EMS services within its boundaries so it would seem obvious that public safety is a non-issue.

Within the boundaries of the LRNRA, hunting is allowed. This latest government shut-down just happened to coincide with hunting season causing hunters to seek alternate areas in which to hunt. This creates an economic

hardship for the surrounding local governments. If a shutdown were to occur during the peak of the tourist season it would be even more disastrous to these economies.

The application of a blanket policy that treats all 401 units of the National Park System identical in the event of a government shutdown just does not make good fiscal sense and in fact costs even more money, all the while damaging local economies. Prudent management practices dictate that any agency not undertake actions that exacerbate the inefficiencies and waste that occur during funding gaps. Therefore, it would only stand to reason that each Superintendent, who has the inherent knowledge of his or her own facility, be charged with the task of formulating a plan of how that particular facility will operate in the absence of appropriations. There are many federal documents that support just this. The National Park System Closure Determination and Notice issued by the Department of the Interior, specifies that the Closure of a park unit is pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 1.5. In fact, C.F.R. 1.5 specifically delegates the authority to close all or a portion of a park area, to the Superintendent. Circular No. A-11, from the Office of Management and Budget, dictates that each Agency Head develop its own plan. (This could include individual unit plans as part of the whole document.) The National Park Service Contingency Plan itself acknowledges the dramatic differences between park sites and that essential activities will vary greatly between them.

When a government shutdown occurs, the economic impact to local government cannot possibly be overstated. Let's find a viable way to avert harm to these jurisdictions in such an event. Obviously, the preferred alternative would be to not have the federal government shutdown to begin with but it has happened in the past and will inevitably happen in the future.

Again, we are asking NPS to consider restructuring the National Park Service Contingency Plan to include shutdown plans developed by the Superintendent of each specific National Park Unit. Each one knows best how to manage their own unique area and has far better access to the local community and leaders to make the most pragmatic decision possible.

Respectfully,
Lincoln County
Commissioners
Rob Coffman
Scott Hutsell
Mark Stedman

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Obituaries

Clifford Wayne "Cliff" Avey

Clifford Wayne "Cliff" Avey, 86, passed away Monday, March 10, 2014, in Moses Lake, Wash.. Born February 28, 1928, into the Leavenworth, Wash., home of Clifford E. and Violet H. Avey. Cliff served with the United States Army during World War II, before being honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal. On November 22, 1959, Cliff married Phyllis Jean Degen in Coulee Dam's Little LDS Chapel at Walnut and Yucca. A former member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Eagles #5077, Elks and Electric City VFW Post; Cliff retired following many years as a firefighter for the Bureau of Reclamation. As long as he was able Cliff enjoyed spending time at Swan Lake near Republic, Wash., and the Icicle



Resort in Leavenworth, Wash., camping, fishing, and boating. Predeceased by: his bride of 52 years: Phyllis in 2012; son Stephen; grandson Richie; brother David and sister Virginia. Clifford's legacy lives on through his children: John Avey (Jan), Richard Avey (Dena), Cynthia Moore and Barbara Ries; nine grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and his brother: Ronald Avey. At Cliff's request cremation has taken place. His urn has been placed with military honors in Spring Canyon Cemetery near his beloved Phyllis. Strate Funeral Home of Grand Coulee, Washington is honored to be serving Cliff's family.



Former mayor honored for service

Councilmember Donna DeWinkler presents former Elmer City mayor Mary Jo Carey with a plaque thanking her for her 16 years of public service, 10 of them as mayor. The presentation was made Thursday night at the town council's regular meeting. — Roger S. Lucas photo

Free tax help

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, thru April 8, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Some volunteers have been certified to assist taxpayers with health savings accounts.

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.

Pruning deciduous shrubs

This is the time of year to prune your shrubs that will bloom on this season's growth. Generally these are shrubs which bloom after June. Some of these shrubs common in our landscapes are the Butterfly Bush, Spirea, Beauty Bush, and Snowberry.

The spring blooming shrubs bloom on last season's growth. Minor corrective pruning can be done now. This can include removing dead wood and broken branches, branches that lay on the ground and suckers at the base of the shrub. After the shrub blooms you can do more detail pruning described below. Some of these shrubs common in our landscapes are Forsythia, Lilac, Daphne, Mockorange, Azalea and Rhododendron, Viburnum and Weigela.

In pruning your shrub, the goal is to thin, gradually renew and rejuvenate it while allowing the shrub to grow into its natural shape. Never round the shrub.

Step back from your shrub a few feet and envision how you would like it to look when you are finished. Then dive in.

Get down on the ground with your head in the shrub and begin taking out any dead branches. Next remove the small suckers and take out a few of the older branches in favor of larger, healthy new branches. Make your cuts slightly above ground level.

Know when to stop. A good principle to keep in mind is to remove about one-third or less of the plant's branches. Use hand pruning shears, loppers or a pruning saw when making the cuts. Avoid using electric trimmers as they will break or tear the twigs and jam up on larger twigs. Also, hand tools are quieter, allowing you to hear the birds sing as you work.

Now stand up and take another look at your shrub. You can now make a few cuts on the top to balance out the shrub.

Good Gardening

By Gayle Swagerty
Master Gardener and
landscape professional

There is a \$50 charge for obituaries published in the Star. This includes a photo and up to 500 words. Reminders for Celebrations of Life and Death Notices are \$25. Articles must be either e-mailed, faxed or dropped off at the Star office. They will not be accepted over the phone. The deadline to submit an article is Monday by 5 p.m. For more information, call 509.633.1350 or go to our website at www.grandcoulee.com

Senior Meals

- Wed., March 19 - Dinner**
Shepherd's Pie, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple and Beet Salad, Cheesy Garlic Biscuits, Cookies.
- Thurs., March 20 - Dinner**
Sweet and Sour Meatballs Over a Bed of Rice, Squash, Pea Salad, Fruited Jello & Whipped Cream. First Day of Spring.
- Fri., March 21 - Breakfast**
Sausage Links, Eggs, Country Potatoes & Toast, Apricots, Orange Juice.
- Mon., March 24 - Breakfast**
German Sausage, Eggs, Hashbrowns and Muffins, Fruit Cocktail, Orange Juice.
- Tues., March 25 - Dinner**
Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Salad, Ice Cream.

- Wed., March 26 - Dinner**
Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Broccoli, Rolls, Fruit Crisp.
- Thurs., March 27 - Dinner**
Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Buttered Seasoned Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Stewed Tomatoes, Brownies. Grocery shopping and errands.
- Fri., March 28 - Breakfast**
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Meetings & Notices

- CHAMBER TO MEET**
The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday, March 20, at noon at La Presa. General business is on the agenda.
- PEP TO MEET**
Planet Earth Players are planning a little theater meeting on Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Grand Gallery Theatre in Grand Coulee.
- FAMILY HISTORY CENTER AVAILABLE**
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints invites all who desire to utilize the Family History Center in the Coulee Dam Chapel, located at 806 Spruce Street in Coulee Dam. The center is now open each Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. The family history centers are free and open to the public and staffed by knowledgeable volunteers. Each facility offers both novices and experienced family historians the tools and resources to learn about their ancestors.

- AMERICAN LEGION POST 157 MEETS**
The American Legion Post 157 holds legion meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Vets' Center in Electric. All veterans are welcome. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8.
- TOPS MEETINGS**
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 1524 meets on Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. at Grand Coulee Senior Center prior to the exercise group gathering at 10 a.m. Come and join for the health of it. A morning chapter TOPS #WA1554 meets Wednesday mornings with weigh-in at 7:45 a.m., and a meeting at 8 a.m. It will also be held at the Coulee Dam Community Church-Presbyterian.

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Decisions made for Central Washington 2B League for 2014-16

by John R. McNeil II

With turmoil caused by reclassification and whether the Caribou Trail League would continue to exist, there are finally some definite answers.

Lake Roosevelt athletes will be competing in the Central Washington North for all sports but football and wrestling. For many, this comes as a relief from the prospect of traveling to Mabton and White Swan every season for every sport.

Omak was going to join the CWL North when the CTL was dissolving and the other three 1As looked to be moving South. Now the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association has denied the request of Cashmere, Cascade, and Chelan to move into the South Central Athletic Conference.

With that denial, Cashmere, Cascade, Chelan, and Omak will continue to be CTL members with one berth to state. The CTL is working with both the CWL and Central Washington Athletic Conference about scheduling arrangements to make up for the lack of league games.

For Lake Roosevelt, that could mean playing the four CTL schools once a year in basketball. For other sports, it is not known yet how the arrangement will be applied.

LR is in a better position in this new league alignment. They will be in a division to face former CTL opponents Tonasket and Okanogan, along with Brewster,

Bridgeport, Liberty Bell, Manson, and Oroville. This alignment will provide for less travel than in the plan that had LR in the south. For fans, this means more games to which they can travel.

Currently, it appears the 1Bs will continue to play all the 2B members once to cut down on their travel time. So LR could continue to play Pateros and Entiat once during the volleyball and basketball seasons. Along with the CTL schools, then, LR has a full schedule in both sports without having to travel outside District 6.

Wrestling is still in the process of working out league alignments for the next year. There is a group suggesting that the Eastern Washington B schools should form three leagues with all the District 6 schools plus Wilbur-Creston and Almira/Coulee-Hartline forming the North Central League. There is also debate amongst the coaches about whether to schedule league dual matches. With the lower turnouts at many schools, coaches prefer the "mix and matches" with three or four schools to ensure everyone has a match and the contest is not over in 45 minutes.

Lake Roosevelt football, however, will play in the CWL South with Soap Lake, Waterville, Warden, Kittitas, White Swan, and Mabton. The balance was wanted as, unlike in other sports, football cannot play the 1B schools because an 11-man team is not allowed to play a, 8-man team under the current WIAA regulations.



Wrestling young

Coulee Crusher youth wrestler Jimmy Downs, right, tries to throw Camren Youngblood, of Mansfield at a youth grappling contest in Warden Saturday. Downs ended up losing the match. — Roger Harnack, Omak Chronicle photo

New rules allow for eighth graders in some high school sports

by Roger S. Lucas

Eighth-graders, under certain conditions, will be able to take part in some high school sports, according to a new policy approved by the school board, March 12.

If a team sport is not offered at

the eighth-grade level, students will be allowed to try out and participate with high school athletes if high school turnouts in baseball or softball do not exceed 25 athletes.

Eighth graders can also try out and participate in basketball if high school turnouts do not ex-

ceed nine students and the same for volleyball if high school turnouts do not exceed 11 athletes.

Eighth graders, the new policy states, cannot participate in the high school football program.

All of the practices are subject to WIAA rules, however.

Coulee Dam spring cleanup schedule released

by Roger S. Lucas

The town of Coulee Dam has released its spring cleanup schedule slated for April 1-5.

From April 1-4, the town crews will pick up limbs only on the following schedule:

- Tuesday, April 1, Mason City addition - Aspen, Birch, Cedar, Fir, Holly, Pine, Spruce, Civic Way and the west side of Central Drive from Civic Way south;
- Wednesday, April 2, Airport Addition - Tilmus, Camus, River Drive, 11th and 12th Streets, Crest Drive from Central to River Drive and Central Drive from Civic Way south and north to Crest;
- Thursday, April 3, Hilltop Addition - Tulip, Walnut, Yucca and the east side of Central Drive from Civic Way south and north to Crest; and
- Friday, April 4, West Coulee Dam.

Officials stated that no stumps, roses, grass, thatching, tires, old appliances, or household garbage will be picked up.

Residents are asked to stack their limbs with the butts facing the curbside or alley.

Residents can take trash to the transfer station free of charge April 5-12. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. - 12. Wednesday the transfer station is closed, and Saturday hours are 8-3.

All grass, leaves and loose material must be bagged, and any limbs must be under six feet in length.

Officials warned that loads

must be properly covered during transport, and you must have ID showing that you are a resident of Coulee Dam. For additional information you can call 633-0100, at the transfer station or 633-0320 at city hall.



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February brought most snow and cold

February left us with a good amount of snow and was our coldest month, too.

We measured 8.3 inches of new snow here at the home weather station (compared to a mean snowfall is 2.5 inches and a high of 17.1 inches in 1959) and a low temperature of minus 1.8°F on the 6th of the month (minus 15°F was our lowest in 1950). Our total precipitation was 1.46 inches which, as always this

low normal by 15 points as they are in the mid to upper 80 percentiles. I noticed that on Saturday, March 15, water was flowing over the Grand Coulee Dam.

To our south in California, a place we should watch as the year and their drought progresses, the drought conditions are looking rather problematic. The Sierra Nevada Mountains provide the bulk of water to agricul-

Weather Watcher



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not a meteorologist,
just a weather
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ture and the state's population. Though there have been some improvement, the SWE figures are showing only about one third normal percentages. I looked at a listing of the major water reservoirs in California and it is hard to find any that are at or near historic "acreage feet inches averages."

Why the concern over California's drought? Food. The state of California produces a wide variety of crops and lot of them. Watch store prices. Well, that big event we all look forward to in March is fast approaching. The Spring Equinox occurs on March 20 this year. This is what happens: On equinox, both night and day are nearly exactly the same length, 12 hours all across the planet. This is the reason it's called "equinox," Latin, meaning "equal night."

A full moon will have occurred on Sunday, March 16. Looking at snowpack for Washington state and SWE percentages, the west side of the Cascades is above normal. The east slopes are at or just below normal. To our north, we are just over normal, but to the northeast and southeast the percentages are be-

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR (MUST BE 5 BY AUGUST 31, 2014)

March 17th - April 11th - Registration
 Registration for the 2014-15 school year is now open for all children entering kindergarten next year. Parents may stop by the school office for a registration packet. We will need a copy of your child's OFFICIAL birth certificate and immunization record in order for your child to attend kindergarten.

April 17th & 18th - Screening Days
 All registered students will be screened during this time, which will include vision, hearing and communication. Please call the office to schedule a time slot for your child, as this will be the **only** days the teachers will be available for screening.

May 6th & 7th - Kindergarten Visit Days
 Those students that are officially registered will be invited to visit a kindergarten classroom from 10:15-12:30. Your child will have the opportunity to experience classroom activities, recess and lunch. The cost for a student lunch is \$2.20, adult lunches are \$3.50. Please call the office before 9:00 A.M. if you and/or your child will be ordering a lunch.

To schedule a screening time, or if you have any questions, please call the school office at 633-0730.

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The Grand Coulee Dam School District is accepting applications for a **Jr-Sr High School Principal**. To request an application packet, contact Mandi Strocsher, 509-633-2143 ext. 211, email mandis@gcdsd.org or go online to <http://www.gcdsd.org/DistrictOffice/JobOpenings.asp>. Applications will be accepted until 4pm April 14, 2014 with interviews scheduled for April 22-23, 2014.

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-Must have knowledge & experience with Native American Traditional Dance
-Must demonstrate Native American Traditional Dance.
This position is opened until filled.
Applications are available on The Nespelem School website www.nspelem.org or call 634-4541

CULTURE/LANGUAGE COORDINATOR
JOB DESCRIPTION: Responsible for teaching culturally relevant education to students, which includes but is not limited to language, traditions, history and tribal government; will be responsible for organizing cultural activities within the school district; will lead and mentor staff and volunteers with respect to the Culture Program; and will assist the Native Traditional Dance Coach with organizing and hosting an annual Pow Wow (Fall/Spring) for the school and community.

JOB REQUIREMENTS: -Knowledge & experience with Native American Culture Activities & Events.
-Ability to work well with kids.
-AA Degree or pass Washington State PRAXIS Test • Must be willing to take language classes.

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· Follow and enforce team discipline standards
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· Attend all school, league, and state meetings as required
· Continue education in regards to new rules, coaching techniques, and teaching methods
· Pay is based on the current extracurricular salary schedule
· Must pass a valid Washington state background check
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE PASSED OF THE CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY, WASH.

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ORDINANCE NO. 481-2014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE ELECTRIC CITY SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AND ADOPTION BY THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY.

A full and complete copy of the above ordinance is available at City Hall, 10 Western Avenue, Electric City, WA during normal working hours.

Jacqueline M. Perman, Clerk/Treasurer
(Publish March 19, 2014)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR GRANT COUNTY

ESTATE OF Robert Allen Graham, Deceased

NO. 14-4-00026-3

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 19, 2014
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(Publish March 19, 26 and April 2, 2014)

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#55676 Bay Area Dr NE, Electric City. Beautiful custom built 3 bedroom 2 bath home with the property set up for horses. The home was built in 2004 and has appr 1,700 square feet that is all on one level. Home has Vinyl lap siding, dimensional Comp roofing, Gas Fireplace, Central Heat & AC with HP, and vaulted ceilings. There is a detached garage/workshop with tack room and hay storage. Corral for the horses and three separate pastures that are all fenced, so you can rotate your grazing. Beautiful landscaping and wonderful sunsets. The property is 5 acres in size all together. **List price is just \$339,500.**

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#46538 Sunny Hill Lane N, Grand Coulee. Located just 7 miles from Grand Coulee is this 3 Bedroom – 2 bath Manufactured home on 6.18 acres overlooking Lake Roosevelt. The home is just under 1,050 s.f. in size and was built in 1982 by Skyline. It has Central Heat and Air conditioning, copper plumbing, 200 amp circuit breaker service and medium sized deck. But the best part is the wonderful view of Lake Roosevelt. **List price is just \$99,500 and the seller will pay up to \$5,000 of buyer's closing costs.**

#11 Grand Avenue, Electric City. Very Large 3 Bedroom 2 3/4 bath home in Electric City. Home has 1,775 s.f. on the main level plus another 1,775 s.f. in the full basement. Built in 1967, the home has Fireplace in LR, 2 pane windows, newer Dimensional Comp roof, Electric BB heat and wall AC, Covered patio with hot tub and fenced front and back yards. There is a large family room with bar and a full bath downstairs, plus tons of storage. There is an attached 2 car garage and the property is appr 120' wide by 100' deep or 12,000 s.f. all together and has a sprinkler system. **List price is just \$184,500 with a \$5,000 buyer closing cost allowance.**

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306 Ferry Ave, Coulee Dam, 3+ Bedroom 3 bath home in West Coulee Dam. Home has just over 1,000 s.f. on the main level, plus another 800 s.f. downstairs with lots of storage. The home has Central H & AC w HP. Updated electrical with 200 amp cb service, wood siding, 2 pane windows and Comp 3 tab roof. There is a 1 car garage plus a 2 car carport. The property is appr 6,700 s.f. in size. **List Price is just \$149,500 with \$2,500 closing cost allowance.**

57921 NE Lakeview Blvd, Grand Coulee, 2 bedroom 1 bath cottage located in Delano. The home has 1,030 s.f. on the main level and is on a large lot. The home has stucco siding, metal roof, galvanized plumbing, 200 amp cb service, and electric bb heat. The home is serviced by an on-site septic system. The property is appr 13,000 s.f. in size and is partially fenced. **List price is now just \$66,000.**

213 F Street, Grand Coulee. Multi level A Frame on large corner lot. Home needs a lot of work, but has a lot of potential. There is 1,150 s.f. on the main level, an additional 575 s.f. upstairs, plus a 1,120 s.f. basement apartment. Built in 1972, the home has metal siding, shake roof, bb electric and wall ac,

#329 Van Tyne, Grand Coulee. The property is comprised of 7 lots all together and they total over 10,000 square feet. Presently the property is being used as a rental lot for a man home, so it has water, sewer, and power on site. The property is zoned Commercial- Central Business which has over 45 specifically permitted uses. This property is located behind the Grand Coulee Post Office and just a few hundred feet off the main highway. **List Price is now just \$12,500.**



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3/10 - USBR Plant Protection told police that a conflict between two employees was brewing and when an officer told the man his statements would be recorded, he said, "Have a nice day," and left the conference room.

3/11 - An officer checked on a couple thought to be trying to enter a house on Burdin Boulevard. The officer learned their identity and explained why he was checking on them.

- A woman told police that she had placed some items in a storage unit in Electric City and when she returned to the unit she found that her lock had been cut and the items gone.

- A Burdin Boulevard woman was cited for not stopping at Four Corners and for not having insurance.

3/12 - Plant Protection told police that someone was fishing off Marina Way in a closed area, but by the time police arrived the man was gone.

3/13 - A Hill Avenue man showed police a note detailing that a man had been following him and had once threatened to shoot him. He said that the man follows him in a van when he takes his walks.

- Plant Protection advised police that two suspects were walking between the Tanner Gates at North Dam Park. Police were later advised that the two were on the north side of the canal. Plant Protection advised the officer that it wouldn't be safe to pursue the

pair since it was dark and they were walking over a rock pile. Later Plant Protection stated that the pair were back at the Tanner Gates. An officer advised the pair that they were after hours and needed to leave. The two, one from Ephrata and the other from Soap Lake, were escorted to their vehicle and given a trespass warning.

3/14 - A Coulee Boulevard resident advised police that they had at their residence a 2-year-old child who was apparently lost. When police arrived the mother had taken the child. Police went to the child's home and the father said that the dogs had pushed the back fence over and he hadn't noticed his two children missing. He said he had located one of the children, but not the other. Police found the mother and the child at the grandparents' house and advised the mother that the report would be sent to Child Protective Services for review.

- Police found a man among vehicles at a business on Grand Coulee Avenue who stated that his own vehicle had a bad spark plug and that he was looking for a spark plug around the area. He started his vehicle to show the officer that it was missing on one cylinder. He said he couldn't fix his vehicle and so left the area.

- A man trespassing on Bureau of Reclamation land protested to an officer who stopped him that the land belonged to the people and the officer had no right to stop him. The officer told the man that it was after dark, and the man had passed numerous signs telling him the area was off limits and that if he returned he would be arrested.

- Officers went to the landfill to check on an alarm that went off. An employee stated that the wind had blown a door open and it set off the alarm.

- An officer noticed a vehicle with outdated plates, last registered in 2009. He later saw the vehicle pull out from its Alcan Road NE location and stopped it. The driver became irate on being stopped and said he had recently purchased the vehicle and was on his way to get it re-registered. When asked about the title, the man said he left it home. He was

cited for the expired license, not having insurance and for a missing/improper bumper.

- A Moses Lake man was stopped near Spokane Boulevard when an officer noticed him driving and knew that his license was suspended. He was cited for not having a valid license and for not having insurance. A licensed driver came to take charge of the vehicle.

- Police advised the owner of a dog that had been chasing cars along Banks Avenue that she would be cited if the dog did it again.

- Police advised the owner of a loose dog on Dill Avenue that if the dog was found loose again she would be cited.

- Police checked on a man who kept falling down near Riley Point as he was walking up the hill. The man said he was cramping below his ribs, admitted falling down, and refused help. He stated he was just trying to get to his mother's house.

- Officers went to a house on Hill Avenue to check on a report of a man in distress. Officers found a man striking his head with his fists, asking for something unknown to stop. He told officers after an ambulance was called to take him to the hospital to kill him "just to get it to stop." An officer accompanied the ambulance to the hospital.

3/15 - Police were advised that a driver appeared to be drunk and had just entered a car and driven off. Officers stopped the car in the Safeway parking lot and found the driver known to have a suspended license. He is being charged with driving while under the influence, being a felon in possession of two guns, having a controlled substance in his possession, and operating a vehicle without a court-required ignition control. Two passengers in the vehicle had warrants out for their arrest. The driver and one man were taken to Grant County Jail, and a woman was taken to Okanogan County Jail.

3/16 - Police went to a residence on Stevens Street in Electric City to ask a man to turn down his loud music. After a lot of cussing by the male resident,

the report stated, the music was turned down.

- A woman who lives at 5th Street NE in Electric City reported that someone had run into her fence, knocking it over. Police could not locate the vehicle.

- A woman living on Bowen Street advised police that a woman was harassing her with phone calls and driving by her residence. Police told the woman to stop harassing or she would be cited.

- A Gig Harbor man was cited for not having insurance and driving while his license was suspended after an officer stopped him near the overlook area just above Grand Coulee Dam because his headlights were not turned on.

- Some Coulee Dam residents were told to move from the parking lot at North Dam because it was after dark and the lot is closed at dusk. The officers learned that the discussions were over a marital disagreement. The parties left.

- Police advised a Kelso Avenue resident to turn his loud music down because it was keeping a nearby person awake. The man complied.

Coulee Dam Police

3/9 - A motorist on River Drive was pulled over and given a warning when an officer noticed that the vehicle didn't have a front license plate.

3/12 - A driver on Pine Street failed to yield for a patrol car and was pulled over. The driver stated that he didn't see any yield sign so he didn't have to. He was advised to go back and take another look and got a warning from the officer.

- An officer stopped a vehicle

on River Drive because of expired tabs. The driver could not provide a driver's license or any identifying information and gave the officer a name. It was checked through dispatch and the information didn't add up because the description of the person whose name was given was 5-10 and the woman who was stopped was about 5-6. Also the color of her eyes didn't match. She said she had colored contacts and she was asked to take one of them out. She refused saying

her hands were dirty. Dispatch reported that the woman had a tattoo on her ankle and the officer asked her to remove her boot. It revealed that she did indeed have a tattoo. She later explained that she had given her sister's name when she was stopped because she had a warrant out for her arrest and she didn't want to go to jail. She was cited for driving with a suspended license, the expired tabs and for giving false information to the officer. She was jailed on the warrant.

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