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## Newsbriefs

### School supply drive went well

The annual August drive to collect school supplies and money to buy them went well at North Cascades Bank, local branch Manager Sjana Bird said, noting that not as many supplies were brought in by donors but more cash was. She said the branch collected \$905 to help buy needed school items for students. “We got some cash and we’re going to go spend it,” she said.

### Another fire contained

The 400-acre burnout to secure the line along the Entiat River Road and Shady Pass area went well on Thursday and the Duncan fire burning north of Entiat in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest was contained to the extent that only 150 firefighters remained on the fire going into last weekend. The fire has covered 12,695 acres.

### Campfire bans lifted

Bans on campfires have been lifted in national recreation and forest areas. Campfires are again allowed in established fire rings in campgrounds and day-use areas throughout Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area, the National Park Service announced Friday. Charcoal grills are also allowed, but other forms of open flame such as tiki torches and lakebed campfires are still banned. “Even though we have had rain recently,” an NPS press release said, “it has not eliminated the risk of wildfires. Please remember that regulations require your campfire to be less than three feet in diameter within the established fire ring. Fires must be attended at all times and completely extinguished with water before you go to bed or leave your campsite. It is also illegal to burn chemically treated wood, painted wood, wood with staples as well as household garbage including plastic and cans. The ban on campfires in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest was partially lifted last Wednesday. Campers may now have campfires in metal fire rings in designated campgrounds in six of the seven Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest ranger districts. Naches Ranger District is the only district where campfires will not be allowed. Campfires will also be allowed in all federally designated wilderness areas in the forest.

### Corridor to meet

The Coulee Corridor Consortium will meet Sept. 19, at Papa’s Casino, 1165 Stratford Road in Moses Lake at noon for its regular September meeting.

### Looking for stampede prospects

Applications are now being accepted for the Miss Omak Stampede 2015 contest. Competition is open to all Okanogan County young ladies between the ages of 16-21. Applications may be picked up at the Omak Stampede office and are to be returned to the office by 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19. The Miss Omak Stampede 2015 pageant will be held in October. If you have any questions, call Sarah at the Stampede office, 826-1983.



## Bathed in light

Rotary Club members gather in the elementary wing library of Grand Coulee Dam School District’s new school complex in Coulee Dam during a tour of the facility last Wednesday. Overhead skylights on the second floor pump in light and will save on electricity. Along for the tour, Rotary District Governor Bruce Falkins,

of Kelowna, British Columbia (center), said he was surprised to find the most impressive club project results in the international district in Coulee Dam. The local club vocally supported and encourage the building of the school, including various fund raisers. — Scott Hunter photo

## New school open house expanded

### Evening hours added so more can attend

by Roger S. Lucas

The Grand Coulee Dam School District has expanded the open house for its new K-12 school complex. Superintendent Dr. Dennis Carlson said Tuesday that the district will have a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, with tours of the new complex to follow.

## New officer on job

by Roger S. Lucas

Grand Coulee’s new police officer is on the job. Christopher McClanahan completed his academy training and began duties in the department Sept. 1. Chief Mel Hunt said that McClanahan was voted vice president of his academy class and placed second in his class academically. McClanahan placed first in firearms at 99.1 percent and first in the class overall. Hunt said it was the highest any of his officers have scored at the academy. “Officer McClanahan is to be congratulated on his efforts and all the extra work he did,” Hunt stated.

## Doe shot, left at Washington Flats

Game officials are looking for information in regard to the shooting of a doe in the Washington Flats area. Warden Glenn Steffler, of the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, said he came onto the still nursing doe Wednesday, Aug.

27. Steffler said the deer had been dead only 12-24 hours. He said the deer was shot by a small caliber gun. He is asking anyone who might have information about the shooting to call him at (509) 754-4624.

## Sunbanks music festival offer 19 bands

by Roger S. Lucas

Sunbanks Lake Resort’s fall Rhythm & Blues Festival kicks off tomorrow (Thursday, Sept. 4) and run through Sunday, Sept. 7.

Thursday bands will begin playing at 8 p.m. in the Coulee Cantina (directly behind the lodge).

Music on the main stage begins Friday at 5 p.m., Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. A variety of bands will play each evening  
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Carlson said that another tour will be added from 6-8 p.m. to accommodate those who work in the daytime and can’t get to the earlier open house. The new school will welcome students, Monday, Sept. 15. Last week the final material from the demolition of the classroom wing of Lake Roosevelt High School was taken from the site and now workers are getting the area to grade. Contractors are involved in the final touches of the new building and Carlson stated the complex will be ready for students. Last minute placement of trees and other plant materials continues this week.

## Street changes being sought for Coulee Dam

by Roger S. Lucas

The town of Coulee Dam has submitted grant requests to the State Transportation Improvement Board for three major projects. The first is for improvements around the new K-12 school complex. A second is for the reconditioning of Sixth Street, and the third for improvements to Lincoln Avenue. In the school portion of the grant request, the town points out that there will be an increase in general traffic, an increase in heavy vehicles such as school buses and heavy delivery vehicles and an increase in pedestrian traffic. The town’s submission includes comments on intersections at

Pine Street and River Drive, Pine Street and Civic Way and both intersections at Central Drive and Crest Drive. The application points out the poor sight alignment at some intersections and the lack of wheelchair accessible ramps on some sidewalks. The proposed project primarily improves school route safety for students, residents, pedestrians and drivers traveling in the school campus area. Improvements to realign intersections in the vicinity of the school would increase line of sight for drivers and create a traffic calming environment. Completing the sidewalk gap along Civic Street to the tennis courts and to River Drive would move students and pedestrians off the road, creating a safety barrier, the application stated.

## Town will clean up burned house

by Roger S. Lucas

A burned-out house that has been the focus of concern in Coulee Dam will soon be razed. Coulee Dam Mayor Greg Wilder said last week that he has received indication of cooperation of the property owner to assist the town in covering the expenses of tearing the house down and cleaning the property.

The house at 609 Holly Street burned about two years ago and residents along the street have been raising their voices to get the property cleaned up. Just recently, one of the wind storms added fuel to the fire as two very large limbs were torn from the trunk of the tree and dumped on the property. One burned evergreen tree was already on the property.

Wilder said city crews will be assigned the task of razing the building and cleaning the property. Owner Jimmy Sales, whose parents owned The Green Hut, said that he would be cooperative in the matter. Wilder said the agreement was reached three weeks ago.

The mayor said it was hoped that the property would be cleaned up by winter. The town earlier tried to find the right way to clean up the property  
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The Lincoln Avenue project would grind and overlay Lincoln from Ferry Avenue to SR-155. The intersection of Okanogan Ave., and Lincoln Ave., would be regraded to drain water from the west side of the street down Okanogan Ave., and also add wheelchair ramps with a crosswalk. The sidewalk and entrance to the gas station would be realigned with a standard driveway entrance. The crosswalk at the gas station would be moved to the end of the road with sidewalk and wheelchair ramps installed to accommodate the change. The Sixth Street project calls for new sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, and painted crosswalks. The grant requests were submitted just before the Aug. 22 deadline.

## Harvest Festival next week offers much

by Roger S. Lucas

When you think of a Harvest Festival vegetables and fruits come to mind. The Chamber of Commerce’s Harvest Festival, Sept. 12-14, the third annual, at North Dam Park, is entirely different. It’s a fun festival for the entire family and a good way to polish off what has been a great summer. And it’s free! Always wanted to take a helicopter ride? You can do it at this year’s Harvest Festival, at a nominal

price. Soar through the sky and look down on the things you’ve seen all year long except from a different vantage point. Rides are available from 11 a.m. to dusk Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Get on a hay wagon and relive those early days when it was fashionable. You can Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Dam Park. Can you bake a berry pie? There’s competition in the berry and apple pie baking event. Judging will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the picnic area with winners announced at 2 p.m. Bring two pies, one for  
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# Household hazardous waste event set

by Roger S. Lucas

Grant County residents may dispose of household hazardous waste free on Friday, Sept. 12, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Delano Regional Transfer Station. Only hazardous waste generated by households will be accepted.

Hazardous products have labels with words such as warning, danger, caustic, flammable and poison. These chemicals should be disposed of through hazardous waste collection opportunities, not in the garbage, down the drain, or on the ground. Examples include oil-based paint, contaminated used motor oil, thinners, household batteries, solvents, brake fluid, spot removers, drain openers, insecticides, weed killers, items containing mercury, and swimming pool and hobby chemicals.

There are several items that will not be accepted at the event. Propane tanks, uncontaminated motor oil, and used automotive batteries are not accepted because year-round collection sites

are available in the area. Latex paint may be placed in the garbage after the paint is hardened and the lid is removed.

Other items not accepted at the event include empty containers, agricultural waste, commercial waste, explosives, ammunition, asbestos, radio-active material, unknown cylinders, poison A gases, refrigerant compressors, leaking containers, containers larger than 5 gallons, and white goods (appliances and televisions).

Empty containers may be thrown away in the normal trash and will not be accepted at the event. Pesticide and herbicide containers must first be triple rinsed before throwing in the trash.

Products should be brought in original labeled containers if possible. Pack the waste to prevent spills during transportation and keep the waste away from passenger compartments of vehicles.

For more information, call Grant County Solid Waste at (509) 754-6082.

## Blues

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until about midnight.

Bands featured include The Fat Tones, LeRoy Bell, Junkyard Jane and Too Slim and the Taildraggers.

Promoters stated that there will be a total of 19 bands performing during the course of the event.

Daily tickets are \$25, and those attending must show ID's at the gate.

## House

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erty and advertised for demolition bids, but the lowest bid was close to \$23,000, far more than the property value.

The town crew will demolish the building, take out the concrete foundation, remove the debris and have the property ready for development.

Wilder said other owners of properties in violation of nuisance codes have also been notified of the town's "intent to be more aggressive" in such matters.

## Festival

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judging and the second for a pie raffle.

One of the featured events is the BBQ competition. That's Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Judging and the awards ceremony begin at 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Samples will be available for purchase. The BBQ event is in conjunction with the Pacific Northwest Barbecue Association. Ribbons and trophies will be given and there are some \$3,500 worth of cash prizes.

Got a pet that is a bit of a ham? There's a Star Wars-themed costumed pet show, at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Skateboard Park.

There's a motorcycle Poker Run Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Route maps can be picked up at the picnic area on Saturday. There's a \$20 entry fee.

And there's a slug of food and craft booths to browse through. It's a great place to have fun and enjoy a meal. They will be open from 9 a.m. Saturday to dusk and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Plus, if you like yard sales, North Dam Park is the place to be Saturday from 9 a.m. to dusk and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's a community-wide yard sale, so it

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# Moore appointed to civil service commission in Grand Coulee

by Roger S. Lucas

Mayor Chris Christopherson made an appointment to the Grand Coulee Civil Service Commission last week, bringing it up to full strength.

Named to the three-member commission

was Bill Moore, a retired school teacher, and former city council member.

Moore replaces Kenneth Carroll, who resigned earlier this month.

Moore taught social studies, general math, shop and traffic safety during his 32-year teaching career. He retired in 1997.

The commission is made up of Chair Alan Cain, Mark Graves and now Bill Moore.

The Civil Service Commission meets next at 5:30 p.m. tonight, Sept. 3.

The CSC just recently started the process of seeking a replacement for police Chief Mel Hunt, who is retiring at the end of September.

# Internal Revenue Service issues consumers scammer alert

The Internal Revenue Service issued a consumer alert Thursday providing taxpayers with additional tips to protect themselves from telephone scam artists calling and pretending to be with the IRS.

These callers may demand money or may say you have a refund due and try to trick you into sharing private information, the IRS said. Con artists can sound convincing when they call. They may know a lot about you, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. If you don't answer, they often leave an "urgent" callback request.

"These telephone scams are being seen in every part of the country, and we urge people not to be deceived by these threatening phone calls," IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said.

"We have formal processes in place for people with tax issues. The IRS respects taxpayer rights, and these angry, shake-down calls are not how we do business."

The IRS reminds people that they can know pretty easily when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

The IRS will never:

1. Call you about taxes you owe without first mailing you an official notice.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over

the phone.

5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

The IRS does not use email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue, the IRS said. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and type "scam" in the search box.


Additional information about tax scams are available on IRS social media sites, including YouTube <http://youtu.be/UHlxTX4rTRU?list=PL2A3E7A9BD8A8D41D>. and Tumblr <http://internalrevenueservice.tumblr.com> where people can search "scam" to find all the scam-related posts.



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OPINION

Town taking on cleanup is right

The town of Coulee Dam is now taking an aggressive stance on the cleanup of a property on Holly Street where the house burned down two years ago. Such cleanup issues are almost never easy, and the town’s new, aggressive attitude is a welcome example of what might be done in many similar cases across the whole community, not just in Coulee Dam. Mayor Greg Wilder said that he had contacted the property owner three weeks ago and that the owner agreed to help with the expense of the cleanup not covered by sale of the property. Such a handshake is not the same thing as a valuable deed in hand, but the town’s citizens will be better off for their government’s efforts — and expenses — in the matter. The economic health of a community is weakened by such blight in a way that doesn’t become apparent immediately, and taking steps to stop it helps everyone. There was once a time in the town when those words would not have to be spoken; they would have

been understood and taken for granted by all. But helping everyone, that is, working for the good of all, is not necessarily in vogue today. Society’s tilt toward valuing individualism versus community is past the halfway mark. That’s why another old value in the town is also obviously slipping. At one time the need to keep a lawn green was understood by all, even if it was on the town’s mow strip next to the street. Not watering it would lead to brown ugliness and affect the looks of the whole neighborhood. You didn’t want to let down yourself or your neighbors, unthinkable. With that in mind, an upcoming meeting on how to change the water rates could be interesting, with some arguing that the same standards of green perhaps should not be forced on all.

Scott Hunter  
editor and publisher

The new school year – it’s not all about the new school

Many people have been following the progress of our New K-12 school project for a little over two years now. While the new school is at long last becoming a reality and is the most visible change of what is happening in our school district, many other exciting changes are being put in place in order to meet the needs of our students. The State Board of Education and the State Legislature have instituted two changes that go into effect in the 2015-16 school year. Rather than go through two years of major changes in the district, the School Board elected to adopt the two changes now. One is an increase to 1,080 student contact hours per year and the other is an increase in credits required for high school graduation to 24 for the Class of 2018 (this year’s 9<sup>th</sup> graders). In order to make these changes, the school day will be longer than in the past for all grade levels (8:16 a.m. to 3:27 P.M.) and additional course offerings and requirements will be in place in grades 9 – 12. Both of these changes will enable our district to better prepare our students to be successful, 21<sup>st</sup> Century adults. Our grade alignment will no longer be grades P-4 in one school, grades 5-8 in another and 9-12 in a third. Now, all our students will be located at one site that includes both the district’s academic and career and technical education programs. This change allows the district to offer:

- new programs in K-6 Art, Music, and PE along with a full-time K-6 counselor;
- one facility to best meet student academic needs and to allow for cross curricular and vertical alignment;

- decreased bus times, ability to share staff across district without loss of instructional time, and ability for peer mentorship programs;
  - creation of an Elementary ASB to offer leadership opportunities at younger level;
  - expansion of our CTE courses to include 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Auto Technology and Technology Shop;
  - addition of College in the Classroom courses U.S. History 146 and 147, Psychology 101 and Leadership 101, whereby students can earn both high school and college credits;
  - additional high school curriculum offerings of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Geography and Civics and the Sparks Math College readiness course in conjunction with EWU;
  - additional STEM based courses in Biomedical Interventions (1<sup>st</sup> year);
  - Introduction to Engineering Design (1<sup>st</sup> Year);
  - Continuation of the Project Lead the Way partnership with WSU by adding Principals of Biomedical Science for 11<sup>th</sup> graders and Human Body Systems for 10<sup>th</sup> graders; and
  - Continuation of the EduCurious partnership with U of W by adding EC Biology (year 3) and English/Language Arts (year 2).
- Eight certificated staff have been added to fill vacancies and new positions and, what may be the most notable, the K-12 school will have one mascot – students will enter our school as a raider, leave a raider and are always a raider!
- Here’s to a great 2014-15 school year and the establishment of new traditions under one banner of success for all.

Guest Column

Dr. Dennis Carlson, Supt.  
GCD School District

Letters from our readers

Citizens invited to discuss issues

The Coulee Dam Town Council will begin budget deliberations soon. The first public budget workshop will be held during the regular council meeting on September 10th. We will be holding a series of these workshops and the first of these will focus on our water utility. You are encouraged to attend. Each of the “enterprise” funds has an effect on your family budget. What you pay for water, sewer, electricity, and garbage has its impact. If you are on a fixed income, those fees may be of more concern to you. We want to insure that our fees are set and distributed fairly and equitably. Water, like milk and eggs, is considered a “commodity.” Yet some would have you pay for more (much more) than you ac-

tually need or may even want. Is that wasteful, politically expedient, reasonable? The other side of that discussion is the suggestion that you should be “required” to buy enough water to insure (encourage) green lawns, trees, and shrubbery. The discussion of “rates” is often contentious, misunderstood, difficult to explain, and divisive. As examples: should those users that conserve water be rewarded? Should a user with an average sized lot be required to pay for more water than they need or use? Should the homeowners receive discounts for irrigation? Should we strive to provide lower cost to those that use less water or lower costs to those that use more of it? Should your standard of lawn/landscape be the required

standard of your neighbor? As it is now (if or not you need it or use it) you pay for over 73,000 gallons of water each month ... while, in fact, 75 percent of our households use less than 15,000 gallons per month. A few years ago the Town Council passed a resolution that automatically increases water rates each year... needed or not. Hopefully, we will rethink that policy and set rates based upon our actual budget needs. This is a policy matter of and for the Town Council. What are your thoughts? We appreciate your opinion and hopefully you will attend our workshops and council meetings.

**F. Gregory Wilder  
Mayor, Coulee Dam**

#77 crashed into the Pentagon  
7:03 – United Flight #93 crashed in a field near Shanksville, Penn.  
8:10 – 9:20 – 10:30 – 11:40 – 12 noon (no bell for lunch) – 12:50 – 2:00 – 3:10 – 4:20 – 5:30 – 6:00 (no bell for dinner) – 6:40 – 7:50 – 9:00 end in prayer.

**Angel H. Clark-Hall**



One column is never enough!

Sometimes I just have too much to talk about. So this week I will give you a few paragraphs of thoughts or a potpourri of pondering, if you will. It is a rare occurrence that you can ask a chef if he can cook something, something you have always wanted to have and he says, yes, he can do it. It is a special day when that same chef cooks for you and your wife and four friends in his restaurant and makes it a very special time. Thanks Juan for the awesome eats and outstanding flexibility. You’re a rock star in this community. Oh, and Happy Birthday Jeffy. OK, the crosswalks need to come back to Coulee. It has become dangerous, and with school coming up our children will need them. Three times over the weekend, I saw someone almost get hit crossing the road in downtown Grand Coulee. This is a safety concern and needs to be addressed. Karrie and I had appointments in Wenatchee last week, so afterward we decided to drive back through Pateros. “Pateros Strong.” That was what the sign said hanging on the barbed wire fence as we approached the town. It was a humbling experience as we drove around the streets of the devastated neighborhoods. Blackened ground leads right up to the charred remains of buildings and other family treasures now lessened to nothing. This was a disaster that did not discriminate. The rich and the poor, the important and the struggling all were affected the same. But the sign said it all. The cleanup continues. The rebuilding has begun. The town is still in business, and I believe the people of the little town of Pateros are an inspiration to all of us. No matter the struggle, no matter the devastation, no matter the disaster “We will be strong, we will survive.”

Jess,  
shut up!

Jesse Utz

Ok, so I took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Yes, I nominated some local stars to take the icy dump to the head too. It has been stated on social media that maybe we have lost the idea behind the challenge to begin with and this is all a popularity stunt now. I disagree. ALS is now being talked about on a global scale, and whether you donate or not (obviously people are donating, they are setting records) the disease is being pushed to the forefront of all media and thoughts of millions of people around the world that would not have otherwise even heard of the affliction. I guess people are going to see more and more of these types of fund raisers because they work so well. It gets us all involved. Like the polar plunge, the ice bucket challenge and other similar things, it makes us all become active, it makes us get up off our butts and do something fun and for a good cause. Well, maybe not everyone had fun doing it. Sorry Phil. Not really. Over the weekend I found out the sad news. The Neiberdings will soon be moving to Ohio. This is a big blow to the community. They will be missed, but we cannot be too sad for them because they will be closer to the grandkids. As long as I can remember they have been active in the community and positive roles models for all ages. They had such a positive impact on young people. I know they had a heart for teaching the younger generation about how the choices you make today can impact not only you but an entire family and community for a long time. So thank you, Tom and Pat, for sharing your lives with us, and feel free to come back and visit anytime. There will always be a little Coulee waiting here for you with initials painted on it. The paint may fade but the memory will last forever.

Coulee Recollections

10 Years Ago

A Canadian law firm asked a U.S. Federal Court Thursday to dismiss a lawsuit filled by two members of the Colville Tribes, seeking to enforce a U.S. agency’s ruling that the company must abide by U.S. environmental laws against Teck Cominco, who admits to dumping “slag” for decades into Lake Roosevelt. Tuesday, Washington State joined the two tribal members in the lawsuit. Raider Football Head Coach Matt Bona is optimistic this week as the football team finishes summer practices. “We have 36 kids out and that is a lot more than last year.” Bona also pointed out returning players that will have a big impact this year. “Neil Johnson, Jarred Erickson and Rob Seylor, all seniors, and Zach Thiefauld have all came in and secured their positions with hard work.”

20 Years Ago

A new business is making old useless tires into durable mats, fencing and other items. Doug Sieibold and Bonnie Sieker of Grand Coulee, owners and operators of Coulee Do, have added the old tire business to their already busy schedule of snowplowing, general maintenance and taxi service. A dog stranded on the rocks, lining the fore bay dam behind the third powerhouse, was rescued last week against his will. The Saint Bernard-Husky mix sat on the rocks in a crevice and watched crews try and

get to it’s location. Once rescuers reached him with a bucket hanging from a crane and one worker, the dog refused to cooperate. Two and a half hours later and two packages of jerky, the dog was rescued.

30 Years Ago

Dixon-Carter and Associates have been awarded a lease contract for a \$10 million dollar development of Crescent Bay. Gary Kuiper, Park Service Superintendent announced Thursday. This contract will include a boat launch ramp, marina and day use area, convention center with meeting rooms and other things to be added if cost allows including a skate rink and water slide.

40 Years Ago

Terry Sieker, of Grand Coulee, picked up the win in the trophy dash at Ephrata Speedway Saturday night in the Jalopy

Class. Sieker has been racing there all season. His sponsors include: Smitty’s Pancake House, Injun Earl, Mutual Benefits, Stuckey’s Market, John Stewart, Little Mac and Grand Coulee Auto Wrecking.

50 Years Ago

School officially opened at Grand Coulee Central Elementary when Principal, Henry Milhofer unlocked the front door, letting a small group of waiting youngsters in the door. The eager students were: Patty Gumm, Jimmy Robinson, Brian Barnaby, Gary Gumm, Susan Ruthhart, Jody Sharr, Christie Cunningham and David Easley.

60 Years Ago

Grand Coulee Tigers new head football coach, Dennis Rath, is excited for the upcoming season with 11 returning juniors and 6 seniors.

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## Obituaries

### Frances Doris Sprugel

Frances Doris Sprugel passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on Monday, Aug. 25,2014, in Omak, Wash. She lived most of her life in the Grand Coulee Dam area and is survived by her daughters Teresa (Terry) Sanderson and Vickie Schmidt, four

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She loved to ride horses and help others when she could. Her love of life and indomitable spirit will be deeply missed.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held Friday, Sept. 19, at 1 p.m., at the Sanderson Ranch.

### Norman S. “Norm” Olsen

Norman S. “Norm” Olsen 51, passed away from his Coulee Dam, Washington home Tuesday morning, Aug. 26, 2014, following a courageous 12-year battle with illness. Norm was born on April 20, 1963, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada and received his diploma from Lake Roosevelt High School in Coulee Dam, Washington. Employed by the Melody Restaurant for 10 years, Norm was a wonderful cook who enjoyed preparing food for his fortunate friends and family. Norm enjoyed his ‘67 Chevy short-bed pickup, was extremely organized (some close friends might even say he was “obsessive” about organization), an avid fan of scary movies and conversely was man who loved and treated all animals as his closest friends. Norm’s friends and family knew his greatest passion was his music, accomplished on drums, guitar and keyboard, Norm loved jam’n throughout Central and Eastern Washington



with his rock/metal band, “Load-break”. When not performing himself, his favorite bands to listen to were “Lacuna Coil” - the Italian Gothic metal band from Milan, Italy and the American rock band - “Heart”.

Pre-deceased by his grandmother: Lydia Hergert; Norm will be greatly missed by his mother Jean Olsen; brothers: Jeffrey Olsen and Gary Olsen and his many – many friends. Norm put others first – “Always”, his last concern was himself.

At Norm’s request, cremation has taken place with a celebration of his life to be announced at a later date.

In lieu of gifts, Norman’s family requests that donations be made to help defray his final expenses or to PETA.

Please sign Norm’s online register book at [www.stratefuneral-home.com](http://www.stratefuneral-home.com). Strate Funeral Home of Grand Coulee, Washington is honored to be serving Norm’s family.



## McClures celebrate 65 years

Geraldine Booth became the bride of Don McClure on September 4, 1949, at the Methodist Church in Nespelem.

They have ranched on the McClure ranch near Nespelem. Part of the ranch was homesteaded by Don’s grandfather William McClure and Don’s father Robert McClure, in 1918.

The McClures have five children: Sandy Everett of Colorado; Gail Runkel of Missoula; Myrna Crawford of Helena; and Gary and Davy both of Nespelem.



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## Meetings & Notices

### CHAMBER THIS WEEK

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday, Sept. 4, at noon at the Siam Palace. Lynda Nutt from Corp of Engineers will be the guest speaker.

### OES TO MEET

The Order of the Eastern Star will hold Initiation at its September 11 meeting. It will be Chapter Dress and long form. Refreshments will be provided by Bonnie Farr and birthday cake by Vivian Dugan.

### TOPS 1554 MEETING DATE AND TIME CHANGE

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. Chapter TOPS #WA1554 will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning August 4. They meet at the Coulee Dam Community Church-Presbyterian. For more information call Vivian Dugan 633-2164.

### SAIL EXERCISES CLASSES FOR AGE 65+

**SAIL** (Stay Active and Independent for Life) exercise classes meet at the Coulee Dam Community Church, 509 Central Drive, Coulee Dam on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. SAIL is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65 plus. Classes are free. For more information contact Gina Brueske 633-0255 or Vivian Dugan 633-2164.

### 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. City All veterans are welcome. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9. For more information contact Jerry at 633-2579.

### CMC GUILD TO MEET

Coulee Medical Center Guild (Auxiliary) holds its regular luncheon meeting the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is Sept. 16, in the Community Room at CMC from noon to 2 p.m.

The guild is seeking new members. Membership dues are only \$5 a year. For more information call 633-0405.

### 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 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.

### CARE AND SHARE FOOD BANK STARTS FRIDAY SCHEDULE

The food bank at the Church of the Nazarene begins its Friday schedule Sept. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. It is located at the Church of Nazarene, hwy 174, Grand Coulee. The bank still can use clean plastic grocery bags.

### LOCAL AA MEETINGS

Confused in the Coulee AA meetings are held on Mondays at 7 p.m., Friday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m.. at the Vets Center in Electric City. Call Paul 633-3377 days or 633-3345 evenings. New Hope Group meetings are held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Vets Center. For more information call John 633-2448. These are open and non-smoking.

In Nespelem the group Bound and Determined holds its meetings Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Church. Contact Myrna 634-4921 for more information there.

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Coulee City Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
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Zion Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
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Faux pas revealed

# What’s hot, what’s not in coulee country

With the recent mid-summer firestorms finally beat down, and now that the heavy blankets of smoke, soot and generally bad air days have left the Coulee, let’s get on with some dog days of summer.

What do we care when we’re driving around in the Coulee and the wind is howling, causing some great old trees to bite the dust here and there, and the sheets of rain, sometimes mixed with hail, is pelting down on us. We’re die hard bargain hunters and with summertime waning, we’re ramping up our shopping mode before the sale season ends so we’ll just go with the flow, weather wise. Seems like the weekend shoppers don’t let much stand in the way of searching for the best deals; and as luck would have it, we’ve had a heck of a ride lately, a bonanza!

Here’s a tricky quiz question for you (so ponder, ponder and ponder some more): What is the cause of an early Saturday morning traffic jam in an Electric City neighborhood? The answer is not so tricky after all, especially if you happened to drive in to one of the bull pens around here recently. I’m not talking about ranch corrals, either. The answer is simple, an estate sale; and the cause is brought on by as many as 50 to 60 “early bird” shoppers leaving their nests at daybreak to be first on site of an advertised estate sale.

With no valet parking here in the Coulee, you park at will and then, the race is on. Estate sales are on the hot list in our neck of the woods.

And just to share so you can be on the look out, here’s the lowdown on a faux pas that took place at an estate sale away from here; this naughty pas is forever lodged in my helmet head (along with that famous “Happy” tune).

Get this. In line at an estate sale’s checkout table, a gal just ahead of me paid for two small cardboard boxes of what appeared to be vintage items. One box had some handmade linens in it with some glass dishes and

a great looking lady’s 1940s style hat with an attached veil on top of the pile. She paid for the stuff and left for the parking area. As I was paying for my stuff, another gal came up to the table to retrieve a box of goodies that had been set aside for her, only to find out it was gone. When she said she had a ladies’ hat in the load, I knew where it went. There was quite a clatter at the checkout table, some shuffling around and looking here and there for that missing box, which was long gone. The yard sale sellers did give the buyer a great deal on the stuff she had, but somehow, the missing hat and other items took on a touch of gold. After all, it was really good stuff.

So the moral of this tale is, shop safe and keep an eye on your pile or box filled with stuff you want to leave with so you can leave happy, with no regrets.

## C’est La Vie

by Frankie Delano



## Preseason maneuvers

The Raider offense executes a handoff at a preseason jamboree in Bridgeport last Saturday. Lake Roosevelt fall sports teams are each featured in The Star’s season preview special publication inside this issue. — photo courtesy of Al Camp, The Omak Chronicle

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# Coulee Cops

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## Grand Coulee Police

8/25 - Police received a call from dispatch that there was a car prowl going on in the 1st Street area. A woman told the officer that a man had the hood up of a car and was looking inside. A check on the car showed that the battery was missing. Police went to a location in the Delano area where there was a similar car and found a man who said he was the one looking under the hood and he was just trying to determine how a part fit together. He was told not to look under the hood of any car without the owner's permission. A check of his battery showed it had been in the car a long time.

8/27 - Police assisted the Grant County Sheriff's office in determining the extent of injuries to youth involved in a vehicle accident out of the area but who was being treated in the hospital here.

- A business owner had a woman banned from his business after an argument on the paying of a bill. She stated that she wanted to make the check out to the firm but that the owner insisted that she make it out to him.

- A man from Mansfield told police that he was at Spring Canyon camp ground and saw a person dump two containers in the water. He was told to report it to the National Park Service or Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

8/28 - Police checked the Grand Coulee Dam Middle School after they found the back door propped open by a large rock. They didn't find anyone inside.

- Plant Protection reported finding two bicycles behind the restrooms below the Visitor Center. There had been no report of stolen bicycles in the area.

- A man in Electric City advised dispatch there was a warrant for his arrest and he wanted to turn himself in. A policeman went to the address on Stevens Avenue, where the man said he had missed his court date but couldn't recall what the offense was, what county it was in or which court. The patrolman checked and couldn't

find any warrant on the man. The officer suggested the man call the courts and get a new date for an appearance.

- A man reported that a loaner car he had was broken down near Granger Road. He was advised to call a wrecker. Police stood by for traffic control until the wrecker arrived.

8/29 - A Nespelem man was arrested after an incident in the parking lot of the Sky Deck Motel. Officers found a man intoxicated who had been in a fight. The man allegedly fought with two officers. They are asking the prosecutor to issue charges of third-degree assault, resisting arrest and malicious mischief.

- A driver was stopped near Alcan Road where the officer found that he didn't have a driver's license. When asked why he was driving without a license he responded, "I don't know." He was cited for the license offense, and for not having insurance or a registration. A licensed driver was found to take charge of the vehicle.

- Police checked on a woman reportedly considering suicide. They found her, and she stated she was fine and had no intention of harming herself.

- The report of a naked man wandering down the street in front of Center Elementary School brought a police patrol. The man was found in the alley behind Flo's Restaurant. When asked where his clothes were the man said, "at home" and that he didn't "think he needed them today," police said. Police arrested him on an outstanding warrant and for indecent exposure. They took him to Grant County Jail.

- Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at Four Corners, where a driver had run into the back of another vehicle. One woman was taken to Coulee Medical Center for treatment.

- Police went to a location below the Visitor Center where there was a report of an argument going on. The patrolman found a man with a suitcase who had been ordered from a vehicle. He was referred to a pay phone to call for a ride.

- Plant Protection advised that someone was taking pictures of Station 5 and the Administration Building. The person was found at Riley Point and asked to delete the pictures.

- Police went to Sunbanks Lake Resort upon learning that about

30 people were causing a disturbance. Two campsites were being loud during the resort's quiet time and were warned that if they continued the noise they would have to leave. Those making the noise stated they would quiet down.

- A Nespelem woman who had been stopped the day before was stopped again by the same officer. She'd had two prior stops for driving with a suspended license. She was informed that if she was caught again the vehicle would be towed. She was cited for driving with a suspended license, for failing to carry her vehicle registration and for not having insurance.

8/31 - An officer was requested

to stand by at Coulee Medical Center while a woman was committed for a mental health issue.

9/1 - A Coulee Dam driver was stopped on a warrant, but when checking with Grant County's jail the officer learned that the jail was under restrictions and didn't have room. The man was cited for not having a license and was told to find a licensed driver to come for the vehicle.

**Coulee Dam Police**

8/24 - A suspicious person report on Holly Street turned out

to be a hungry person looking for food in dumpsters. The person was advised not to do that.

8/27 - A driver got a verbal warning on Columbia Avenue after being stopped for a defective taillight.

- Two River Drive motorists were stopped and given a verbal warning on defective headlamp issues.

- A driver who failed to stop coming onto River Drive was given a verbal warning by police.

8/28 - A homeowner on Camas Street found a lizard in his yard

and reported it to police. The homeowner said he would see if one of his neighbors owned the lizard.

8/30 - A man on Birch Street reported to police that \$5,860 in fraudulent charges were made to his credit card account. He has been in contact with the credit card company in regard to the charges.

8/30 - A man was cited when a patrol officer clocked him at 50 mph going over the Columbia River Bridge.



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