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Power manager changes at Grand Coulee Dam

The Bureau of Reclamation announced last week that Kerry McCalman of Denver, Colo., has been named the interim power manager at Grand Coulee Dam, starting last Wednesday.

McCalman is Reclamation's senior advisor for Hydropower and Electric Reliability compliance officer based in Denver. He replaces Mark Jenson who has been the Grand Coulee power manager since April 2011.

Jenson will remain at Grand Coulee Dam to lead the Project Management Group, which is directly involved in repairing, replacing, and upgrading power equipment throughout the facility.

"Mark's expertise and experience in leadership and engineering will serve him well in this new role and its unique set of challeng-

es," said Lorri Lee, Reclamation's Pacific Northwest Regional Director. "The Project Management Group, under Mark's leadership, is essential to Grand Coulee Dam meeting its goals of being a safe, updated, world class hydropower and irrigation facility."

Recruitment for a new Grand Coulee power manager will begin immediately.

Lynne Brougher, public affairs officer at the dam, said Jenson requested the re-assignment because he thought his skills and background would be best utilized leading the Project Management Group, which manages the many special projects at the site, including the refurbishment of the Third Power House.

"That's where his expertise and his passion lies," she said.

Worker to be released from hospital

by Scott Hunter

A worker burned in an accident at Grand Coulee Dam last November is due to be released from hospital today, the Bureau of Reclamation has informed an irrigation district.

The Columbia Basin Development League reported to members in its email newsletter last week that the bureau said Dan McCulloch would be released Jan. 22.

McCulloch, 54, was flown to Harborview Medical Center with extensive burns Nov. 18 after a mishap with switch gear for Pump Generator 12 in the John W. Keys III Pump-Generating Plant.

Of the 12 units in the plant, six are pumps and six are pump-

generators. Reclamation normally uses five pumps to keep water flowing to the 670,000-acre Columbia Basin Project, the economic impact of which is estimated at \$3.7 billion in Adams, Franklin and Grant counties alone, where irrigators are apprehensive that repairs will be made in time for the 2014 irrigation season.

The bureau says they will meet their March startup with the help of nine additional workers hired to clean up the hazardous smoke residue inside the plant.

"Cleaning is ongoing," the newsletter says. "Pumps will be brought into operation in a slightly different order than originally planned. At this time the first pumps planned to be operational

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Newsbriefs

Playland holds steady

The Electric City Council approved Coulee Playland prices and fees for the coming tourist season. Manager Hal Rauch informed the council that most rates for overnight stays will remain the same. Rauch stated that he was in his 29th season as manager of the resort. This year the resort plans to introduce a stand-up paddleboard for rent.

Electric City appointments made

Councilmember John Nordine was elected mayor pro-tem for Electric City at its last council meeting. The mayor pro-tem takes over for the mayor when he is away. Councilmember Brad Parrish was named to the Grant Transit Authority board.

Council members in Electric City were named to various committees at the city's last council meeting. Named to the

Health-Welfare and Safety committee were Aaron Derr and John Nordine; the Parks committee, Brad Parish and Lonna Bussert; City Streets committee, Derr and Nordine; Water & Sewer committee, Mayor Jerry Sands, Derr and Parrish; Tourism committee, Marie Chuinard and Nordine; and the Audit committee, Bussert and Chuinard.

Hospital board holds closed session

Hospital District 6 commissioners meet in an executive session Monday afternoon, and adjourned immediately following the closed session.

The allowed exception to the Open Public Meetings Act cited for the closed session states: "to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency."

by Roger S. Lucas

A vacated house in Electric City may have as many as 15 nuisance ordinance violations, according to Councilmember Brad Parrish, who lives close by.

Parrish, who lives on Washington Place, asked City Clerk Jackie Perman to put the nuisance ordinance issue on the docket for last Tuesday night's meeting.

Parrish then went on to show pictures of the untidy place and



Port district commissioners and grant writer, Frank Andrews Jr., second from left, pour over a map of Banks Lake Golf Course as they discuss improvements they hope to make at the 18-hole course. Commissioners are: far left, Dennis Lohrman, center, Orville Scharbach, and far right, James Keene. Commissioners have asked the public to help in shaping a grant request for funds for the improvements. — Roger S. Lucas photo

Most agreed, and discussion centered on the RV park and how volunteers could work and gain matching money on the other five.

The grant application is due May 2. Grants awarded by the LWCF will be for 2016.

Port District 7, which operates the golf course, had a study done by its engineering firm on what it would cost to put in an RV park

with some 44 hookups and a few tent sites. The price tag provided sticker shock when the estimated cost came in at \$1.45 million. The port district was considering ways to reduce this cost.

Serving on the port commission are President Orville Scharbach and commissioners James Keene and Dennis Lohrman.

A member of the LWCF team,

Kyle Guglas, will be in the area Jan. 27-29, to work with the Tribes on another project, and also meet with officials from the town of Coulee Dam. Andrews said that will be an opportunity to discuss the grant application from the golf course with him.

Andrews is gathering information about the course that can be used in the application.

Council member takes after city "eyesore"

by Roger S. Lucas

point out that the door has been left open and that he has seen pack rats around the place.

He asked that something be done about it, but after considerable conversation he learned how difficult it was to get action in such matters.

Mayor Jerry Sands reported that code compliance officer Gary Haven had been working the streets and was having some successes in getting people to clean

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Report: Nursing staff has made big progress at CMC

by Scott Hunter

It was uncomfortable at first, but the nursing staff at Coulee Medical Center has made a cultural adjustment for transparency in the service of improvements to patient care at the hospital.

So said Chief Nursing Officer Ramona Hicks in a presentation to the chamber of commerce on substantial changes in nursing and other processes at the facility.

Hicks, whose CNO position gives her oversight of nursing, surgical services, pharmacy, laboratory, radiology, outpatient services, labor and delivery and emergency room, started that job two years ago, after having

worked at the hospital since 1993 in "almost every area."

At that point, most of the nurses at the hospital were not hospital employees, but were temporary "agency" nurses, brought in by a firm that contracted with the hospital.

"I came over and realized I didn't know anybody," Hicks said.

Hiring and retaining its own nursing staff, as opposed to using agency nurses, Hick said, has saved CMC \$1.4 million over the last two years.

Not only is using agency nurses a much more expensive way to fill staff needs, Hicks said, but working toward building an effective team can be difficult when staff changes frequently.

You can't make any improve-

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by Roger S. Lucas

high school, but admits that she doesn't do that much now.

"I have spent a lot of time at Spring Canyon over the years," Bowden noted.

She and her husband have three daughters: Lila, 15; Emma, 13; and Faith, 9. They all attend Wilbur school.

During her time at Wilbur's town hall, Bowden prepared utility bills and paid the bills. Her duties at Coulee Dam will be somewhat different, dealing with the budget and keeping the town on track.

"I am excited about the new challenge," she said. "I've always liked a challenge and I enjoy being with people."

Bowden attended Spokane Community College and Central Washington University, before returning to Wilbur.

She will have Michelle Bredstrand as deputy clerk, who was manager of the Bank of America branch in Coulee Dam before it closed, plus a records clerk yet to be hired.

She also played the flute in



From left, Deputy Clerk Michelle Bredstrand, Mayor Greg Wilder and Town Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden at town hall. — Roger S. Lucas photo

Coulee Dam hires new clerk

by Roger S. Lucas

Stefani Bowden, Coulee Dam's new town clerk, will be at her first town council meeting tonight.

She served almost 10 years as deputy clerk at Wilbur before coming to Coulee Dam.

"All cities are similar, but each one has its own unique qualities," Bowden said.

She stated that the one thing she really liked about being in a city hall is that you get to meet a lot of people.

"I am a people person, and think it is the responsibility for the town clerk to help people when they come in with a problem," she stated.

Bowden is a longtime resident of Wilbur and is a graduate from school there. "My parents had the Pizza Barn there for a number of years," she said.

While in high school, she played volleyball and now as an adult enjoys boating and camping.

She will have Michelle Bredstrand as deputy clerk, who was manager of the Bank of America branch in Coulee Dam before it closed, plus a records clerk yet to be hired.



This vacated house at 216 Electric Place in Electric City has caught the eye of Councilmember Brad Parrish, who wants it cleaned up because it is in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance. — Roger S. Lucas photo

Eyesore

up their properties.

Parrish stated that the property in question, at 216 Electric Place, is owned by the Colville Tribal Credit and that a call there hadn't been productive.

The Star called officials at Tribal Credit, but the call was unanswered.

Pictures Parrish showed included some items tossed about the yard. Parrish stated that the

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appearance of the house and yard was reducing the value of his own place.

"Why should anyone in this community be subjected to this?" he asked.

Parrish also wanted to know how long it would take to get the place cleaned up.

Sands described a lengthy process the city has used in similar cases.

"We have \$5,000 liens against two properties in the city now," Sands stated. The city can collect these liens if the respective properties are sold.

Parrish submitted a packet of nuisance ordinances he had collected from around the state.

The issue probably will not die there because of the nature of the violations at the Electric Place property.

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Nursing

ments when you have no idea who's going to be on shift," she said.

Hicks changed the management model from one that had five "nurse-managers" to a "charge nurse" model that keeps more nurses on the floor.

The skill mix on the floor has also changed, with more nurses and fewer nurse aides attending patients. That was important for achieving a new directive from management: improve patient safety.

Hicks said the nurses set their goal for zero patient errors. They haven't achieved that yet, but they're getting closer, as reported to hospital commission members by Chief Executive Officer Scott Graham.

Graham reported in December that medication errors are trending down, with a high of 11 last January to one in October. Patient falls, he said, decreased from a monthly average of 2.4 in 2012 to an average of 1.8 per month in 2013.



Another new concern introduced to staff, Hicks said, was the realization that efficiency—with supplies, with hours worked and more—has to count for more with a new mortgage to pay on a new facility.

CMC dropped the amount spent on agency nurses in acute care from \$1.3 million in 2011 to \$215,000 in 2013, and on its own nurses from \$2.6 million in 2011 to about \$2 million last year. And total patient care services staff-

ing expense dropped from \$5.44 million in all of 2011 to \$3.53 million through November of last year, Hicks said.

Speaking to the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce Dec. 12, Hicks said she originally put the 26-slide powerpoint report together to help the staff get an overview of their progress.

"Sometimes you just forget how much you've done, how far you've come ..." she said.

New Omak Wood Products manager named

New Wood Resources announced Jan. 16 that David Niessner has joined the company as general manager of Omak Wood Products in Omak, Wash.

Niessner will help manage the 90-person team at Omak Wood Products, which was formed through an agreement with New Wood Resources and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to restart the veneer mill in Omak, and to enter into a long-term log supply agreement from tribal-owned timberlands.

"David brings expert leadership and a keenly analytical mind to the unique opportunity and partnership New Wood Resources has embarked on with the Colville Tribes," said Kurt Liebich, CEO of New Wood Resources. "His contributions will fuel growth and drive success."

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Worker

will be P-3 and P-4. Progression will then be P-5, P-6, P-1 and P-2. This change was because of a spare exciter in place on generator G-1(which powers P-1 and P-2). As a result, startup procedures are more difficult. Once P-1 and P-2 are started, they will be run continuously. Progress on the main pumping bay units includes: Pump 1 is 95%, pump 2 is 90% clean, pump 3 is 95% clean and 4 is 90% clean, pump 5 is 75% clean and pump 6 is 50% clean. Work continues on restoring communications in the areas of PG-11, PG-12 and firefighters' offices and quarters."

The bureau has not released an estimate of repair costs.

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Heroism recognized

by Scott Hunter

Lincoln County Sheriff Wade Magers last week awarded Wilbur resident Seth Coffman for his role in the saving the life of a woman thrown from a boat near Keller Ferry Marina in 2011.

Magers gave Coffman a letter and a "Lincoln County Sheriffs Office Challenge Coin."

Coffman commanded a boat just before noon Oct. 7, 2011 when a boat was noticed circling out of control in tight circles.

"You had heard the commotion and responded to

the marina where you commandeered a boat and heroically responded to the scene to assist the two strangers in need of help," Magers wrote. "Unfortunately the male succumbed to his injuries, but you were able to recover the individual and save the life of his wife as you retrieved her from the cold water all while avoiding the out of control vessel that circled close by at a high rate of speed."

Magers said the coin represents the good in people and the "Challenge" to always do the right thing.

Discover Pass revenue continues to grow

Increase still not enough to make up for budget cuts

By Rebecca Gourley,
WNPA Olympia News Service

OLYMPIA — Discover Pass revenue is going up, but not fast enough. With the general fund money gap, it's hard to keep parks open. But they are managing by trying to promote the pass program and reduce staff.

Three years after Washington's Discover Pass program was implemented, revenue from sales of the pass continues to grow.

The pass, which is a user fee for vehicle entry into public lands such as state parks and natural resource lands, brought in an average of \$13 million a year during its first two years. But during the fiscal year ending in June 2013, the pass program brought in \$16.8 million—an increase of about 29 percent.

Despite the growth in revenue, the pass is still not bringing in enough

money to make up for budget cuts that have occurred over the past few years, said Parks spokeswoman Virginia Painter. And the program is still falling short of the agency's original revenue projections of \$27 million per year.

The pass program was implemented in 2011 after state lawmakers slashed the budget for state parks.

"It is the thing that helped keep the parks open," said Painter.

If the trend continues, pass revenue in its fourth year should be even

stronger. But the parks system has a long way to go to make up for the over 50 percent in cuts to its budget from the general fund during the height of the state's budget crisis as the economy faltered in 2008.

The percentage of State Parks' budget that was from the state's general fund dropped from over 60 percent in 2007 to 30 percent in 2008.

For the 2011-2013 biennium it was at 12 percent. That number continues to drop and is now at about 7 percent.

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OPINION

Outdoor burning is worse than they thought

Authorities clamped down on a local fire chief this week, who said he didn't know burning the kinds of materials he had in his burn pile was illegal.

He's not alone in a lack of understanding of this state's laws regarding outdoor burning. City hall seems to think that if he had contained his fire to a certain size, had a ready means to extinguish it and kept the burn to unoffending materials, such as leaves, it would be OK.

It would not.

It is against the law in this state to burn anything within "Growth Management" boundaries. It has been illegal for most of the state since 2001, but the state phased in the restriction for small towns. It's been illegal here since 2007.

All of Electric City, all of Grand Coulee and at

least the Douglas County portion of Coulee Dam fall under this restriction.

Probably to most of us, accustomed to our wide open spaces, this seems like an unnecessary intrusion in an area that can almost always count on the wind to blow the smoke somewhere else.

Nevertheless, it is the law of the land. Local authorities might want to check on the Clean Air Act, RCW 70.94.6514, which bans burning in much of the state and directs the Department of Ecology to come up with suggestions on what we're now supposed to do with all the stuff we used to just burn.

Those tips can be found at their website.

*Scott Hunter
editor and publisher*

Letters to the Editor

Station owner addresses gas pricing

I hesitate on doing this only because I think people believe what they want to believe, regardless of the facts. That said however, I'll say a few things regarding gas prices in the GCD area.

As most you know, and what was actually said to me when I came to town back in 2010, was that gas prices in GCD have always been high. I've heard and have read the comments that it's because I have all three stores — not in the least, it's a function of price.

My pricing structure on gas hasn't changed, when I owned the first two stores or now that I own three, believe it or not. I've actually adopted the pricing model used by the previous owners of the 4 Corners site, which was quite similar to the pricing model used at my first two stores. Meaning no changes, not one penny, again, believe it or not!

In regards to purchasing gas out of town, that certainly is your choice. I believe it makes sense if you're headed out of town; we all want to save a buck, even me. However, if you're making a special trip because you believe

you're saving money, I would ask that you just do the simple math. Simply said, whether it's Wilbur, Coulee City or any place else at current gas prices, it would cost you \$9 or \$10 to make the round trip — that's not counting your time or wear and tear on your car/truck. If you're saving 20 or even 30 cents a gallon, given most tanks only hold 20 to 25 gallons, you are only saving \$4 to 8, and that's assuming you're almost empty when you get there. Regardless how you look at it, you're spending more than you save. Not sure you want to do that, but again, it's your choice.

Now if you're doing it to spite me, or because you think I'm over-charging or whatever, I'm not really sure and that's up to you, obviously, but let me make a few comments on that as well. By spending your dollars out of town you're actually hurting yourself, your family, your friends, your neighbors and the rest of community as a whole. The tax dollars that are generated and collected by the sale of goods and services as well as the payroll generated, not only by my stores but all of

our employers in GCD, return to our community. They help support our police, fire, ambulance service, schools, city crews and workers. They help with keeping our streets maintained, paved in the summer, plowed in the winter, street lights on for safety, sewer and water for our homes and the list goes on and on. So I actually find it hard believe that you would rather support another community and not your own.

I enjoy living here, I enjoy the area, I enjoy giving back to the community through many contributions, donations and programs that I support, and I have great pride in the fact that I'm able to provide employment for 20 fine individuals, giving them the ability to live and work in the local area where they live and not having to leave town to find work elsewhere, like many others have!

To those of you who support us and our community, THANK YOU. To those of you who believe you've found reason not to, we hope you'll find reason to come back.

Jack Madsen

Superintendent speaks his mind on proposed league realignment

The following statement has been sent to all school superintendents in the Okanogan Valley Superintendents' Association.

Lake Roosevelt HS AD Rich Black has kept me informed in relation to the possible realignment of the Central Washington 2B league that was reported in The Star last week. Relating to full disclosure on my part — my loyalties lie first with LRHS and second with our 2B compatriots. While I can sympathize with Omak's situation, the 2B league should not sacrifice one or more of its members just to help Omak. Rich and I have discussed the pros and cons of many of the issues related to the WIAA reclassification and the possibility of a "Northern" and "Southern" 2B league (with LRHS, Waterville and Soap Lake in the "Southern" league). I want you to be aware of my priorities (in order from most to least important):

1. Student and staff safety: As you are all aware, we put our students, drivers and coaches in harm's way every time we put them on a bus and send them off to a game. This is especially true in late season football/volleyball and basketball/wrestling. To look forward to putting our buses on the road to the Yakima Valley during these times of year is certainly placing our students, staff members and equipment at level of risk that other 2B schools in our region are not being subjected to;

2. Time out of school: Much like the above, the time required to travel to the "southern" schools requires our students (and our teacher-coaches) to miss an inordinate amount of class time when related to our "northern" neighbors. This loss of class time means our student athletes will need to do more makeup work to keep up with their non-athlete peers, receive less direct instruction, and have a greater burden

to maintain their academic eligibility. In addition, many of our teacher-coaches will need substitutes in their place resulting in a reduction of the quality learning for students who remain behind;

3. Maintenance of traditional rivalries: Our student athletes know each other (as you noted, through middle school and summer league competitions) and, when compared to many other areas of the state, maintain fairly healthy rivalries (as do many of our senior community members). We have no healthy rivalries with the "southern" 2B schools due to the distances they are away from us and the lack of "community" similar to what is felt in the Okanagan Valley;

4. Access to post season playoffs: (I know I am preaching to the expert choir on this as all of you have experienced this but I just have to list it for the record) This is just a math problem that has been solved in other leagues. Fractional representation can be done that distributes post-season opportunities fairly. Where frac-

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Superintendent
Grand Coulee Dam
School District**

tional representation exists, post season playoffs can be held that won't affect a large number of students and will minimize the loss of school time and safety risk; and finally,

5. Cost: obviously it will cost GCDSD more to transport our athletes and coaches as a member of a "southern" league. While our district does accept that cost is an unavoidable consequence of providing our student athletes and community with a quality extracurricular program, to needlessly inflate those costs when a more cost-effective approach is possible should be viewed as unrealistic (in light of everyone's fiscal issues).

Thank you for taking your time to consider my feelings on this issue. Please feel free to comment and "blast" me as appropriate as I know feelings can be very strong on issues of this type.

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More letters

Derided in letters, Graham is kind and helpful

I am so disappointed to see these letters accusing any administrators, doctors, nurses, or staff of hidden motives especially to say that we do not need Mr. Graham's kind in our town. I wonder if this writer has ever met Mr. Graham, or spent any time talking to him?

I have and it is Mr. Graham's help that has made it possible for my severely ill son to get some help. It is because of his comfort and his guidance that I have known where to go and what I could do to help him.

I have spent time profession-

ally and personally with Mr. Graham and some of the doctors in this town. I first came to this community and I was unable to get a doctor to see me. I turned to Mr. Graham and he took the time to help make the connections necessary to allow me to be seen. It took almost a year of calling the clinic myself with no movement until Mr. Graham got involved.

I've never had a follow up call from the doctor, but I have from Mr. Graham. I have had Mr. Graham call to find out if my son who was in the emergency room the night before was doing alright.

I want our hospital to succeed, with personal and family health problems I want doctors and nurses who are well trained and care about their patients.

I also know that a hospital is a business and must be administered. We cannot force doctors to come move here, as we all should well know. If a doctor is looking at an open position and sees backbiting and letters to the paper, they are likely to turn and run. I know I would.

Jennifer Manon

Malice in letters unwarranted

Each week, the Star Newspaper is hand delivered to my door — by our ever faithful deliverer, Felix Marcolin. Each week, I look forward to sitting down and reading it. But as of late, I almost cringe when I read the letters to the editor. With the recent tide of public sentiment, my letter is going to be one of the less popular ones, but nonetheless, needs expressed.

Before the meat of my subject matter, let me refer you to an old "Native American proverb" that goes something like this: "Grant that I might not judge my brother until I have walked two moons in

his moccasins." The hate letters directed toward hospital administrator Mr. Scott Graham appall me that we, as a community can be so insensitive!

If we have a difference of opinion or an idea that could be an improvement to the hospital or community, there are better ways to express them than what I have seen. The attitude I have seen expressed is, "Mr. Graham, go away and all our problems will be fixed." Even if he left, the negative attitudes would still remain and would continue to be destructive.

I know Mr. Graham on a dif-

ferent level, and this public sentiment is in stark contrast to the man I know. I do know that, in a position such as his, to be responsible, you sometimes need to make unpopular decisions.

Can we afford to let this attitude of hatred and malice govern our decisions regarding the future of our hospital and its staff or lack thereof? Is this the legacy we want to pass on to our children?

**A concerned citizen
Terrence J. Owen**

Birdwell recognition greatly deserved

Jerry Birdwell's Volunteer of the Year award was most greatly deserved! Knowing Jerry the way I do, I know it was a childhood dream realized! He always wanted to ride on a float in the Colorama

parade with people hurling water balloons at him while they yelled FOUR!

Randy Larson

Lessons learned standing in line

As I was standing in line at Safeway the other night, the young lady at the register was trying to buy a few things and apparently she did not have enough money. She was embarrassed and a look of worry covered her face. She was trying to get her husband/boyfriend's attention without causing too much of a scene. He was talking with a friend and was pretty much ignoring her needs.

I have been there. Not having enough to pay for what you got or, for whatever reason, your card decides it doesn't want to work. Embarrassment is an understatement. Normally I would not have a problem giving a stranger a couple dollars, I have done it before and strangers have helped me out, too, the same way. But on this occasion I only brought a pocket full of quarters with me to lighten the load.

Then the lady between us in line, a lady who had a small child with her, did something that truly blessed the lady who was short on cash. She asked the checker how short the other lady was and gave her cash to cover the shortage. The young mother did not make a big deal about it; she acted perfectly normal and as a matter of fact she kept a very unfazed look on her face and the lady receiving the help had a look of relief. She quickly thanked the lady and grabbed her husband/boyfriend and was gone.

There are a lot of lessons we can learn from this little encounter at the grocery store. We can look at the man's ignoring of his woman in need. Even if he had no means to help money wise, he needed to give some emotional support of some kind. There was definitely a disconnect in their communication. I wondered what life was like at home for this young couple. It made me want to be more aware of my wife's needs at all times. I need to be in tune with her and be ready to respond, to be the savior. And even if I don't have the answer or solution for her need, I must be there for her, all the time.

For example, (now pay attention fellas; I'm about to give you a gold nugget for your relationship) sometimes the simple chores at home can cause a stressful situation at home. I have learned that when my wife comes home there are little things that can make her home time a little less stressful and in

turn, mine too. We all know the saying, if mama's not happy, no one's happy. That is mostly true. So I have found a couple simple things that help alleviate stress and make for a more restful evening. OK, here it is: doing a couple little chores can make a huge difference. Dishes done, living room picked up and even dinner started can set her mind at ease and she, and in turn you, can have a little peace in your evening.

Another lesson we can take away from this is, be ready to help your community member when you can. The lady in front of me did not hesitate to help a person in need. A true lady helping her neighbor who was, maybe not in dire need, but definitely needing help. How easily we as a community ignore or fail to see people struggling right in front of us.

I have also heard this on more than one occasion: "I already give enough here or there, I don't need to give any more."

That attitude is a poor one. If we are going to succeed as a society, we need to be willing and wanting to help those who are right in front of us, practically begging for our help. Jim Moore at church recently used the word "Love." We must be wanting and willing to love someone needing help. So in all reality, someone in need is really someone seeking love. But these citizens will not always be standing on a rooftop with neon signs, screaming for assistance. We must be diligent as a society to seek out those hurting. When we are all willing to do this, Coulee will bloom into something we have never seen before and it will thrive. So kudos to the lady who helped, this time with a little cash.

There are other lessons in this little moment in Safeway but I will challenge you to look at it through your eyes. I also challenge you to seek out your own good deeds in the community and learn from them. Also, seek out those who need a little love.

Congratulations to Jerry Birdwell and thanks Taylor at Safeway, "You're a Rock Star!"

**Jess,
shut up!**

Jesse Utz



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The Harrells in the Sky Tower restaurant in Auckland, New Zealand. — submitted photo

Harrells visit Sky Tower

Damon Eric Harrell, son of Melvin Harrell Sr. of Grand Coulee, says he made local history by becoming the first person from the Grand Coulee Dam area to have set foot in both the Sky Tower in Auckland, New Zealand and the Space Needle in Seattle.

Harrell, 48, was in New Zealand with his wife,

Kymberly Harrell to visit Auckland after vacationing in Tahiti. The Harrells made their way to the 1,076-foot Sky Tower complex Jan. 11 to visit the observation deck before having dinner in the Sky Tower restaurant.

It's a boy for Smith/Stanford

Loch graduates from basic training

Fireman Nathaniel Gerald Loch graduated from Navy Basic Training at RTC Great Lakes, Ill., on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014.

He is currently at NNPTC in Goose Creek, S.C., for Nuclear "A" School, Machinist's Mate.

Nathan is the son of Rob and Becky Loch of Coulee Dam and is a 2010 graduate of Lake Roosevelt High School.



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First Baby of the New Year Makenzie May Picard



First Baby of the Year at CMC Makenzie May Picard with mom Meagan Bellamy with a collection of gifts donated by local businesses for the first newborn of the year.

**Born: Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014 • Weight: 5 lbs., 6 oz. • Length: 19 inches
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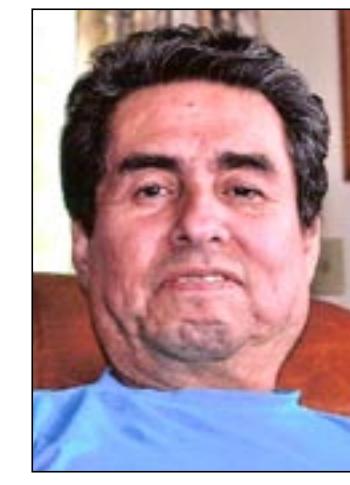
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Obituaries**Joseph S. "Steve" Sanchez**

Joseph S. "Steve" Sanchez, 68, passed away Sunday evening, January 12, 2014, from his Grand Coulee home surrounded by his loving family following a courageous battle with cancer.



Following graduation from high school and attending college, twenty-one-year-old Steve married Janet Bury in Spokane on June 18, 1966. From 1969 to 1996 Steve worked in Grand Coulee Dam Operations, retiring as a dispatcher.

Following retirement, he worked for the irrigation district in Coulee City for seven summers.

A member of St. Henry's Catholic Church of Grand Coulee, Washington, Steve enjoyed model planes, loved target shooting, spending time in the out-of-doors and riding motorcycles. Above all, Steve's greatest joy and love in life was spending time with his family, particularly at picnics and playing endless games of baseball in which he was always the last family member to leave the field.

Predeceased by both of his parents: Stephen J. and Josephine

Sanchez, Steve's legacy lives on through his beloved wife of 47 years Janet Sanchez; daughter Sherri Sarvis (Bill); sons: Richard Sanchez (Beth) and Michael Sanchez (Dawn); grandchildren: Jessica Maiers, Victoria Maiers, Sophia Sanchez, Megan Sarvis and Gavin Sarvis; sisters: Yvonne Liang and Gloria Robbins as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

At Steve's request, cremation has taken place with a celebration of his life to be held at Saint Henry's Catholic Church on February 8, at 11 a.m.

Steve's family requests any donations be made in Steve's memory to support research of "Familial Adenomatous Polyposis" through either the American Cancer Society at <https://donate.cancer.org/index> or the Mayo Clinic at <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC>.

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Coulee Cops

Compiled from police files

Grand Coulee Police

1/12 - A Burdin Boulevard woman reported that a neighbor had the trunk of his vehicle open and was putting plastic bags in it. She was told the police would add extra patrols to the area.

1/13 - A Grand Coulee man who had been banned from Safeway two weeks ago for threatening store employees came into the store, and staff called the police. He was gone by the time police arrived but an officer went to his home to talk with him. The officer asked him to come outside and talk and the report stated he replied, "uh, no thanks." When the man tried to close the door the officer got handcuffs on him, arrested him and took him to Grant County Jail.

- Police assisted Tribal police in Elmer City who were trying to arrest a combative inmate from the Tribal Corrections facility. Police had the man pinned to a bed and finally were able to get him to a patrol car. He had told the officers that he wasn't going back to jail, the report noted, and that if he did he would kill himself.

- Police delivered a no-contact court order to a man on Goodfellow.

Discover Pass

Continued from page 2

Overall, State Parks has seen a \$26 million shortfall since 2009.

In his 2014 proposed supplemental budget, Gov. Jay Inslee suggested a 2.3 percent overall increase to the Parks' budget, or \$2.9 million. But there's still a notable gap.

The significant decrease has put maintenance and operations of many parks at risk, Painter said. They have reduced staff and made a lot of positions seasonal instead of year-round.

"It's not sustainable, long term," she said.

The commission is looking for ways to increase revenue, such as increasing the number of places where someone can purchase a Discover Pass.

Motorists can now purchase a Discover Pass at the same time that they renew their tabs at the Department of Licensing (or online), and at pay stations in various parks where people can use credit and debit cards.

low Avenue in Electric City. He was told to read the order and abide by it.

- A Grand Coulee woman told police that her billfold was missing. She said that she had shopped at Safeway and the next morning when she looked for her billfold, it was missing. Safeway's lost and found said the billfold hadn't been turned in. She was told to let her credit card companies know of the loss.

1/14 - A resident in a Continental Heights apartment told police that a woman knocked on her door and called her names because someone was taking up two parking places. Police contacted the woman and told her to contact the apartment manager and quit harassing the tenant.

1/15 - A person on Mead Avenue reported that a woman repeatedly drove by their residence and shouted profanities, causing a scuffle to ensue. The resident plans to ask the court for an anti-harassment order.

A man living on "A" Street returned home after a long absence to find that his home had been broken into and all rooms left in disarray. Among items missing were stereo equipment, a couple of generators, fishing equipment, and an outboard motor.

1/16 - An Everett driver was stopped when an officer noticed that a passenger wasn't wearing a seatbelt. The driver couldn't produce registration or proof of insurance and was cited. The passenger from Elmer City was cited on the seatbelt incident.

1/17 - Safeway called police to report that a clerk had taken in a counterfeit \$1 bill. The bill is being held as evidence.

- Police checked on an animal-cruelty report of a dog left in a cage in the back of a pickup. Police found that the dog had blankets but its water source was frozen. When confronted, the owner of the dog said it was his truck dog and became belligerent when police said the water in the dog's pan was frozen. No action was taken.

1/18 - Frost on trees near Pole Park was causing limbs to drop down on power lines, causing an electrical arc. The Bureau of Reclamation was notified.

- Police noticed that a window of a business on Midway Avenue was broken. The owner of the business, who lives on the west side of the state, asked police to place a caution tape across the window and that he would call and have it fixed in the morning.

1/19 - A Hill Avenue man was struck by a beer bottle and suffered a cut below his eye. Police stated that the man thought he was struck by a man from Nespelem who had forced his way into the home. Police tried to get the man to go to the hospital and have it checked but he refused to do so.

- Police checked on a woman living in Continental Heights who had threatened to hang herself. Police checked on her and asked her to go to the hospital and be checked out. She agreed to do so and a mental health official was called.

Discover Passes can be purchased as an annual or daily pass. With all fees included, annual passes are \$35 and daily passes come out to \$11.50. They are required for all vehicles in all state parks. But they are not required for people entering the park on foot.

Also, Park Manager Tom Pew at Millersylvania State Park near Olympia stated that annual passes start from the date of purchase, not from January to December.

Some park users think that the \$30 fee is more than reasonable.

"I'd pay more if I had to," said Otto McElbain, a disabled veteran who has been homeless since last August. He camps in Washington state parks with his dog, "Big Boy" frequently. He has two passes, the Discover Pass and a five-year disability pass that gives him 50 percent off the camping fees.

Eighty-four percent of the revenue generated by Discover Pass sales goes to State Parks. The Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Natural Resources split the remaining 16 percent.

There are several pieces of proposed legislation this year that aim to make changes to the Discover Pass program.

Some bills include discounts and reduced pass prices for disabled veterans and people who buy other recreational permits. One bill would waive the fine for not having a Discover Pass visible on a vehicle if that person can show they had one at the time the citation was given.

Currently, the fine for not having a Discover Pass visible on a vehicle in a state park is \$99. Under current state law, a person who is cited but can prove within 15 days that they do have a current Discover Pass would pay a reduced fine of \$59.

Labeling of genetically modified food back

Rebecca Gourley WNPA Olympia News Service

OLYMPIA—The push to label genetically modified organisms – termed GMOs – is back on the table in Olympia.

But the focus is on genetically engineered, or transgenic, fish. A transgenic animal has had one animal's DNA spliced with another to create an animal with new characteristics.

House Bill 2143 proposes to ensure that consumers will know exactly what kind of fish they are purchasing at the supermarket – whether it's farm-raised, wild-caught or "genetically engineered."

Before a Jan. 17 hearing on the bill in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, bill sponsor Rep. Cary Condotta, R-East Wenatchee, said he plans to introduce two amendments that would more clearly define several terms in the proposed legislation.

Under the amendments, the bill's definition of genetically engineered would be changed to "transgenic" and it would target only fish raised in natural freshwater, such as lakes and streams, rather than enclosed tanks. The changes would address two concerns raised at the hearing by John Dentler of Troutlodge, the oldest aquaculture company in Washington.

Troutlodge, headquartered in Bonney Lake, Pierce County, produces triploid trout eggs. With three sets of chromosomes instead of two, the fish are sterile.

Dentler says the bill is vague in its definitions and it doesn't address the triploid fish. Dentler also said that the bill's definition of "state waters" is not defined well enough and may encompass fish research performed by the University of Washington and Washington State University.

Prior to the hearing, Condotta recognized these concerns and said they would be addressed in the coming amendments. However, the bill would still prohibit the production of transgenic fish in freshwater net pens.

One concern the bill aims to address is the risk of transgenic fish escaping into native-fish habitats. Condotta said he questions the sterility of the transgenic fish and doesn't want

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Washington's existing fish-farming industry also has concerns, Condotta said.

"People might reject farmed fish not knowing if they are buying GMO," he said.

However, at the hearing on Friday, Alan Cook of Icicle Seafoods said he was opposed to the bill, even though they have no plans to rear transgenic fish.

"It's already prohibited according to state regulations," he said. "This law is not required."

The production of transgenic fish is already banned in Washington's marine waters, said John Kerwin, fish health program manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Kerwin said that this bill would extend WAC 220-76-100 to include freshwater.

Sen. Maralyn Chase, D-Shoreline, has introduced an identical bill, Senate Bill 6184. She also testified at the hearing Friday.

"It's vital that we send the message to the federal government that we do not want this 'new animal drug' turned loose in our market," Chase said.

The FDA has classified genetically modified animals as a "new animal drug." Some in the industry say this categorization is its own problem.

"They [the FDA] doesn't have the framework for genetically engineered animals," said Trudy Bialic, spokesperson for PCC Natural Markets in Seattle. "This is a gross concern," she continued. "The criteria for the assessment is less strict than for food additives."

Bialic was also a strong supporter for Initiative 522, the GMO Initiative, but believes this more narrow approach will be a better fit for Washington.

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Diesel

Raider boys basketball at .500 for season

by John R. McNeil II

After a big win over Manson, the Raider boys dropped their win-loss record to 6-6 overall and 1-2 in Central Washington 2B play after losses to Kittitas and White Swan last week.

LR still sits at the number-two spot in the Central Washington North standings.

Against the Manson Trojans Jan. 14, Lake Roosevelt used fast-paced play along with an aggressive attack to build a halftime lead of 24 points.

The Trojans never came back, and in the end LR picked up a 66-35 win to start league play.

"We came in knowing it was league and each game was very important; I was very pleased with how we played and executed," Head Coach Matt Simpson said.

Simpson highlighted Taren Redstar for his excellent play. Redstar scored 11 points and nabbed eight steals. Theron Nault scored seven points and grabbed six steals. Chance Gravin was the high-point man with 13 on the night.

Next for the Raiders were the league-leading Coyotes at Kittitas on Friday. The game was exciting with neither team pulling out to a safe lead. The game came down to the wire with the Raiders falling just short to give the win to Kittitas, 54-53.

The loss ended a four-game win streak for the Raiders.

The Raiders turned around the next day and played the White Swan Cougars in a game rescheduled from Jan. 7.

The Raiders fell behind in the first quarter and never regained the lead. White Swan hit shots and made fast breaks on Raider mistakes. As the game went, LR showed fatigue from the previous night's game and made simple mistakes on both offense and defense. At halftime, the score was White Swan 35- LR 23.

In the second half, the Raiders tried to come back. Raider fouls helped the Cougars keep the lead. In the fourth, the Raiders cut the lead to nine and looked to make the last-second comeback to win.

But miscues on the floor, and the Cougars making their free throws, ended the comeback for a White Swan victory at 58-50.

This week the Raiders will face off against the Mountain Lions of Liberty Bell and the Oroville Hornets. Liberty Bell is the CWL North leader at 8-5 overall, 2-2 in league play. LR travelled to Liberty Bell last night for the game. They'll take on Oroville (2-10) for Friday's home game. Tip off Friday at Gailord Nelson Gym is at 7:30 p.m.

vs Manson

Black 3, K.Davis 7, W. Davis 0, Garvin 13, Nault 7, Nicholson 8, Palmer 2, Picard 9, Redstar 11, Rosenbaum 4, Louie 3



Taren Redstar brings it up against White Swan Saturday. — Scott Hunter photo



Riley Epperson gets the ball down court in the White Swan game. — Scott Hunter photo

Lady Raiders win two

by John McNeil II

The Lady Raiders beat Manson and Kittitas last week, before losing to White Swan Saturday at home.

With the two wins, the Lake Roosevelt team improved their overall win-loss record to 4-7, and to 2-1 in Central Washington 2B play.

The Lady Raiders hosted the Manson Trojans Jan. 14, for their league opener. LR suffered a setback early as Keya FastHorse left the game with an injury within a minute of the game starting.

"When Keya got injured, it was like when Katelynn (Schilling) went down and the girls look around saying 'who do we turn to?'" Head Coach Wallace Pleasants said. "Lachelle Bearcub, Alana (Epperson), and Riley (Epperson) stepped up to lead the team and finish the game."

The Lady Raiders came away with a 45-40 win over the Trojans.

"It was an excellent win for team leadership," Pleasants said.

Next, the Lady Raiders travelled to Kittitas Jan. 17 to take on

the Coyotes.

Coach Pleasants liked how the three leaders continued to play hard and not back down from their leadership roles.

Bearcub posted another double-double at Kittitas, scoring 25 points and grabbing 16 rebounds. Riley Epperson scored eight points and sister Alana racked up 14.

Pleasants said he saw great passing from freshmen Marque Wilson and Mystic Dick and noticed them becoming comfortable with the systems and their roles on the team. The Lady Raiders defeated the Coyotes 52-42.

On a two-game win streak, the Lady Raiders came back home Saturday to take on league favorite White Swan in a rescheduled matchup.

The Lady Raiders fell behind early as the Cougars opened the game with a 12-0 run. LR answered back with a 9-0 run of their own to close the gap to three points.

That would be the closest the Lady Raiders would come to the Cougars, who dominated the rest of the game and defeated LR 70-35.

"We played a decent game against them, but we showed our fatigue from playing a tough physical game last night against Kittitas," Pleasants said. "We did stay composed and did not allow the game to get worse."

Last night the Lady Raiders travelled to Liberty Bell to take on the struggling Mountain Lions, who have won only two games this season, with many losses by 25 or more points. Now LR is preparing for Friday's game against the CWL 2B North-leading Oroville Hornets, for whom coach Pleasants has a great deal of respect and for whom last season's points and rebound leader is still playing post. The Hornets come into Friday's game 7-5 and 3-0. Tip off is at 6 p.m. at Gailord Nelson Gym.

vs Manson

Adolph 0, Bearcub 20, Dick 0, A. Epperson 7, R. Epperson 14, FastHorse 0, Moon 2, Picard 2, Wilson 0

vs White Swan

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Wrestlers have three good outings

by John R. McNeil II

Raider wrestling had a rare three-contest week, travelling to the eventual 145-pound second-place wrestler.

Horn came home from Royal City as the 152-pound champion.

Looking back on the week as a whole, Hood said it was three good outings that were followed by great practices, which makes the team on the whole better equipped for the post season.

The second match of the week was at Okanogan Jan. 16. James Monaghan, Coltin Williams, Jesse Louie, Kodie Horn, and Octavio Alejandre posted wins over Bulldogs.

Alejandre was pleased with his win and said he looked to build off it for the post season.

Horn's opponent is the 160 pounder for the Bulldogs, Horn defeated him in a 5-1 decision.

At the Royal Rumble, LR faced stiff competition from Basin schools. The eight wrestlers who made the trip were not frazzled by the big schools as six took home ribbons.

Coaches Steve Hood and Lee Largent agreed that Jesse Louie wrestled his best match of the season thus far in his loss to the

nament earlier in the week was cancelled.

vs Okanogan

126 James Monaghan def. Menchaca 12-2

126 Zach Erickson lost to Prescott pin 1:01; loss to Menchaca pin 1:11

126 Coltin Williams def. Super 10-2, def. Prescott 6-4

132 Oscar Pakootas lost to Moses 8-4

138 Gabe Moses lost to Hamilton, pin 3:25; lost to Moses, pin 1:38

145 Jesse Louie lost to Eastridge 9-4; def. Weitman, pin 1:27

145 Dwight Belgarde lost to Weigel 7-2; loss to Hamilton, pin 1:24

152 Kodie Horn def. Ranck 5-1

182 Teddy Sharr lost to Warren, pin 1:27; lost to Mintzer, DQ

285 Octavio Alejandre def. Acord, pin 3:35

at Royal Rumble

120 James Monaghan 4th

126 Coltin Williams 2nd

126 Zach Erickson DNP

132 Oscar Pakootas 2nd

138 Gabe Moses 3rd

138 Dwight Belgarde DNP

145 Jesse Louie 3rd

152 Kodie Horn Champion

Farmers can nominate Students on EWU list

Several local undergraduate students made the 2013 fall quarter Dean's List at Eastern Washington University by earning at least 12 quality hours with a GPA of 3.5 or better.

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(Publish January 15 and 22, 2014)

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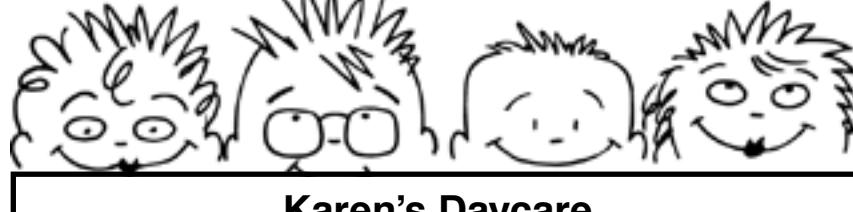


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Notice of Change of Date for the Next Regular Meeting of the Grand Coulee Dam School District Board of Directors

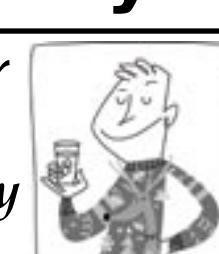
Please be informed that The Board of Directors of the Grand Coulee Dam School District has changed the date of its January Regular Meeting from January 27, 2014, to January 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., in the school district office at 110 Stevens Avenue, Coulee Dam.

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(Publish January 22, 2014)

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by Linda Thistle

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