

## Newsbriefs

## Revenues reported, budget proposed

The Delano Regional Transfer Station reported revenues of \$38,407.18, for the month of September to the Regional Board of Mayors Monday afternoon.

It was \$1,275.77 less than was reported for the same period last year. Revenues for eight of the nine months this year have been less than for the corresponding periods in 2015, with the total of \$18,883.83, under revenue totals.

The mayors also approved their 2017 budget for the transfer station at the meeting.

The budget approved is for \$952,875. The 2016 budget was for \$1,022,775.

Now the budget must be approved by the four municipal councils that are governing partners in the enterprise — Electric City, Grand Coulee, Elmer City and Coulee Dam — before it becomes final.

## Bank taking donations for coat drive

North Cascades Bank is accepting new or slightly used winter coats as donation to its Coats For Kids drive through October. Also, new scarves, hats and gloves will be accepted for children who would otherwise go without them.

"All donations are distributed to our local communities," said Grand Coulee Branch Operations Manager Jerri Smith.

## Fund will get half million for development

The Northwest Native Development Fund (NNDF) is the recipient a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund).

The grant will allow the NNDF to continue its goal of helping individuals create and build assets such as homes and small businesses.

NNDF provides financial and technical assistance services for those who may not qualify for other sources of funding. They leverage their available resources with local lenders and technical assistance providers.

"We are truly grateful for the CDFI Fund award this year," said Ted Piccolo, executive director of the Nespelem-based agency. "This comes at a pivotal time for the NNDF in making more small business loans to Natives in the Plateau region of Eastern Washington. We can bring more vital financing to the Colville and Spokane Indian Reservations where small business financing is incredibly difficult."



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## Color for a cause

A walker gets a dose of color from Melanie Slatina in Saturday's "Color Me Pink and Purple Fun Run" for breast cancer awareness. Participants had the option getting doused with the colored corn flour just for the fun of it. Over 100 people registered for the event, and 91 walked it, "far better than anticipated," said Ramona Hicks, who was helping at the registration booth. Extra money generated by the event, put on the Coulee Medical Center's radiology department and the CMC Guild, will be used to award free mammograms for women who qualify. — Scott Hunter photo

## Woman gets stolen motorcycle back

by Roger S. Lucas

A Coulee Dam woman chased a thief off with a shovel in the middle of the night last week when she realized someone was stealing her motorcycle.

The dirt bike stolen from Jaci Gross at her Coulee Dam residence on Stevens Avenue very early last Wednesday, Oct. 5, was recovered about noon the same day in Electric City.

Gross was out in her lawn with a shovel when police arrived and told officers she was looking for the person who stole her motorcycle.

She said in a Facebook post that the thief

had also tried to take her four-wheeler ATV, "but I chased him with a shovel and he got away."

She said a Coulee Dam officer responded immediately.

Police started searching the area around 1 a.m., around Cole Park but couldn't locate the bike. Officials also checked the Washington Flats and the North Columbia areas.

Later the same day about noon, the red 550cc 1982 Yamaha was recovered by Grand Coulee Police, who found it leaning up against a concrete wall in Electric City. It had been reported that some people were seen riding the motorcycle around town until they apparently got tired of it and ditched it.

The motorcycle was returned to Gross, who happened to be featured in that day's issue of The Star in a story about her 500-mile pilgrimage through Spain.

Gross had explained to officers that she had been riding the motorcycle and had parked it beside the house with the keys in the switch.

Gross said she went outside after her dog started growling.

Police said they checked with USBR Plant Protection to see if their cameras had recorded the incident. They were told that something was seen in the back of a pickup as it was going toward Grand Coulee but they couldn't tell what it was.

## Art open house planned at school

by Roger S. Lucas

School officials plan an open house Oct. 27, so visitors can see a number of abstract paintings, which were installed last June at Lake Roosevelt Schools, and meet artist Lucinda Palmer.

Palmer painted six large paintings as part of the Washington Arts Commission grant for arts for public buildings.

Palmer, from Portland, Oregon, was selected from a number of applicants to create the paintings, part of a \$70,000 grant.

Two paintings were hung in

the elementary school cafeteria, two in the junior/senior cafeteria and one in each of the stairwells. The paintings are 5 feet by 9 feet.

Each painting has a thought attached to it.

Visitors that day — the time not decided as yet — will be able to view the paintings and hear

Palmer explain what they mean.

The paintings feature two birds or fish. The artist hopes that, in addition to enjoying the art, people will also come to understand and develop the meaning of the paintings.

## District to boost grad rate

by Roger S. Lucas

The administration and board of Grand Coulee Dam School District have set their sights on improving the graduation rate of Lake Roosevelt seniors.

Under the district's policy "Accountability Goals" the graduate rate objective is 85 percent.

Superintendent Paul Turner said last week that the policy is outdated and that the board is waiting for information from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to update the policy.

"The goal won't change, but our goal is always 100 percent," he said.

The graduation rate of the 2015-16 class at Lake Roosevelt Junior Senior High School was 61.2 percent, with the statewide

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## School bus bests beast

by Roger S. Lucas

Heard about the successful moose hunt — by a school bus?

With a load of young volleyball players aboard, driver Keith Powell had a young cow moose charge in front of his school bus last Wednesday night, Oct. 5, about 8:30, as they were returning from a volleyball match in Okanogan.

The moose was alongside SR-155, and charged in front of the bus just after it had gotten over Disautel Pass.

The bus hit the moose with its front fender, killing the animal.

The bus held both the seventh- and eighth-grade girls volleyball

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## Geology of the Candy Point Trail explained on hike

by Gayle Swagerty

A group of hikers from Spokane, Cheney, Anacortes, Tri-Cities and Coulee Dam assembled at the trailhead of Candy Point Trail Sunday to walk it with scientists who would explain the geology of the rocks over which they were walking.

At the trailhead at 432 Columbia, in Coulee Dam, Dr. Gene Kiver and Bruce Bjornstad led the group.

Kiver retired from Eastern Washington University after teaching geology there for over 32 years. He has conducted an active research career that emphasized landforms and surficial processes. The Missoula Floods are among his main interests.

Bjornstad is retired from his work as a senior research scien-

tist at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington. He has studied Ice Age Floods for over 30 years.

Kiver and Bjornstad have co-authored a book titled "On the Trail of the Ice Age Floods, the Northern Reaches," published in 2012.

The hike began with a discussion at the trail head on the Ice Age Floods. They explained that the most recent episode of major ice sheet expansion occurred between 18,000 and 13,000 years ago. A lobe of the Cordilleran ice sheet advanced into what is today the Idaho Panhandle to the area now occupied by Lake Pend Oreille, blocking the Clark Fork River drainage and causing Glacial Lake Missoula to form.

The lake was more than 2,000 feet deep at its largest and held over 500 cubic miles of water. The

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## Real work to make them think

Second graders at Nespelem Elementary work Friday with Nespelem Valley Electric technicians, who had set up low poles and cross beams for students to experience lineman work and learn that electricity comes from more than the switch on the wall. Older students in the P-8 school participated too. The "Learning Lab" event was organized by teacher Ralph Rise, who is also on the NVEC board and worked with the Governors Association and Washington STEM, which is working to increase student learning in science, technology, engineering and math. Nespelem was the first of 15 groups of student activities in the learning lab projects, "and we're definitely the smallest," Rise said. — Scott Hunter photo

# Council votes for \$78,000 lodging tax package

by Roger S. Lucas

The Electric City Council passed tourism promotion funding package for local interests at its meeting Tuesday night.

There was money from the city's lodging tax for new activities, but less money than the city had given the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce in the past.

Through a number of proposals, the chamber received \$16,500, down from almost \$30,000 the year before.

The city council tourism committee, made up of councilmembers Richard McGuire and Brad Parrish, had proposed \$12,000 to the chamber of commerce for fireworks on July 4, which the chamber had not requested.

The council finally decided after much discussion to do a 4-4-4 plan that would leave \$4,000 for fireworks, \$4,000 for Colorama advertising and \$4,000 for the family fun bounce houses that were such a hit here this past spring.

Originally, the recommendations for spending the \$71,000 in anticipated lodging tax funds left out Colorama entirely.

Councilmember Lonna Bussert, who was linked to the meeting for this one item by phone, pleaded with her fellow council members to do something for Colorama. Chamber Executive Director Peggy Nevsimal explained to the council how businesses benefit from Colorama and that it is the main traditional festival for which the area is noted.

An early motion to keep \$8,000 for fireworks and provide \$4,000 for Colorama advertising failed on a 3-2 vote, with Mayor John Nor-

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squads that had just competed in Okanogan.

Powell reported that the girls handled the matter well, and that no one was injured.

A tribal game warden removed the carcass from the roadway the next day.

Mechanic George Davis said Monday that the bus is already back in service. He was able to straighten the fender, and with a couple of parts now on order the bus is almost as good as new.

There were about 20 girls in the bus when the mishap occurred.

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average for that year at 78.1 percent, Turner said.

The graduation average for 2014-15 at LR was 70.5 percent, compared to a 77.2-percent state average. In the 2013-14, LRHS had a 70.2-percent rate while the state average was 76 percent.

Students entering high school in their freshman year are assigned a number and are tracked through the state, regardless of where they are at the time.

The school district uses two tools through the state's Alternative Learning Experience program (ALE). One tool is its credit retrieval program, under supervision, where students can get their grades up to par. When they do, students return to the mainstream, and take up regular classroom work.

The second tool is a full alternative program, computer-based, under teacher Brenda Mouzon.

In that program students can proceed at their own rate and receive credit as they complete their computer classes.

"We are focusing on these programs in an effort not only to reach our goal, but to exceed it," Turner stated.

The highest graduation rate at Lake Roosevelt in recent years was the 2012-13 class that had a 75-percent rate. The state rate that year was 77.2 percent.

# Candidate forum is Thursday night

by Scott Hunter

A forum for voters to hear the positions of candidates for two contested Okanogan County commissioner seats will take place Thursday at Lake Roosevelt Schools.

The two hotly contested races come after months of push-back on the existing commissioners on several issues that led to the formation of a group dedicated to unseating them. One of them, Commissioner Ray Campbell, lost in the primary election.

Represent Okanogan County 2016 contends the board of commissioners is sacrificing local fiscal responsibility to affect national conservative agendas. Others assert that the group is pushing for unwanted change in a county that doesn't need it, and that the current commissioners have done well to manage the county's budget over four years that included many crises, including the largest wildfires in the history of the state.

For District 2, currently held by Campbell, Andy Hover and Ashley Thrasher will each explain why they should gain the confidence

of voters.

For the commission District 1, Chris Branch will face off with incumbent Commissioner Sheila Kennedy, who represents this end of the county.

The forum is sponsored by the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce and will be moderated by its vice president, Bob Valen, a resident of Lincoln County.

It begins at 7 p.m., Oct. 13 in the cafeteria at Lake Roosevelt Schools, 505 Crest Dr., Coulee Dam.

# Bureau of Reclamation seeks comments on modernization plan at Grand Coulee Dam

The Bureau of Reclamation is inviting the public to comment on a proposed multiyear powerplant overhaul project at two Grand Coulee Dam powerhouses.

During the 30-day comment period that ends Nov. 7, the public is encouraged to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in an Environmental Assessment on the proposed modernization and overhaul of all the generators in the Left and Right Powerhouses, a press release issued Oct. 7 said.

The 18 generating units and three station service units have been in operation for over 70 years and are starting to have mechanical problems from age-related wear and design. Rec-

lamation would upgrade components of the generating units, modernize three station service generators, conduct maintenance of the penstocks, and update or replace the overhead cranes.

The Environmental Assessment alternatives are:

- Alternative A – No Action: Reclamation would continue to operate generating Units G1 – G18 with no system improvements. Maintenance would be performed on an as-needed basis.
- Alternative B – Work on Two Units at a Time: Reclamation would repair and restore the gen-

erators in a timely manner to ensure reliable operation for an additional 30 years. Work would be expected to begin in the spring of 2018 with project completion anticipated by the end of 2029. Unforeseen circumstances (equipment breakdown, unexpected outages, delay in manufacturing, etc.) could delay completion.

- Alternative C – Work on One Unit at a Time: Reclamation would perform the same work as in Alternative B. However, this alternative would extend the overhaul work up to seven years, depending on the speed of com-

pletion.

The Environmental Assessment would evaluate the impacts of each alternative on the human and natural environments. The final Environmental Assessment is expected to be published in the summer of 2017.

To submit comments, or for additional information, contact Pam Druliner, Natural Resource Specialist, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 1150 North Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706. Contact can also be made by emailing pdruliner@usbr.gov.

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## Letters from Our Readers

### Thanks for all the help on walk/run

The first annual Breast Cancer fun walk/run was a success. Over 100 people registered for the event but due to other commitments and the cooler weather not all were able to participate.

We would like to thank all our sponsors: monetary — A. J. Gerard, Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union and Costco (north Spokane branch). Food Donations: Safe-way for the water, Ed's Meats for wieners and Franz bread for the hot dog buns. Gift Certificates: Loepp Furniture, Hometown Pizza, Coulee Hardware, Pepper Jack's, Café Espresso, Fusion Café, R&A Café, LaPresa, Grand Grindz, Melody Restaurant, Tee-

Pee Drive In, Flo's Café, Siam Palace and Harvest Foods. Gwen Hilson for the posters, Natalie Dennis (Sweet Olive Tree) for items for the gift baskets, Jonathan and Jessica Owens, and The Star for the coverage. To all our volunteers, and most of all to all the participants, a big THANK YOU.

We also would like to thank the city of Grand Coulee, the Bureau of Reclamation for the permit and Lynne Brougher for helping us get the permit, the Parks and Rec Commission and Oasis Lawn Care for opening the bathrooms.

We are looking forward to next year with a few corrections. Linda

Esmond was the winner of the participants' basket. Tickets are still available for the big basket to be given away on Nov. 2, at the Book and Gift Fair at the hospital. Contact Clea Pryor at 633-0597 for tickets.

It took a lot of people to put on this event, and we thank you all. If I have forgotten to thank someone, I do apologize; just know we appreciate what you contributed.

**Clea Pryor  
organizer**

### Keep judge election local

There certainly is a distinct advantage to living in Grant County for well over 46 years. The advantage is knowing a lot of people you can talk to honestly about just everything.

Now this election is a great topic of conversation. The presidential elections just seems to get a rolling of the eyes with a sign of "Be glad when it's over and done!"

Now the race for Superior Court Judge is an interesting one. Nick Wallace has received \$35,380 in campaign contributions. All but nine of those contributing were our neighbors here in Grant County. Those nine, all from Washington state, gave \$32,000.

Estudillo, on the other hand, received \$33,784. I estimated

(from the Pubic Disclosure Commission report published in the Sept. 28, 2016 issue of the CBDH) that about \$19,000 came from people who DO NOT live in Grant County. Where do they live? Yakima, Sunnyside, Seattle, Ocean New Jersey, Bothell, Mercer Island, Snohomish, Spokane, Wenatchee, Arizona, Kent, Lake Forest Park, Pasco, Edmonds, Shoreline, Duvall, Port Orchard, Redmond, Olympia, Sammamish, Victoria Texas, East Wenatchee, Bellevue and Kenmore.

Check it out in the Sept. 28, 2016 CBDH!

I, along with many others, are just uncomfortable. Uncomfortable with all these people who don't live in our community, be-

ing able to somehow influence the outcome of "our" county elections. The people of Grant County have contributed over \$32,000 toward Mr. Wallace's campaign. Whereas Estudillo has received about \$14,000 from the people of Grant County — and over \$19,000 elsewhere.

I have always been in Nick Wallace's camp as I have known him for over 15 years. He's a good man. His numerous community services, plus professional career speaks for itself!

The people of "our" county should determine the election, not people from Texas, New Jersey or Seattle!

**Joan M. Green**

### Mulliken supports Estudillo

One of the most challenging decisions we, as voters, make is choosing judges we believe will do the best job of upholding our U.S. & State Constitutions, Bill of Rights, and laws. This year, we have contested elections for three State Supreme Court Justices and a Grant County Superior Court Judge.

Because I am often asked, for Supreme Court Justices, I am supporting David DeWolf, Pos 1; Greg Zempel, Pos 5; and Dave Larson, Pos 6.

Closer to home, my choice for Grant County Superior Court is the appointed incumbent, Judge David Estudillo, who has completed one year of service as our full-time judge.

Specifically, I would like to address the standardized and rigorous appointment process used by the Governor's office. Having been

appointed by Governor Gregoire to a six-year term on the quasi-judicial Growth Management Hearings Board, I know the Governor's staff thoroughly reviews all applicants' credentials and qualifications, checking references and vetting each candidate in depth. This thorough process ensures the most qualified applicant is appointed.

Although Judge Estudillo's opponent has campaigned on an "experience matters" platform, through a public records request, I learned his Court service has been limited to about ten days per year as a Pro Tem Commissioner where he does not preside over the full range of serious matters handled by a Superior Court Judge. For example, he has never presided over a jury trial, which Judge Estudillo has. Judge Estudillo has demonstrated the Gov-

ernor made the right choice. He is knowledgeable in Constitutional law, qualified, and capable. He is overwhelmingly supported by the judiciary from all parts of the state.

Judge Estudillo demonstrates respect, humility and gratitude towards his family and co-workers. His motto is equally compelling: Faith, Family, Hard Work, Education, and Community!

Please join me in voting for Judge David Estudillo.

**Joyce Mulliken  
Moses Lake, WA**

*Sen. Mulliken served the 13th District in the Washington State Legislature 1994-2006, and was appointed by Gov. Gregoire to the quasi-judicial GMHB, 2006-2012.*

### Political leanings of judges important

Judicial elections are non-partisan, but judicial candidates' political leanings are important. Judges makes judgment calls. Judgment calls reflect jurists' worldviews, which correlate to their political leanings. And examining who supports a particular judicial candidate helps us determine whether the candidate's judgment aligns with ours. In our Superior Court race, the contrast is stark that Nick Wallace's political leanings and judgment are consistent with Grant County voters.

David Estudillo was appointed by our far-left leaning Democratic governor, who garnered less than 32 percent of the Grant County vote in 2012. Mr. Estudillo is endorsed by the Grant County Democratic Party. Mr. Estudillo is

endorsed by the SEIU, a far left-leaning national labor union behind the \$15/hour minimum wage effort. Mr. Estudillo is endorsed by all justices on the Washington Supreme Court, each of whom Representative Matt Manweller has urged Republicans to vote against due to their liberal judicial activism. And Mr. Estudillo's financing largely comes from liberal trial lawyers, mostly from Seattle. Mr. Estudillo being a former Seattle immigration lawyer, this support is natural.

Conversely, Nick Wallace is endorsed by the Grant County Republican Party. Mr. Wallace is endorsed by numerous farmers and business owners in Grant County. Mr. Wallace is endorsed by the Grant County Sheriff, a Republican. Mr. Wallace is en-

dorsed by the two most recently retired Grant County Superior Court judges. Nearly all Mr. Wallace's financing is from Grant County. And rather than being appointed by Governor Inslee, Mr. Wallace financially supported Republican Rob McKenna's campaign against him.

So while the race is non-partisan, we can objectively understand the candidates' political leanings from who supports them. Liberal Democrats and their organizations support Mr. Estudillo, and Grant County conservatives support Mr. Wallace. I will not be voting for Hillary, and I will not be voting for Mr. Estudillo.

**Ken Chadwick  
Ephrata**

### Victim advocates support Estudillo

We are called parents of murdered children and labeled co-victims by the judicial system. Victims and co-victims have been given "Victims Rights" and are now included in the justice that is sought.

It is imperative that we elect a JUDGE who can afford us the "Victim Rights" and the fair justice we seek. We insist on a judge who has proven experience, core values and is totally dedicated to the robe of justice, hence our support for Judge David Estudillo.

Estudillo has proven his ongoing experience in criminal cases, child molestation, drugs, theft, murder and weapons. He has presided over jury trials and hearings, as well as civil matters.

We have found Judge Estudillo to be a respectful, humble man. In the community Judge Estudillo has shown concern and compassion for all. He holds the right disposition to be a fair and honest Judge.

We have faith that Judge Estudillo will continue to give dignity and respect to victims of crime

as well as see that criminals are placed for punishment and rehabilitation. Our communities can only benefit by electing a hard working, dedicated public servant like Judge Estudillo.

Please Vote for Judge Estudillo for Grant County Superior Court judge.

**Dora Sanchez-Trevino  
Criccy Pelayo  
Crime Victims Advocates  
Founders Stop of Stop The  
Violence In Our Communities**

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## This one's for YOU

As most of us are trying to decide our political view on things, there are others out there who are struggling with much more serious issues. No, not clowns, and, no, not Cougars or Huskies, but a struggle that hits a little closer to home. The fight is personal, just to get through the day. We are all under attack and we must take up our arms and fight back. The enemy is not the person who sneaks

work together. We must also not make it easy for the sick. We must lock up our stuff, lock up our cars and must not leave our valuables in plain sight. We must call in suspicious people and circumstances. Give the local police a chance to do their jobs.

OK, back to the real way to help the addicted. We love them. I know, you are thinking I am off my rocker. But if we get them real help, then all the crime disappears. Rehab, jail, detox are all places that these people can go to get help, but without the love of an individual, family and community, true healing will never happen. We also must pray for them. Pray for them to find help. In a church, in jail or in a neighborhood. You see, some of these fellow citizens out there that are terrorizing the streets never really had a chance at a normal life. Some did and failed, but others have been fighting an uphill battle since day one and feel that everyone and everything is against



the evil spirit behind it. I have friends that are struggling financially, emotionally and physically. Some are addicted to their poison of choice. That poison is just a crutch for their lives. They have used that crutch for years, some decades. Some have tried to get fixed. It has worked for some, but others have fallen right back in deeper than before. Some have ended up in jail, and sadly some have ended up dead. Addiction is a powerful thing that rips apart families, communities and individuals.

The worst part is the poison makes you think that the only way to survive is with the addiction of choice, and some will do anything, anything at all, to get their "fix" of choice just to think straight.

But there is hope. The weird part is that we on the outside — who feel we are the victims of these "local zombies," the ones who are mad as hornets because we were wronged — we might be the only ones who can help these individuals.

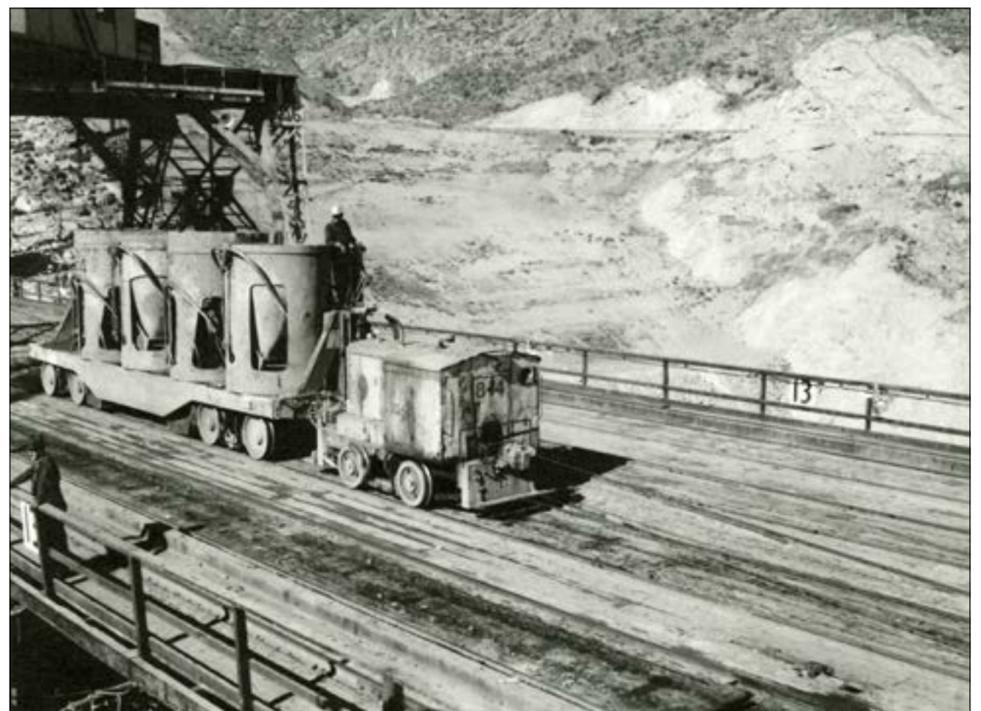
You see, most of the addicted in our area, well, they are home. They are locals who have nowhere else to go. They have been here for years, abusing themselves and setting themselves up for a great fall. But we have the power to stop it all.

But before I say one more word about this, there are precautions we need to take as a community. Yes, community watch groups need to be set up with the approval of local police departments and councils. The cops and the community watch must

them. We, as a loving people, must show them love, and that will show them hope.

But the title of this column says "You," and I have not even made this personal for you yet. Or maybe I have. Because it might be you who is addicted. Get help. Real help. Or you might be the one who is fed up with being robbed. Or you might be the one that knows your neighbor is addicted and needs help. Or you might be someone who can organize the community watch. Or you could be the one who knows who is getting robbed tonight. Put a stop to it all. Let love in, act on the overall best interest of a community.

Yes, we don't want the drugs or crime in our area, but we would also like to see a thriving, surviving community as well. Take someone to church who you know needs some love. Reach out and help the struggling, so they do not need to turn to crime. Let's clean up the streets, not by force, but with compassion and love.



## Seventy-seven years ago

A concrete train and operator on the deck of the elevation 1180 construction trestle — Oct. 6, 1939

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Obituaries

Jonathan Benjamin "Jon" McClung



Jonathan Benjamin "Jon" McClung, 60, passed away Sunday afternoon, October 2, 2016, in Ephrata, Washington, with his family by his side. He was born February 7, 1956, to Benjamin F. & Anita J. McClung in Nespelem, Washington. A lifelong area resident, Jon attended grade school in Keller, Washington and high school in Wilbur, Washington, where he was a member of the wrestling team. Jon's favorite book was the Bible, which he would spend hours reading. He enjoyed the simple pleasures of life: going for Sunday rides with his family, sharing a love of classic Rock-n-Roll with his sister, Margie, spending time in the out-of-doors hunting and fishing, and "eating." Jon loved food of all kinds: from his early years eating vegetables from his

family's garden and wild game shot by his crack-shot mom, to eating his favorite meal: "Cheese Burger Deluxe with Fries." Predeceased by his dad, Benjamin Fields McClung, and brother, Randy Lee McClung, Jon will be greatly missed by his loving mom, Anita (Clint Andrews) McClung; sisters: Katherine (Paul) Braun, Margie (Doug) Donahey, Brenda Mendoza; and his numerous nephews and nieces.

A graveside celebration of Jon's life took place at 10 a.m., Saturday, October 8, 2016, at the Tunk Creek Community Cemetery, Riverside, Washington.

Please sign Jon's online register book at [www.stratefuneralhome.com](http://www.stratefuneralhome.com). Strate Funeral Home of Grand Coulee, Washington, is honored to be serving his family.

Elbern H. Beard

Elbern H. Beard, of Spokane, died Sept. 15 from complications from a heart attack. He was 73.

Known by everyone as "Sunny," he was born April 3, 1943, in Lincoln, Nebraska, the son of Noal and Irene Beard. He moved to the Tri-Cities at an early age and was raised by Herman and Eva Davis, attending Pasco schools.

He left this world less than three weeks after his sister, Bonnie Cameron, the former Bonnie Jean Beard. Perhaps that was fitting. They were never far from each other throughout their lives, and were there for each other through good times and bad.

Sunny was a Navy veteran, serving in the 1960s aboard the USS Stark County, a tank landing ship, and the USS Maury, a geographical survey ship.

He was a jack-of-all-trades and a restless soul who moved frequently and worked a number of different jobs. He was the ultimate handyman, able to take anything apart and put it back together again. There would sometimes be a few pieces left over, but it would work.

He worked for several years as a police officer in Grand Coulee, a time when the family affection-

ately called him "Uncle Fuzz."

He really enjoyed country music, playing the drums in a band with Bonnie that toured the U.S. and Canada. He was also arguably the biggest John Wayne fan ever. His home was a shrine to the Duke.

He could be a cantankerous old grouch, as anyone who knew him would attest. But he was also generous, loving and sentimental, taking great pleasure in coming up with creative gifts for birthdays and family occasions. He was

OUR cantankerous old grouch, and he will be missed.

He is survived by his nephew, James Van Nostrand, of Kennewick, an editor at the Tri-City Herald; nieces: Catherine Allen and Debra Werre, both of Spokane; grand-nephews: Jacob Martin of Seattle and Joshua Allen of Tucson, Ariz.; and grand-niece, Lyra Bloom, of Eugene, Ore.

A celebration of life for Sunny and Bonnie is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, October 15, at the Spokane Valley Eagles Lodge, 16801 E. Sprague Ave. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Humane Society.

Honoring schools

Keith Young, left, and Titus Horton, of Young's Welding; and Lonna Bussert, of the Grand Coulee Area Alumni Association, check the placement Sunday of a column of basalt the group had set at Lake Roosevelt Schools. The five-sided pillar will eventually provide a mounting place for a plaque to memorialize the history of the Grand Coulee School District, which no longer exists. Member Diane Canady said the column could also hold plaques for a similar purpose for the other area schools affected when the Grand Coulee and Coulee Dam districts merged in the early 1970s.

— Lynda Nutt Anderson photo



Meetings & Notices

CHAMBER TO MEET

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon, this Thursday, October 13, at the Moose Lodge in Grand Coulee. Tom Poplawski will be speaking about the Almira/Coulee Dam Community Church.

CMC GUILD TO MEET

The Coulee Medical Center Guild will hold its regular meeting at noon next Monday, Oct. 17, at the hospital.

LOCAL AA MEETINGS

Confused in the Coulee AA meetings are held on Mondays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at the Vets Center in Electric City. Call Paul at 633-3377 days or 633-3345 evenings.

GCHS Alumni Assoc. final meeting set for 2016

The last regularly-scheduled meeting for 2016 of the Grand Coulee High School Alumni Association will be held Wednesday, October 19, at 1 p.m., at Grand Coulee Community Church, 405 Center Street. The purpose of the meeting will be to go over guidelines for awarding scholarships each spring to outstanding high school seniors.

In its 17th year, the Alumni Association was formed the fall of 2000 by graduates from the classes of 1954 and 1958 with three original purposes: awarding scholarships each year, developing a database of addresses of alumni to be used by reunion organizers, and to form a communication link between GCHS alumni, staff and faculty. As of June 2016, the association had awarded \$17,000 in scholarships to graduates of Lake Roosevelt High School. Money for the scholarships is derived from dues of \$10 annually for each alumnus, or lifetime memberships of \$500 per family.

At the present time there are 337 paid members of the association and 52 lifetime members. The association includes not only those who were fortunate enough to graduate from Grand Coulee High School, but any person who at any stage of his or her education was enrolled in the Grand Coulee school system or employed by the district.

All-Class Reunions are held every fourth summer in the year of the Olympics. Individual classes mark special anniversaries, such as the 60th being planned for next May by the Class of 1957. This year's reunion was the fifth for the association and took place the second weekend of August with a much larger than expected turnout. The oldest attendee, Dick Ross, class of 1946, is the son of one of the original publishers of the first newspaper in the area, predecessor to The Star. His father was also postmaster, and the family owned a clothing store on B Street. Bob and

Mary Ross moved to the area mid-November 1933 with Dick and his brother Meryl and were involved with much that took place in early Grand Coulee. Dick was disappointed that none of the other surviving members of the class were in attendance.

The classes of 1946, 1956 and 1966 were recognized the second day of the reunion during the potluck at North Dam Park. Later that day get-togethers were held at the homes of Ron and Wendy Kosloski for the classes of '65, '66, and '67, and Ken and Lynda Price Anderson for the class of '68. Jim Truax from the class of LRHS '74, a GCHS freshman the year the schools consolidated, provided special music Saturday evening at the Electric City Tavern with all donations going toward the Mascot History Statue to be placed at the new Lake Roosevelt High School. The next all-class reunion will take place the second weekend of August 2020. GO, TIGERS!

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Kennedy says she works hard.

But it seems her time is spent on special interests and micro-managing

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# Hikes

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lake may have emptied in as little as two or three days. When the ice dam broke, a towering mass of water and ice was released and swept across parts of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon on its way to the ocean. Over a period of years the glacier would advance, blocking the river, and the dam and lake would form again. The process was repeated scores of times, until the ice sheet ceased its advance and receded to the north at the end of the ice age.

Kiver and Bjornstad then led the small group up the trail, continuing the discussion of the geology of the area as well as its recent history in building the Grand Coulee Dam and marveling at the rock work done in construction of the Candy Point Trail by workers for the CCC in the 1930s.

The group headed over to Crown Point to look over the town of Coulee Dam and the geology across the Columbia River. They then returned to the Candy Point Trail to the top where they relaxed, ate snacks and lunch and continued the discussion before

heading back down the canyon.

Work is continuing on the trail this October. A group of 15 members of the Washington Trails Association will arrive here on Oct. 21 and spend the weekend clearing vegetation, resetting trail stonework and retaining walls, grooming and re-establishing trail tread to proper widths as needed, and making assessment of future work and intervals.

If you would like to join this work project, contact Coulee Dam Town Hall during business hours, weekdays, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 633-0320, or Gayle Swagerty at 633-8375.

**Gayle Swagerty, foreground, rests at the top of Candy Point Trail, along with Don Chadborne of Spokane Valley and Jim Fox of Spokane. In the background are Scott Peterson and Megan Weeks of Anacortas, Michael Regal and Pam Mckenney of Spokane, Anna Hein of Pullman and Montana Hein of Spokane Valley.**  
— Gene Kiver photo



## More letters

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### Current commissioners ignore Constitution

Tenets of the U.S. Constitution basic to our democracy lie forgotten on the dusty back shelf of our Okanogan County Commissioners' office!

Democracy is a government wherein decisions are made not only by elected representatives, but also by the people. Our commissioners have violated this basic philosophy too often, by:

(A.) Ignoring citizen input regarding water issues, year after year.

(B.) Turning people who had a right to testify against the vacation of Three Devils Road away from a public hearing.

(C.) Astonishing unawareness of important constitutional rights such as Freedom of the Press. (Sheilah Kennedy publicly questioned whether the Omak Chron-

icle had "violated its contract" as newspaper of record because an editorial mentioned that the voters were watching.)

D) Ignoring citizens recently who personally requested that the Commissioners follow their own 2013 Resolution ( # 102-2013) mandating a public hearing on issues such as transfer of Federal Public Lands to the states and counties.

E) Minimizing citizen involvement by keeping sensitive information from the public. There were over 14 times as many Executive Sessions per meeting (2.3 as compared with .16 ) between 2013 and March, 2016 — after citizens had begun publishing notes of commissioner meetings on the internet last October.

The commissioners chose a dic-

tatorial style until public outcry over possible transfer of juvenile offenders to Medical Lake, Wash., forced them to listen. It may benefit them to find employment where they can disregard our Constitution at will. Recent references to constituents as "green slime"(8/30/16) and disregard for public opinion other than from huge landowners or friends have no place in our democracy.

Since the political parties seem unable to effect the needed change, consider voting for highly qualified non-partisan commissioner candidates with no allegiance to any party platform: Chris Branch and Ashley Thrasher.

**Richard L. Tingelstad  
Twisp**

### ROC Spins Reality

True to form, members of the group claiming to Represent Okanogan County (ROC) are taking a little bit of fact and putting their own spin on it in an attempt to suppress open dialogue among the citizens of Okanogan County when that dialogue pertains to them or their county commissioner candidates.

Members most recently took offense regarding a letter I wrote questioning the tactics used at public "forums" of which they were an active part. Quoting only a portion of what I said and adding that I wrote they had "sponsored" the forums, they proceeded to

suggest that I do research prior to voicing concerns.

I would like to thank ROC members for then proceeding to confirm the points I actually did write about.

Folks in Okanogan County do research issues and organizations, especially when those organizations claim to "represent" them.

How else would we learn that ROC failed to file as a political action committee while accepting political contributions?

How else would we learn that the very people writing the "research" opinion papers and tak-

ing notes for ROC are "moderating" and organizing the political "forums"?

How else would we learn that ROC has tightly interwoven ties to Seattle-based special interest groups such as Conservation NW and Futurewise?

The list goes on, but hopefully ROC members understand my point and will attempt to restrain themselves from spinning any more of their alternate realities for the people of Okanogan County.

**Trinity Stucker  
Tonasket**

### Sheilah's accountability problem

Incumbent County Commissioner Sheilah Kennedy's campaign slogan is "accountability." But, has she really been accountable and listened to the citizens' concerns these past three-plus years?

She and the other commissioners were not accountable to the hundreds of citizens who protested against the Three Devils Road closure. She ignored their comments and voted to close the road to people living near the road, for tourism and ATV use.

She has not been accountable to the taxpayers nor the county's finances when the commissioners decided to litigate at least five lawsuits against the county instead of negotiating settlements.

These legal costs need to be spent on required services and infrastructure.

She was not accountable to current state law nor respectful of citizen input into the recently revised comprehensive plan. In the commissioners' hurry to accomplish this major task, she now shares responsibility for a comprehensive plan that is flawed and currently being sued by three different groups.

She has not even been accountable to the future of agriculture and ranching with a new zoning ordinance that says there is enough water for one-acre densities of up to five mobile home or five multi-family apartments throughout most of the county.

This group is her constituency! For two of the last three years, there have been water shortages, droughts, wildfires caused in part by lack of water, and some farmers did not grow crops. Are you ready for your well to run dry in the future like some Midwesterners, who live above to Ogallala Aquifer, are now experiencing?

In this November election, it is time for us to be accountable to our county's future and vote for new leadership and much better management than has occurred these almost four years.

**Stuart Rick Gillespie  
Oroville**

### Treasurer will vote for Kennedy

I have worked in the Okanogan Co. Treasurer's office for 34 years, 17 years as the Chief Deputy Treasurer and the last 10 years as your Okanogan Co. Treasurer. As Treasurer, I am the chairperson of the Finance Committee along with the Okanogan Co. Auditor, Financial Mgr., and the three County Commissioners. We have monthly meetings to watch very closely the budgets and cash on hand of each Current Expense Dept. (27 depts) and all of the Public Works Funds (10 funds).

Between Current Expense and the Public Works Co. Road Dept., the total budgets are ap-

proximately \$40 million annually, which the county legislative authority (also known as County Commissioners) are fiscally responsible for. This is a responsibility the County Commissioners do NOT take lightly.

In all my years at the County working on financial issues, Sheilah Kennedy is one of the most detail-oriented and fiscally responsible commissioners we have ever had. She takes the time and does her homework when it comes to finance, and she definitely does ask the "difficult" questions. After all, one should ask tough questions when it comes to a \$40 mil-

lion budget of the public's money, and that should not be confused as micro-managing.

Everyone is not always going to agree with every decision made, but I try to look at the complete picture, and I know at this time Sheilah is the right person for this job. I would encourage the voters to contact the offices that handle budgets and actual cash if you have questions regarding fiscal responsibility. My vote on November 8 will go to Sheilah Kennedy.

**Leah Mc Cormack**

## Gehrke windmills named historic

by Scott Hunter

The Gehrke Windmill Garden at North Dam Park has been listed on the Washington Heritage Register of Historic Places.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation granted that distinction Oct. 7 at a meeting in Tacoma.

Coulee Area Park and Recreation District President Bob Valen was present and accepted the listing certificate from Washington State University Historian Dr. Rob McCoy.

CAPRD manages the park. The council members were delighted with the "whimsical" nature of the site, Valen reported.

Emil and Stella Gehrke's "folk art," a collection used household

items recycled into windmills, was meant, in Emil Gehrke's words, to "show the youth of a disposable society that junk is merely a creation of the mind, and that practically any object could be reused," the application for historic distinction states.

Once numbering about 700 pieces, the few tucked behind the fence at North Dam Park are all that remain, moved there for preservation.

"Upon the Gehrke's death, a group of concerned citizens, led by Elsie Snook, attempted to work with the town of Grand Coulee to assume some or all responsibility for the garden and its upkeep," Valen wrote in the application. "At the urging and with the assistance of Saving & Preserving Arts

& Cultural Environments (SPACES), an arts advocacy group based in Los Angeles, a grant was sought and received from the Washington State Arts Commission to help acquire a grouping of windmills and whirligigs and to create a dedicated installation on public land. Led by EWU Art Department professor's Dr. Greg Hawkins and Chris Sublett, and Geography Department professor Dr. Jeremy Anderson, several hundred hours of volunteer time were donated by the community to build the current garden and bring the remaining Gehrke windmills to that location. Today, a small group of citizens and the Coulee Area Park & Recreation District provide maintenance of the grounds and display."

### Another fire storm in Okanogan County

There is another fire storm happening in Okanogan County. No...thank goodness it is not another catastrophic forest and rangeland fire. It is a storm however just as dangerous to our way of life. The Firestorms of 2014 and 2015 are the direct result of the environmental groups dictating policy and management of our public lands for the last 27 years.

This has proven to be disastrous to our people, destroyed private and public lands, burnt over a million acres of our natural resources and threatens the very survival of Okanogan County. These same environmental groups, Conservation Northwest, Future Wise and Methow Valley Citizens Council have members

that are supporting the ROC propaganda campaign. They are also the very same groups that continue to launch lawsuits at our County Commissioners for protecting our private property rights from extreme and restrictive environmental regulations.

Members of these organizations are supporting and funding all of the candidates running for our County Commissioner seats district 1 and 2 ... except for Sheilah Kennedy.

Please do not believe the propaganda and fabrication tactics that these liberal environmental groups are flooding the media with. Follow the money, seek the truth.

If you value our constitution,

private property rights, access to public lands, common sense forest management practices, small government by and for the people in Okanogan County then join me in voting to retain Sheilah Kennedy. Sheilah is truthful, sincere, very hardworking and dedicated to protecting our rights as well as the customs and culture of the Okanogan. She has devoted the last 4 years of her life to serve the people of Okanogan County... she has worked tirelessly to oppose the constant environmental attacks on our way of life. Vote for the principles we all hold dear, please vote for Sheilah Kennedy.

**Kathy Power  
Okanogan**

### Ballot a chance to turn page

We are finally moving forward in Okanogan County government, and many people are sensing the positive change that is coming.

I am supporting Ashley Thrasher for county commissioner because she is smart, has the work ethic of a Hot Shot Firefighter, and will carefully listen to what people need before she makes difficult decisions.

Chris Branch has more than 20 years planning experience here in all corners of the county and will compliment Ashley as they take a step into the future and tackle some important improvements.

I see this ballot as the best chance in a decade to turn the page and put some of the decisions behind us that have disappointed so many.

Please join me with a vote for Ashley in District 2 and Chris in District 1, and together let's gain some leadership and common sense for the 41,000 people who call Okanogan county home.

**Kent Woodruff  
Twisp**

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*I have the experience, dedication and ambition to serve the people. I put in at least 50 hours per week in my Commissioner position to get the job done well. I made the decision to let my small business be a second or third priority so I can do the work needed as your full time County Commissioner.*

*I was in the Emergency Operations Center and out on the ground during the 2014 and 2015 Firestorms. I witnessed firsthand the devastation caused to our communities, families, children, livestock, wildlife, and natural resources. These impacts will last for generations. I have images in my mind that I will never be able to erase, just like many of you.*

*Respectfully said, I do not NEED this job, I WANT this job. After surviving two major disasters in our county, my work is not done. If I didn't run for re-election, I feel I would be letting the people down when we should all be standing side by side.*

*I self-funded my campaign during the primary. I do not feel it is right to ask for campaign contributions during a time we are all trying to recover. This is a time when we need to re-build our homes and businesses and restore our lands and our lives.*

*However, after witnessing the huge amounts of money from outside of Okanogan County that are funding my opponent, my supporters convinced me to accept donations. I am proud to report that my campaign is being supported by LOCAL people from all walks of life who want to protect the customs and cultures of this great valley.*

**Together we CAN and WILL recover.**

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*Sheilah Kennedy*

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**I ask you to consider:**

**Who has proven their responsibility to the County Commissioner Position?**

I average 50 hours a week on this job. We added another day to the weekly requirement without increasing our salaries. I read, study, communicate and ask tough questions with you in mind.

**Who has proven leadership skills?**

A leader must lead by example and not ask employees to do something leadership is not willing to do. I made a volunteer decision to take a 10% pay cut and forfeit the monthly travel stipend.

**Who has been accountable to serve Okanogan County?**

I have let my own private business suffer at times when the Commissioner position remained the priority. **I consider it an honor and civic responsibility to serve the people first!**

**SHEILAH KENNEDY**  
**I ask for your vote.**

### ACCOUNTABILITY

**NOT raising taxes.** The current Board of Okanogan County Commissioners have never imposed the 1% annual tax increase that is allowed, which would place more burden on the backs of our taxpayers.

**Balancing the budget.** After collecting lower revenues in the wake of devastating fires, they have done their best to maintain vital services without laying off staff.

**Protecting infrastructure.** Since 2014 they have not taken the \$500,000.00 shift from the Public Works Budget to balance the county-wide expense budget. \*This was previously done for years and we all are experiencing negative impacts to our county roads as a result.

**Tackling tough issues.** Sheilah has opened up discussions that haven't taken place in the past, holding our county offices and programs accountable to the public they serve.

**Reducing liabilities.** Okanogan County is now in compliance with our Okanogan County Public Health Charter. Commissioners are also working to find solutions to improve the safety of our juveniles in detention and their staff.

**Protecting property rights.** These Commissioners have finally passed the Comprehensive plan, and are almost finished with the Zoning, Shoreline Master Plan, Critical Areas Ordinance, Sub-Division and Administrative Code.

**Improving transparency.** All county department budgets are provided to the public on the county website.

### Sheilah Kennedy



### RESPONSIBILITY

**Improving public safety.** Sheilah took our message to Olympia to secure funding for improvements to our 911 communications system as a result of the 2014 and 2015 state record setting firestorms.

**Coordinating with public agencies.** Sheilah has worked hard to increase communication with state and federal agencies as well as tribes to better advocate for local interests.

**Supporting those who serve.** Sheilah's been active in budget discussions and review, to provide our Sheriff's Department with the equipment necessary to get officers home safe to their families.

**Reaching out to those in need.** Sheilah has asked tough questions to make sure we are responsibly spending precious dollars that have been collected to provide homeless housing and affordable housing in Okanogan County.

### LEADERSHIP

**Maintaining our foundation.** Sheilah has been active on updating policies and procedures that were ignored since 2004. These documents provide consistency and guidance for future generations.

**Increasing expectations.** Sheilah was the lead in suggesting the addition of another Commissioners meeting day, without increasing their salaries. Sheilah has also forfeited her monthly travel stipend.

**Working hard for YOU!** Sheilah puts in the time to do the research on every decision she makes. She keeps her constituents at the heart of every vote she makes and does her best to represent you with integrity.



**Sheilah Kennedy LOVES Okanogan County and the citizens who make their lives here. She is committed to work toward a brighter tomorrow for our rural communities and our children.**

# Second Section New athletic director in charge at Lake Roosevelt

## Levi Seekins sees athletics as part of the mission

by Jacob Wagner

Grand Coulee Dam School District has hired a new athletic director this year. Levi Seekins, 32, brings with him experience both as an athlete and as a coach, and he sees athletics as “just a different classroom” that’s part of a larger goal.

At 6 feet, 6 inches tall, Levi Seekins is hard to miss when you see him at the games or towering in the halls of Lake Roosevelt Junior Senior High School. Growing up in the area, Seekins played sports here all his life. In high school Seekins played Lake Roosevelt football, basketball, and baseball all four years. Now back in the area after 15 years, Seekins has taken the position of athletic director at his former stomping grounds.

In the 2001-2002 season, Seekins’ senior year at LR, the Raiders won the league and went to state for football and baseball, and were ranked fourth in the state in basketball. Seekins was All-State in both football and basketball.

After high school, Seekins went to Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California, where he graduated in 2006 with a business management degree. Seekins played basketball there all four years and also ran track for two. He was named an All-American in basketball, in addition to being named an All-American in academics. His senior year there, the Vanguard Lions went to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Tournament for the second time in school history.



New athletic director Levi Seekins fills the doorway to the Gailord Nelson Gym at Thursday’s volleyball game. — Jacob Wagner photo

“It was what they make movies about,” Seekins said.

Seekins then played professional basketball in Australia for a year with the Griffith Demons before going back to Vanguard for about a decade as assistant basketball coach, in addition to coaching strength and conditioning. In 2014, Seekins’ final year there, Vanguard won the NIAA

Men’s National Championship.

“I went to school at Vanguard and was then able to give back to that community ... and I went to school here and I cherish the opportunity to give back to this community,” Seekins said of his new athletic director position.

Seekins felt it was the right move at the right time.

“I’ve been coaching for a long time and I felt athletic director was a good next step for me and so I pursued it. I love Grand Coulee; of all the places I’ve lived, I really hold this place in high esteem. I loved being raised here. ... I thought it was a good place to raise my family. I’m still very connected here, I have friends and family here, so it was just a natural thing to come home.”

Seekins has his hands full with his new job. He oversees all home games, all coaches and assistant coaches and helps them out if they need it with tough situations. He also has budgeting and purchasing duties, and is in charge of overseeing eligibility, “which is always a hot topic,” he said. As AD, he’s in charge of communication with parents who have questions or concerns, oversees all ticket sales, all volunteer workers and accommodates all visiting teams in their needs.

“I talk to the athletes,” Seekins said. “I can be like another coach who’s not actually a coach ... just somebody who they can talk to or help push them. I try and encourage them. I want to set good goals for them and to push them to succeed academically, athletically, and then also I want them to be strong young men and women of character. I want them to help improve the school, I want them to improve the community, and I want them to take pride in both of those.”

See SEEKINS page 11



Mikayla Thompson, right, stops a Manson volley at the net, with Rylee Pitner rising to the occasion too. Sean Garvin is ready at left. — Jacob Wagner photo

## Two comebacks fizzle in LR volleyball action

by Jacob Wagner

The Lady Raiders lost two nail biters this past week, succumbing in each volleyball match in their tie-breaking fifth sets.

In Bridgeport Tuesday, after going down 2-0, Lake Roosevelt won the third and fourth sets to tie things up, but lost the fifth set to the Fillies 15-10.

“Bridgeport played very good defense against us,” LR Head Coach Kasey Garvin said. “Our

serving didn’t do us any favors for the evening.”

Thursday saw the Lady Raiders face the undefeated Manson Trojans. After again going down 2-0, the Lady Raiders again tied things up by winning the third and fourth sets before losing the fifth.

“It was hard-fought volleyball all evening,” Garvin said. “I was really proud of the girls, having dropped the first two sets and coming back and winning the

next two. I would have liked to have seen the fifth set go better, but too many unforced errors cost us that set.”

“My girls played a very fast offensive tempo that I was very proud of,” Garvin continued. “I have been waiting all season for them to have the guts to run it. Our passing was much better, which allowed us to run our offense.”

Garvin highlighted some of her players’ strong points from the

See VOLLEYBALL page 11

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## Students shine at LR Elementary

Pictured are the September Students of the Month and the Raider BEST winners, an acronym which stands for: B - Be safe; E - Excel in learning; S - Show respect; T - Take responsibility.



Kindergarten – Second Grade Students of the Month: From left, front row - Marissa Burton, SJ Gorr, Tristan Miley; back row - Maci Green, Colin Chaney, Stihi Miller, Skyla Flores-Tomas, Tecumseh Wilt.



Third – Sixth Grade Students of the Month: Front row - Shyleigh Gray, Kayden Duclos, Jason Carson, Logan Valenzuela, Jocelyn Everybodytalksabout.



Kindergarten – Second Grade Raider BEST Winners for September: Front row – David Knop, Collin Christman, Lexi Rimpler, Twila Moses; back row – Cadence Holt, Kadynce Clark, Lilly Young, Gavin Marris.



Third – Sixth Grade Raider BEST Winners for September: Front row – Kirtus Horton, Ayamae Duclos, Wyatt Stout, Cora Nicholson, Tyra Picard; back row – Wyatt Egbert, Presley Steffens, Kaliah Leadingham, Jaydyn Nanamkin-Palmer, Tanner Whitelaw, Bobby Desautel.



### This week in sports

<p><b>Wed., Oct. 12</b> 5 p.m., JHS Volleyball at Oroville</p> <p><b>Thurs., Oct. 13</b> 5:30 p.m., HS Volleyball here with Oroville (L) 5:30 p.m., JHS Football here with Brewster</p> <p><b>Fri., Oct. 14</b> 4 p.m., HS Cross Country at Oroville</p>	<p>7 p.m., HS Football here with Soap Lake (L)</p> <p><b>Sat., Oct. 15</b> 11 a.m., HS Soccer here with Tonasket 11:30 a.m., HS Volleyball at Liberty Bell (L)</p> <p><b>Mon., Oct. 17</b> 5 p.m., JHS Volleyball here with Tonasket</p>	<p>5:30 p.m., HS JV Football at Soap Lake</p> <p><b>Tues., Oct. 18</b> 5:30 p.m., JHS Football at Tonasket</p> <p><b>Wed., Oct. 19</b> 5 p.m., JHS Volleyball here with Bridgeport</p>
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LR's Jozlyn Hansen, right, covers Omak's Kodie Duck Thursday. — Al Camp, Omak Chronicle photo

## Raider soccer loses two

by Jacob Wagner

The Lady Raiders soccer team lost two games on the road this past week, one each in Omak and Liberty Bell.

Lake Roosevelt lost 4-2 in a non-league game against Omak on Thursday, the loss largely a result of penalties. Three penalties against LR led to three goals for Omak.

“Overall I believe our team outplayed them and had control the majority of the game,” said Head Coach Casey Moore, “but part of

learning soccer is how to use your body legally.”

Coach Moore highlighted some of her players from that game: “Players who stood out this game included Loryn ‘Lomo’ Moore, who scored both goals for LR, and Hannah Wapato, who hustled at midfield. Hailey Whalawitsa had her best game this season vs. Omak but, sadly, suffered an injury the last two minutes of the game.”

On Saturday the Lady Raiders lost 7-0 against the Liberty Bell Mountain Lions, who “exemplified sportsmanship and played well,” Moore said.

Raider Loryn Moore suffered an injury at the beginning of the game. “We were down four starters but our team stepped up and had their best game in terms of communication,” said the coach. “Lake Roosevelt hustled the entire game, especially defenders Maya Milk and midfielder Hannah Wapato.”

The Lady Raiders soccer team’s next game will be at 11 a.m. this Saturday, Oct. 15, at home on Ludolph Field at the former middle school in Grand Coulee, where they’ll take on the Tonasket Tigers.

## Raider cross country runners all set personal records

by Jacob Wagner

Lake Roosevelt Raiders cross country runners participated in the 5k Omak Invitational last Wednesday.

Kyle Edmo continues to shine for the Raiders, placing 15th out of 85 runners with a personal record of 19 minutes, 11 seconds.

In fact, all four Raider runners set personal records: Will Friedlander finished 25th with a time of 19:57, Cameron Tillman finished 31st in 20:14, and Jonathan Cante finished 49th with a time of 21:22.

“We expected the race to be fast as it is nearly all flat, and it was really fast compared to the hilly Tonasket course,” Head Coach Gary Darnold said.

The cross country team will skip the Oroville Invitational this Friday and prepare for the league meet at Liberty Bell Oct. 22.

Kyle Edmo runs with a smile as he leads the Raider cross country effort at Omak with a personal record of 19:11. — Al Camp, Omak Chronicle photo



## Public Meeting Columbia River System Operations

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and Bonneville Power Administration invite the public to help identify issues that the agencies will analyze in the Columbia River System Operations Environmental Impact Statement. The agencies will use this EIS to assess the effects and update their approach to operations of 14 federal dams and related facilities in the interior Columbia River basin.

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# Coulee Cops

Compiled from police files

## Grand Coulee Police

9/29 - Owners of dogs at a Hill Avenue location, including a man who shot a dog with an airsoft gun to scare it away since his dog was in heat, were advised by an officer that if they didn't get licenses for the animals within a week they would all be cited. The dog that was shot did not suffer an injury, according to the report.

- Safeway advised police that a woman had entered the store, gone to the alcohol aisle, placed a bottle in her purse, then left the store without paying for it. Store officials got the auto license of the thief.

- A Keller man is being cited for driving with a suspended license and outdated tabs and for having no insurance. He was stopped in Electric City after an officer noticed the tabs had been scratched off his license plate.

9/30 - A hospital employee asked that a man be banned from the facility after he kept asking for hospital records. He later entered Safeway and was going around recording things on his laptop.

- Lincoln County sheriff's deputies confiscated a vehicle on Burdin Boulevard because it had been used in their jurisdiction in a felony incident.

- A woman on Goodfellow Avenue in Electric City told police that her pickup had been stolen. Police found the vehicle in Delano and took charge of it. The woman told police who had taken the vehicle and wanted to press charges. The report was sent to the prosecutor's office for possible charging.

- Police were advised that some people were crouched down beside the road on B Street. The officer found two boys trying to fix

a bike. The officer gave the two a ride to Electric City.

10/1 - Police responded to a call that there was a fight at a bar on Main Street and that one of the men had a knife. Police found no fight, and no knife.

- An officer checked on a vehicle parked above the dam that had its hood up. The vehicle had overheated and the driver was waiting for it to cool down.

- A clerk at the Skydeck Motel reported that during the night someone had taken over \$1,000. She reported that two people were seen on security tape being in the motel after hours. She said a copy of the security tape would be provided.

- A Grand Coulee man told police that he had backed into a Cadillac while leaving Safeway's parking lot. The two drivers exchanged insurance information.

- Police noticed a vehicle with a person in it who was wanted on a warrant. The vehicle was stopped and the man arrested and taken to Grant County jail.

10/2 - A man on Kelso in Electric City told police that someone had taken the keys to his vehicle a couple of days earlier, and he was worried that they would return and prowl his car. He asked for extra patrols in the area.

- A Brewster driver was cited for going 49 mph in a 35 mph zone.

- An Almira woman was cited after being stopped for a faulty headlamp, for driving without a license, failing to yield, and having no insurance.

- An Electric City resident was told he could no longer ride his dirt bike at Sunbanks Lake Resort. He stated he wouldn't do it again.

- A Grand Coulee man who had been drinking was banned from the King's Court RV Park when he was found with a power box open and he refused to leave the area.

10/3 - An Omak woman was arrested on a Department of Corrections warrant for driving with her license suspended and being in possession of a stolen vehicle. She was taken to Grant County jail.

- Police checked on a domestic violence report on E Street and found that it was only a verbal exchange.

- Police went to a residence on Snyder Hill Road to check on a report of an injured owl. The owl had apparently flown into a window and injured itself, but when the officer approached the bird it flew away.

10/4 - A disabled vehicle with a flat tire was rescued by a police officer who changed the tire for the driver because the driver didn't have a tool to change it.

- Police checked on a domestic violence incident on Main Street. After talking with the police officer, the two calmed down.

- A person known to have a Department of Corrections warrant out for her was seen in the Safeway parking lot, arrested, and taken to Grant County jail.

10/5 - A man who had run out of gas on Sunny Drive in Electric City told police that his mother was bringing fuel. He was told to move his vehicle as soon as possible.

- Storage units on Hill Avenue were broken into. Missing were tools, a weed eater, a paint sprayer and some chemicals.

10/6 - USBR Plant Protection advised police that a person was in the Visitor Center parking lot after hours. A man there told police he was getting information on tours. When he got the information, he left.

## Coulee Dam Police

9/25 - Police checked on a possible domestic violence issue on Holly Street but couldn't get anyone to answer the door. A neighbor told police that a man and a woman had been yelling at each other at the address.

9/27 - A man who wanted to go to Keller was referred to the hospital by a niece, who stated that the place he wanted to go to in Keller was a place where he had been beaten earlier. The hospital staff stated that they couldn't do anything for him, so the niece reserved a motel room for her uncle

for a couple of nights until she could find a place for him to stay.

- A vacant house on Central Drive had been entered and had a mattress and other material inside. The report stated that the door had been jimmied. The house belongs to a woman in the Nespelem Convalescent Center.

9/28 - A man reported that someone had taken about \$20 worth of gas from his vehicle on Grant Avenue.

10/3 - An intrusion alarm was set off at the police department. It was a false alarm.

- A man on Holly Street was advised that his barking dog was annoying his neighbors. He told the officer that he would keep his dog inside so it wouldn't bark.

- Police checked on a running vehicle that was unoccupied near the bus garage. The officer found that the driver had just returned from a volleyball engagement.

10/5 - Police had a report that a man intended to jump from the bridge. Police found a man under the bridge drinking a beer and thinking it over. The man was taken to Coulee Medical Center for evaluation.

10/6 - A man reported that a person dressed in black and with a hood on was seen looking into his property. Later the person was seen lying on the ground near a car. He was gone when police arrived.

10/7 - Police went to Lake Roosevelt Schools because of a disturbance. The person causing the problem was gone when police arrived.

10/8 - Child Protective Services officials arrived to take a child from parents on Birch Street, but the parties living there did not respond when police and the CPS officials knocked on the door.

- Police responded to a call about someone throwing rocks onto the driveway of a house on Tilmus. When the party that had lived there was found they said that the person on Tilmus had thrown the rocks onto their property.

10/9 - Vehicle prowls were reported on Birch Street and on Fir Street.



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Wed.	Low 39° - 58° High	Mostly sunny
Thu.	Low 47° - 52° High	Rain likely
Fri.	Low 45° - 59° High	Partly cloudy, slight chance of rain
Sat.	Low 47° - 58° High	Rain likely
Sun.	Low 48° - 61° High	Cloudy then some clearing
Mon.	Low 43° - 59° High	Possible rain
Tue.	Low 42° - 57° High	Possible rain

## BOWLING

### THURSDAY MIX-UPS

TEAM	W	L
Team 4	11	5
San Poil Valley	10	6
Team 5	8	8
Team 2	6	10
Team 1	1	11
Team 3	0	12

High Game: John S. 189; Amber Olsen and Candy Weed Butz 201 High Series: Bob Schryvers 520; Candy W-B 537  
Splits: Mae S. 2-10; Bob S. 4-5-7

### COLUMBIA LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L
#6	15	5
#5	11	9
#3	6	14
#1	0	12
#2	0	8
#4	0	8

High Game: Corey Baker 244; Sharey Redthunder 198  
High Series: Don Richer 688; Sharey Redthunder 500  
Previous High Game: Jesse Jackson 255;  
High Series: Jesse Jackson 688  
Splits: Soy 3-10; Jesse Vieira 2-7

### SENIORS

Dixie (L.R.) 166/152/123=441; Scot E 148/155/239=542; Bob S 197/128/146=471; Ray D. 155/170/166=491

### DAM KEGLERS

TEAM	W	L
#3	52.5	27.5
#6	45	35
#5	40	40
#2	36.5	43.5
#4	35	45
#1	17.5	26.5

High Game: CJ Bjorson 242; Robin Atlin-Covinton 201  
High Series: Kevin Rosenthal 661; Mae Stensgar 513  
Splits: Ron Staggs 4-9; Tiger Atlin-Covington 6-7-10; Robin Atlin-Covington 8 strikes in a row!

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