



## Folding in memory

Boy Scouts of Troop 24 perform a ceremonial folding of the flag at the annual Isle of Flags Memorial Day Ceremony at Spring Canyon Cemetery Monday as Sara Zlateff, sergeant first class, retired, explains the meaning of each of the 13 folds. A dozen new flags were dedicated in memory of service members this year, making a total of more than 600 flags flying for the annual remembrance. — Scott Hunter photo

## Big tent circus coming to town

by Jacob Wagner

The circus is coming to town, and no, not your in-laws. An actual circus! The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, to be exact. Complete with lions, tigers, a huge tent, and a variety of other entertainment.

The circus will take place at North Dam Park on Thursday, June 8, with two 90-minute shows starting at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The circus has been featured on National Geographic's Explorer television series, Entertainment Tonight, the A&E special "Under the Big Top," and in "On the Road with Circus Kids," a Nickelodeon special.

A press release from Culpepper & Merriweather said that additional acts will include

trapeze, prancing ponies, unicycles, a female contortionist, and tightrope walkers. Original music, a giant tent, elaborate costumes, and original music complete the experience.

Between 9:30 and 10 a.m. the curious are welcome to watch the raising of the big tent and receive a free tour, offering the opportunity to learn all about the circus, including topics such as the hygiene, grooming, and veterinary care of all the animals.

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce was approached in December by Culpepper & Merriweather about hosting the circus while they were in the surrounding area. The chamber said yes, agreeing to provide running water, a dumpster, and to dispose of the animal waste. A check for \$290 from the

Chamber may be refunded if there are enough ticket sales to cover all the expenses.

The event marks the first time a full-fledged circus has been in the area since the last millennium.

Tickets are available for purchase at Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union, H&H Grocery, Coulee Hardware, The Star newspaper, Loepp's Furniture, the Nespelem Trading Post, the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce, Coulee Medical Center, and the Grand Coulee Dam Senior Center. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$7 for seniors and children ages 2-12. Children under two get in free. On show day, tickets will be \$13 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children.

## New orchard owners to reopen fruit stand and more

by Roger S. Lucas

The new owners of the former Shaw's Fruit and Produce in Delano, Dave and Alma Draper, plan a Grand Opening June 1.

The name of the business will be Alma and Dave's Fruit and Produce.

The couple bought the property from long-time owner and operator Roy Hamilton earlier this year.

And kids, the Drapers wanted you to know that the "Pumpkin Patch" will return. The space is all ready to be planted.

Plans for the future call for the addition of an espresso stand layout with pastries, sandwiches and soups inside the fruit stand.

Dave has a demolition business in the Seattle area and plans to retain that. He specializes in razing houses and small projects.

Alma works at SeaTac Airport, in an espresso stand. The two live in the city of SeaTac.

The Drapers purchased the full 63.25-acre site, with 15 of the acres devoted to the orchard and the remaining acres, minus the fruit stand site, in undeveloped land.

Dave Draper said that eventually



Dave and Alma Draper are the new owners at Shaw's Fruit and Produce. Here they are in front of one of the more popular features of the business — the "pumpkin patch." The couple plan to raise pumpkins again near the fruit stand. In fact, the Drapers have seeded pumpkins in two places on the 63-acre orchard and fruit stand complex. — Roger S. Lucas photo

would like to allow a few houses to be built on two-acre parcels down by the river.

He said the couple would like to enclose part of the outdoor porch to create extra seating space for people.

"We may try to keep the fruit stand open longer in the win-

ter with the changes we plan to make," Dave stated.

The orchard is made up of three acres of cherries, four acres of peaches and eight acres of apples.

"I plan someday to put in about 10 acres of grapes," Dave stated.

The purchase of the Shaw

property was somewhat accidental, the two said.

They were in the area last fall looking at a 300-acre piece of property. When they left, they drove by the Shaw property.

"Well, we didn't get by it," Dave said. "We were traveling with a

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## Coulee Dam must hold primary election in August

by Roger S. Lucas

Only one office in the coulee area will require a primary runoff to see who makes it to the general election Nov. 7.

Three people have filed for Position 3 on the Coulee Dam Town Council, requiring the runoff election. In all other races, candidates will automatically move to the general election Nov. 7.

Bruce Bartoo, Timothy Brooks and Marcia Warnecke each filed for the same council seat in Coulee Dam last Friday, which will bring on a primary election to select the top two on Aug. 1.

Others who have filed for Coulee Dam council are David Schmidt and Fred Netzel for position 1; and Bob Poch, former councilman, for position 2.

Gayle Swagerty, who is currently on the council, is vacating her seat to run for mayor against Larry Price.

In Hospital District 6, two veteran commissioners, Jerry Kennedy and Geary Oliver, have both refiled for six-year terms, unopposed.

In Elmer City, Gail Morin has filed to return for another four years as mayor.

In council races, Joaquin Marchand has re-filed for position 1; Clara Carson has filed to continue in position 3. No one has filed for the seat now held by Larry Holford.

There are no challengers for the four Nespelem School board positions. Anna M. Vargas has filed for Position 1; Jolene Marchand has filed for Position 3; Mitzi Adolph has filed for Position 4;

and Nancy Armstrong-Montes has filed for position 5. All are for four years.

In Grand Coulee Dam School District races, two of the four seats are being challenged.

In director District 1, incumbent Carla Marconi will be challenged by Tammy James-Pino; Ken Stanger has filed to return to District 2; George LaPlace has filed to return to the District 3 seat; and Kelly Steffens is challenging incumbent Richard Black for the District 5 seat. LaPlace is running for the two-year slot, all others are for four years.

Leonard Sanders III has filed for the six-year term for the seat now held by Jerry Sands on the Grant County Port District 7. Sands stated he didn't plan to seek re-election.

In Electric City, Aaron Derr has re-filed for a four-year term on the city council; and the seat held by Jeremy Miller will become vacant at the end of the year. Even though Miller didn't file, he will hold the office to fill out his term.

Gary Rosco has filed to return for a six-year term on Grand County Fire District 14.

For Grand Coulee City Council, three incumbents have refiled: Tammara Byers for Position 1; Tom Poplawski, Position 2; and Mike Horne for Position 4. All are four-year terms.

In the Coulee Area Park & Recreation District, no one filed for the four positions open. District President Bob Valen said Grant County election officials told him there would be a special filing period set up for June 19-21 in that county.

## Nordine to manage food bank

by Roger S. Lucas

There will be a new Care and Share Food Bank manager July 1.

Carol Nordine, former Electric City city council member, will take over food bank duties from Fern Blaylock.

Blaylock, now 81, has a hard time remembering when she started at the food bank, since it has become such a big part of her life. But she is off on another of her favorite things, helping kids at Grand Coulee Dam District schools.

"Fern was a fixture when I came to this position 20 years ago," said Teny Archer, who supervises the program from Moses Lake. "We are going to miss her and I am sorry to see her go."

The Care and Share Food Bank will be getting another manager whose interests and background are rooted in helping others.

Nordine served on the Electric City council back in 2015, where she filled out an unexpired term. Her son, John Nordine II, is mayor of the city.

The new manager was born in Tonasket and grew up in Curlew.

"I remember at home when people came to our house we put some extra chairs out and plates on the table and fed them," Nordine stated. "Ever since then I have enjoyed feeding people."

Boy, did she find the right thing to do, feeding people.

The Care and Share Food Bank is open on Fridays, and served 609 individuals in 303 families in March.



Electric City resident Carol Nordine will take over her duties as the new manager of the Care and Share Food Bank on July 1. She replaces longtime manager Fern Blaylock who is retiring after a long career there. — Roger S. Lucas photo

Carol and her husband were involved in foster care for 20 years, and she also was involved in the Omak School District for 19 years.

The couple also spent nine months as volunteers at the Omak Food Bank, before moving to Electric City.

"I like to meet people, and feed them, and this is what attracted me to the food bank," Carol stated.

"We always had a huge garden and being involved in food was natural for me," she added.

Nordine stated she hopes to find ways to simplify the process at the food bank.



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# Cain hopes to add local fireworks

by Jacob Wagner

If you hear a loud explosion, hopefully it's just local man Alan Cain, who recently received his Pyrotechnics Display Operator License allowing him to use display-type fireworks that normal civilians can't get their hands on (lest they lose some fingers).

To get the license, Cain had to prove he had experience in at least six fireworks shows. Cain said he has experience with about 27, including baseball stadiums, events in Spokane, and other areas. Also needed to get the license are four references, acceptance by the Washington State Patrol, and passing a test, all of which Cain says he did.

Cain came to love explosions as a child, he said, starting with a chemistry set. "I was, unfortunately, entirely too successful," Cain joked.

"I went into the army, became a medic, and worked all sorts of places, including burn wards... so you gain some respect for what things like explosives can do," Cain said.

Cain later helped to sponsor a movie called "Passfire," about fireworks around the world. A passfire is a fuse which passes the flame ignition from one fuel chamber to the next in a display-

type firework.

Now that he's licensed, Cain would like to do shows for the sheer thrill of it, including local festivals. He is aiming to put on a show the Saturday before Father's Day at North Dam Park during Koulee Kids Fest.

In order to put on the show, Cain needs permission from the city of Grand Coulee, the fire department, Coulee Area Park and Recreation District, and the Bureau of Reclamation, all of which would be concerned with the security and safety of the event to "make sure the universe doesn't burn down," as Cain put it.

"It should certainly be spectacular," Cain said. He is still waiting on approval from the park district and the Bureau, but feels optimistic about getting all the permits in time. Park district commissioners meet next Monday.

Cain is a member of the Northwest Pyrotechnics Association, which has about 130 members who would help put on the event and provide the fireworks. "We don't do commercial shows; we do shows for fun," Cain said.

Cain's favorite fireworks? "I'm into the colors more than the loud ones. ... I like sparkly ones — the willows, the things that break into the orange tendrils."

# Electric City to review employee benefits

by Roger S. Lucas

Electric City council plans to review, again, benefits for its employees at its June 13 meeting.

The council is looking at providing 11 paid holidays and several other benefits when they pass the final employee package at the next council meeting.

The 11 holidays are: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King's birthday (third Monday of January); Presidents' Day (third Monday of February); Memorial Day (last Monday of May); Independence Day (fourth day of July); Labor Day (first Monday of September); Veterans Day (11th of November); Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November); day after Thanksgiving; Christmas Day (25th of December); and a floating holiday (day of choice).

The council also included that employees could take two days off per year without pay for "reasons of faith or conscience."

Employees' benefit package

also allows for vacation pay under the following schedule: One year employment, 3.34 hours per month; 2-4 years, 6.67 hours per month; and after five years, 13.34 hours a month.

The package also allows employees to accrue eight hours of sick leave per month, up to 480 hours. Anything over that will be forfeited.

The city has also addressed the need to provide time off for volunteer emergency services with pay unless pay is provided by the governing service.

Bereavement leave is for a total of three days with pay for the death of a member of one's immediate family.

Maternity leave will be granted by the city for the actual necessary time away from the job, requiring a doctor's letter explaining the need.

The council marked the benefit package items for approval in June.

# Drapers

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fifth-wheel trailer attached, and when I saw the property was for sale I swerved into the driveway."

The rest is history. It was the Draper's hope to find a place where they could do a little farming.

The two had been in the area, camping at Sun Lakes State Park at an earlier date, so had an inkling of what the area was like.

The Drapers hope to build a home on the property, overlooking

the Columbia River.

And don't forget their dog — Ro Ro, who will likely greet visitors to the fruit stand.

The June 1 opening is a work in progress, both acknowledge. But they will be as ready as possible, Alma pointed out.

Neither has orchard experience. "That's why we hired Roy Hamilton to stay with us the first year," Dave said.



# Raising the roof

The DWK Fowler construction crew hoists up the roof on the new mosquito district building Friday. The building, seen alongside SR-155 near the south end of town, will be used to house equipment. — Gwen Hilson photo

# Fish pen project gets grant

by Roger S. Lucas

POWER, the organization that manages the fish pens in Electric City, was advised last week that it has received an \$8,275 grant.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife stated in a letter to Carl Russell, longtime POWER (Promoters of Wildlife and Environmental Resources) member, that the local grant request ranked

high enough to receive the grant, despite cuts in funding.

The "Banks Lake Rainbow Trout Net Pen Project" was one of 91 groups seeking funding for various wildlife projects in the state.

The local fish pen operation receives about 150,000 rainbow trout twice a year and raises them from fingerlings to about

10 inches in size for release into Banks Lake.

Fish and Wildlife will award \$1.36 million this year in grants, compared to \$1.85 million a year ago.

Despite the cuts, the fish pen grant ranked high enough, according to Josh Nicholas, program specialist for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, for the grant which begins July 1.

# Correction

Kelly Steffens is running for Grand Coulee Dam School District board of directors in District 5 against incumbent Richard Black. The Star used an incorrect first name in a story last week.

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# OPINION

## Not on our soil

The Turkish government is obviously familiar with the concept of “chutzpah,” if not necessarily the word.

Ankara summoned the American ambassador to protest allegedly “aggressive and unprofessional actions” by the Washington, D.C., police. Their offense? Intervening after Turkish security personnel mauled peaceful protesters outside the Turkish ambassador’s residence in Washington.

Video of the incident is jaw-dropping. About a dozen people protested Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan -- arriving at the ambassador’s residence after a White House visit -- from across the street, separated by police from Erdogan’s forces. Then guards suddenly rushed en masse past the D.C. cops to beat up the demonstrators.

Press accounts can obscure the truth of what happened. The two sides didn’t really “clash” or “engage in a violent confrontation,” as is often reported. There was an overwhelming aggressor — the thug-like security personnel of the head of state of, amazingly enough, a NATO country.

Dressed in black suits, the guards repeatedly kick in the face a man who had been thrown to the ground. They put a woman in a headlock. Clearly, assaulting innocent people is a core competency.

This incident, which injured 11, is not the most consequential event in the world. It’s not the Syrian war, or a North Korean missile test. We have large national interests at stake with Turkey, especially in navigating the complex currents in the Syrian civil war. But it’s not nothing, either. It deserves more than State Department statements of “concern.”

Especially given the context. The guards didn’t lash out on their own. They charged under the watchful eye of President Erdogan, who emerged

from a black Mercedes-Benz to observe the assault. Some media reports contend that Erdogan himself may have given the order for the attack.

This is a second offense for the Turks. A year ago, they beat up protesters and disfavored journalists outside an Erdogan talk at the Brookings Institution in Washington. “Never seen anything like this,” one reporter wrote. If you hang around President Erdogan long enough, though, you’ll see it all.

Erdogan is a thug who has bullied, cheated and purged his way to the head of a budding authoritarian state, accumulating powers unparalleled since Ataturk. It speaks to the nature of his regime that Turkish officials insist the guards acted in “self-defense.”

The Trump administration is obviously not putting an emphasis on promoting our values abroad, but it’s another thing to shrug off an assault on the rights of protesters on our own soil. Not only did the Turks carry out this attack, they are thumbing their noses at us by summoning our ambassador over it.

The Turkish goons who punched and kicked people should be identified and charged with crimes. They are beyond our reach, either because they are back in Turkey or have diplomatic immunity. But we should ask for them to be returned and for their immunity to be waived. When these requests are inevitably refused, the Turkish ambassador to the U.S. (heard saying during the incident, “You cannot touch us”) should be expelled.

Erdogan is crushing his opponents with impunity in Turkey. Reacting firmly to this attack at least will send the message, “Not in our house.”

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**The Rich Lowry Column**

by Rich Lowry



The Nanny

## Peacocks gone with the wind

Thirty-plus years just does not feel like enough time. The Peacocks are about to pull up roots and travel the nation on a permanent road trip. We have gotten used to the snow bird effect, but this time it will be for much longer. Barry and Viv are spreading their wings and are going to soar.

Barry has been helping people for years. With the city, with the church and with friends, he is a man’s man. He has helped many a person over the years and has been a staple to the area. He has helped Karrie and me many times, and we consider him a type of father to us. Words of wisdom, a strong back and helping in any way he can. That is Barry in his quiet almost Old West-type attitude.

Then there is Viv, the beautiful one (no offense Barry). She has the most giving heart, and love bubbles out of her. She is also a helper, a giver and a spiritual warrior. If someone needs prayer, she is right there. Words of wisdom and legacy always flowing from her mind and heart. She is a daughter of the King in the truest sense of the phrase.

Together, they are the Peacocks. A strong and mighty couple in the kingdom of God. A marriage to be looked upon as a model. A partnership to be admired by the younger generation as a blueprint to walk in. Are they perfect? No. They would be the first to tell you that, but they know where to find the answers and they would share that with you too.

For years, we have lived among them, traveled

beside them, and maybe we never noticed as much as we should have. A great couple with a great attitude toward life, living by the book and their fellow man being loved on. Allowing us all a glimpse into how things should be walked out was something we maybe took for granted. But they are not done. Just taking the Peacock love tour on the road.

If you have not figured it out by now, Barry and Viv are special to my wife and me. We will miss them as they jump in their RV and head out to a national park somewhere with the three canines that are lucky enough to call them their humans. We will carry a piece of them with us always. It could be a CD, a hand carved sign or a peacock feather, but we will remember and wish them well on their journeys. God will be there wherever they park their four-wheeled home, and his work will be done through them. We will catch up to them somewhere along their trail. Who knows — they may come visit the

Coulee again sometime. So, if you see Viv or Barry over the next few weeks, wish them well. Coulee Country is about to watch two Peacocks spread their wings like eagles and soar. It won’t be the same around here without your lighthouse shining in our towns. But the people you meet on your journey will feel that same blessing with which you blessed all of us. Thank you for being a part of our lives. We will forever be changed by the encounter with God we had through you.

**Jess, shut up!**

Jesse Utz



## Texas flush with transportation cash

In the last decade, there has been a highway construction boom in Texas. On the other hand, lawmakers in Olympia still scramble to fund road maintenance.

Texas, a state with a population of 27 million, is flush with cash thanks partly to a 10-year voter approved initiative which will pump \$2 billion a year into highways. Then recently, that state’s legislature added \$9 billion to further help relieve traffic congestion.

“What’s Texas doing that we aren’t?” The answer is private-public partnerships.

Since 2011, the state’s transportation department (TxDOT) has been allowed to enter into agreements with the private sector to build and operate new tollways. The billions needed upfront comes from investors, not taxpayers.

There are 16 joint ventures underway where TxDOT works with companies to build, maintain and operate high tech highways. There are no toll booths. Cars, trucks and buses’ license plates are scanned and drivers receive a monthly bill. Companies recoup their costs by collecting the tolls.

Time is money. The Houston Chronicle reports that 170,000 vehicles travel on Interstate 69 through Houston each day. “The resulting gridlock translates to more than 21 million lost hours just in that area.”

TxDOT is pushing contractors to complete another four-lane tollway in the Houston metropolitan area. It is being built under a 52-year contract worth an estimated \$2.1 billion.

There are some risks with these agreements.

In the Austin area, SH130 has a 41-mile section designed for an 85-mph speed limit which allows drivers to avoid the congestion between San Antonio and the state capitol. However, since its opening in October 2012, too many drivers chose to avoid the tolls. Consequently, the SH130 Concession Company, an independent company formed by Cintra and Zachry American Infrastructure, filed for bankruptcy last year and the company is working through chapter 11 protection.

Making SH130 work is important to Cintra,

which in 2005 landed a contract to be a strategic partner with the state to design and plan the Trans-Texas Corridor (Laredo to Texarkana), the largest toll road development in our nation.

The agreements have their legislative critics, who are concerned by the depth of private sector involvement. Some balk because the negotiations are between TxDOT and private companies and basically cut lawmakers out. Others just recoil at tolling.

However, Texans are more willing to take risks when it comes to partnering if they have good roads and avoid congestion. That partly explains the state’s growth in jobs and economic output.

Texas, which traditionally relied on energy, survived the recent plunge in crude oil prices and is rapidly diversifying its economy. It is growing faster than the national average.

According to the Perryman Group, an economic research and analysis firm based in Waco, expansion in Texas is projected to outpace the nation over the next five years. Real gross product is forecast at a four-percent annual rate of expansion. An estimated 1.4 million net new jobs are projected for the Texas economy by 2021.

Perryman forecasts that all major industry groups are projected to expand through 2021, with the services, mining, and wholesale and retail trade segments likely to experience the largest growth in annual real gross product.

Texas leaders are investing in infrastructure as they prepare for a population to double by 2050. Alleviating congestion is critical to Texas’ future success.

Finally, it is important to remember that Texas and Washington are both leading manufacturers and exporters. Efficient and reliable road systems are critical for international trade.

Our states-elected officials need to look to Texas. Who knows; allowing private tollways may work here as well.

**Guest Column**

by Don C. Brunell



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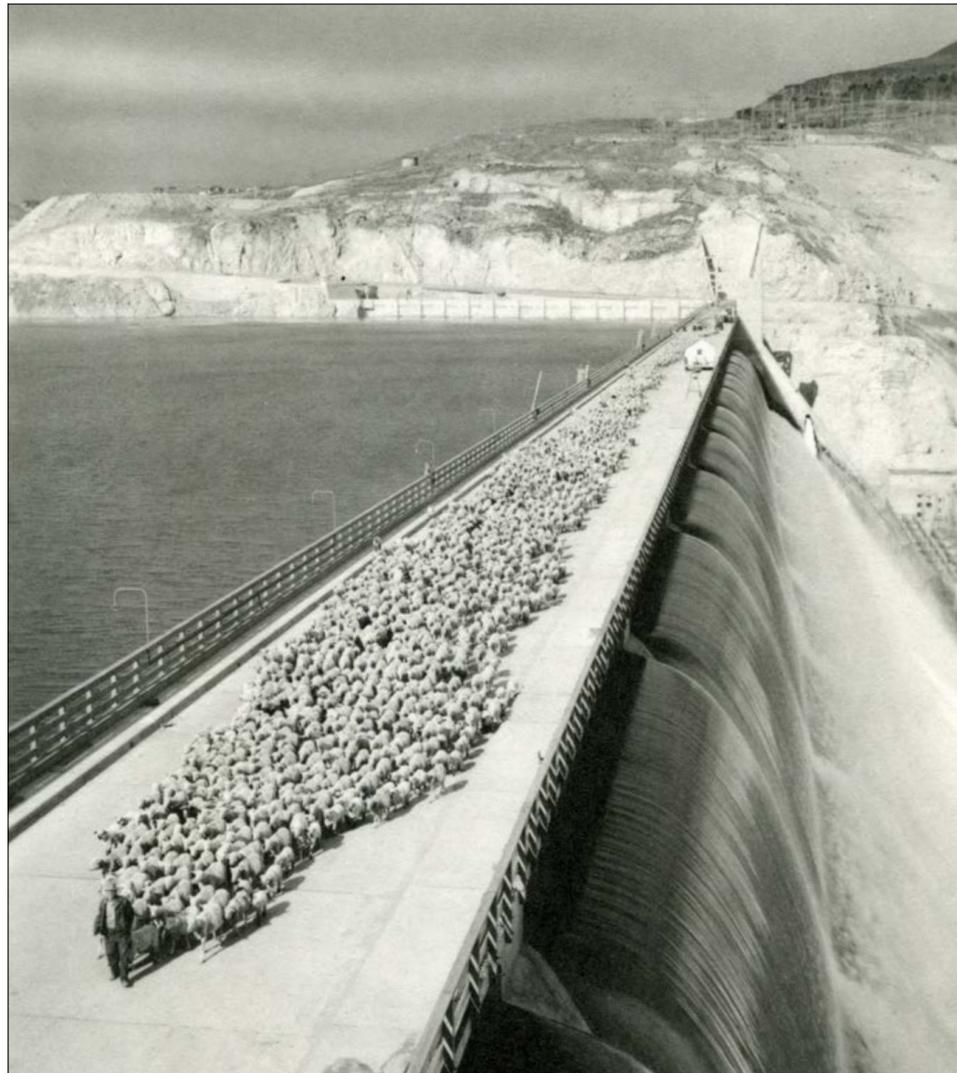
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## Seventy-two years ago

The sheep of Joe Hodgin travel from winter quarters at Adrian, Washington, to their summer range in the Colville National Forest. — May 9, 1945 photo

## Obituaries

### Samuel Salvador Rey

Former Elmer City, Washington, resident Samuel Salvador Rey, 91, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 28, 2017, at his home in Boise, Idaho.

Sam was born on December 10, 1926, in Wyoming to Serafin and Belinda (Belle) Cruz Rey.

In 1945, he married Gladys Leone Parry in California. From this union, they were blessed with six children: Terry (Connie), Dale (Becky), Trudy, Michael (Janet), Greg (Judith) and Doug (Jane).

In 1990, he married Margaret Schmidt in Kelowna, British Columbia. They made their home in Elmer City, before moving to Boise in 2010.

Sam is survived by his six children, 24 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren; his sister, Sherry of Eden, Idaho; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by four stepsons: Terry Hynes, Rick Hynes, Dale Hynes, Gordon Hynes and their families.

Sam worked 35 years in federal services, retiring on December 11, 1981. He began his federal service on the Boysen Dam in Wyoming in 1946 as a personnel clerk. In 1961, he became the administrative officer for Yellowtail Dam near Hardin, Montana, his first experience on a big dam. In 1967, he came to the Grand Cou-

lee Dam Project as the first employee on the construction of the Third Powerhouse. In June 1976, when the Teton Dam in Idaho collapsed, Sam was detailed to form the organization needed in the dire emergency. Upon his retirement, Sam said of his federal service, "I'm just a guy who's worked his way up. I've not had a distinguished career. But I feel very satisfied."

In his earlier years, Sam was an avid hunter, fisherman and bowler, but later in life he gave up these activities and settled in his workshop, where he became an expert woodworker, building furniture for his family and friends.

Sam was predeceased by his first wife, Leone, in 1985; his second wife, Margaret, in 2015; as well as his parents, Rey and Belle, his brothers Finnie (Frank) and Joseph, and sister Rose.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at the LDS Church in Coulee Dam, Washington. Burial will take place at Spring Canyon Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa, Idaho, and Strate Funeral Home in Grand Coulee, Washington.

The family asks, that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.



## Steep work

Workers remove shingles from the Coulee Dam Community Church May 17 in preparation for re-roofing the 11,000-square-foot building. The total project will likely end up costing from \$105,000 to \$110,000 said Coulee Dam/Almira Community Church Trustees Chairman Mel Stone. The facility was given to the church by the Presbyterian Church last year, and the gift included \$69,000 that

had been saved up for the big roof job, Stone said. He said about 55-70 people attend on Sundays, and the church has upgraded the fellowship hall with media technology for presentations. — Scott Hunter photo

## Meetings & Notices

### CHAMBER THIS WEEK

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon, this Thursday, June 1, at the Eagles Lodge, Grand Coulee.

Upcoming summer plans are on the agenda.

### TITLE VI/JOM PARENT ADVISORY MEET SET

Title VI/JOM Parent advisory group will be meeting Tuesday, June 6, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Lake Roosevelt Junior/Senior High, room C212. A light meal will be provided. Discussion of the 2017-2018 Title VI Grant Application is planned. Participation is welcome!

### WENATCHEE VALLEY ERRATICS CHAPTER OF THE ICE AGE FLOODS INSTITUTE TO MEET

Wenatchee Valley Erratics Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, at the Wenatchee Valley Museum, 127 South Mission, Wenatchee. "Spokane Valley's 16,000 year old Glacial Lake Missoula outburst flood," 16,000 years ago a single megaflood deposit filled the upper reaches of glacial Lake Columbia to a depth of 1300 feet, extending from Rathdrum Prairie southwest to Fort Spokane. As glacial Lake Columbia filled with flood sediments, rising water levels breached the southern shoreline of glacial Lake Columbia, surging into the Channeled Scabland tracts. What is the implication of this megaflood in relation to subsequent Missoula floods that occurred between 16,000 and 13,000 years ago? Speaker, retired geologist Mike McCollum, will discuss these radical ideas, developed with his EWU geologist wife, Linda. The program is free and open to the public.

### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A caregivers support group meets Mondays at 3:30 p.m. in the Art Room above the Senior Center. For more information contact Betty Brueske at 631-2201.

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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. New Hope Group meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Vets Center. These are open and non-smoking.

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Darin Whiteman Jr. of Lake Roosevelt High School putts at the 2B Boys Golf State Championships at Horn Rapids Golf Course in Richland May 23 in near 100-degree temperatures. — Shane Moses, Tribal Tribune photo

## Darin Whiteman competes at state golf

by Jacob Wagner

Raider Darin Whiteman traveled to Richland, Washington, last week to compete in the 1B/2B boys' state tournament.

"Darin battled hard under perhaps the toughest conditions imaginable for a state tournament," his coach, Steve Files, said. At Horn Rapids Golf Course, the competitors

faced temperatures in the 90s and winds of 15-20 miles an hour.

"It ended up being a grueling seven-hour endurance test," Files said. "Darin got into trouble on two or three holes with a couple wayward shots, but otherwise played well, even hitting his tee shot on the long par-three sixth hole to four feet and making birdie."

Whiteman finished the course, after sunset

due to a 45-minute delay, with a score of 94, seven strokes shy of the 87 cutoff to qualify for the next round.

"Darin displayed some tremendous shot-making ability and power at times during the round and clearly has the talent and desire to be even more competitive next year," Files added.



A boater prepares to pull out of the lake at Spring Canyon's boat launch Tuesday, where the National Park Service operates the deepest launch on Lake Roosevelt. — Jacob Wagner photo

## Lk. Roosevelt level rising with runoff

by Jacob Wagner

The spring runoff from melting snow in Canada is now coming down the Columbia River, and Lake Roosevelt is beginning to refill.

Following the long 2016-17 winter, Lake Roosevelt has been kept at a low water level in anticipation of the large mountain runoff to come.

Currently, with the water level at an elevation of about 1,256 feet above sea level on Tuesday, the target for May 31 is for the lake to be no higher than 1,262, according to the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. The lake is completely full at 1,290 feet.

Flood control levels are determined by the Corps of Engineers, and are the major factor in water levels this time of year while the lake is operated as a large catch-basin to hold back snowmelt water that could otherwise cause flooding downstream.

The Colville Tribes had asked the Corps of Engineers to keep the water level above 1,232, the lowest operational level for the Gifford-Inchelium Ferry.

Although many boat launches on Lake Roosevelt are inoper-

able due to the low water levels, they are open at Spring Canyon, Keller Ferry, Seven Bays, Hunters Camp, Hansen Harbor, Kettle Falls, and Gifford. As the water rises, by the end of May, Crescent Bay, Lincoln Mill, Fort Spokane,

Daisy, Bradbury Beach, and more boat launches should all be operational.

The launch at Porcupine Bay is currently inaccessible due to a landslide this spring that took out the road leading to it.

More information on current lake levels, and the minimum operable lake levels for many boat launches, can be found at [www.gcdvisitor.com](http://www.gcdvisitor.com).

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| Spring Canyon .....   | 1222 feet |
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| Hansen Harbor .....   | 1253 feet |
| Jones Bay .....       | 1266 feet |
| Lincoln Mill .....    | 1245 feet |
| Hawk Creek .....      | 1281 feet |
| Seven Bays .....      | 1227 feet |
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| Porcupine Bay .....   | 1243 feet |
| Hunters Camp .....    | 1230 feet |
| Gifford .....         | 1249 feet |
| Daisy .....           | 1265 feet |
| Bradbury Beach .....  | 1251 feet |
| Kettle Falls .....    | 1234 feet |
| Marcus Island .....   | 1281 feet |
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| North Gorge .....     | 1280 feet |
| Snag Cove .....       | 1277 feet |
| French Rocks .....    | 1265 feet |
| Napoleon Bridge ..... | 1280 feet |
| China Bend .....      | 1277 feet |

## School board briefs

• Grand Coulee Dam School District board member Richard Black will pass out diplomas to over 40 seniors at ceremonies scheduled for June 10. He was selected from among members of the board at its May 22 meeting.

• The school board has delayed its next meeting to June 5 to allow any senior not on the graduation list to make an appeal before the school board.

• The school district will accept up to 16 students for summer driver education classes.

The cost is on a graduated

scale, Superintendent Paul Turner stated. For a class of 11 students, the cost would be \$410 each; for a full class of 16 the cost would drop to \$340.

• The school board accepted two resignations at its May 22 meeting. Mary Schilling resigned from her duties as grant writer, and Tiffany Gerard resigned as advisor to the Honor Society.

• Average attendance of full-time students at Lake Roosevelt Schools for the month of May was 717.

## School to receive music grant

by Roger S. Lucas

The Lake Roosevelt Schools music department just won a \$6,250 grant.

Karen Pace, music director, said the grant was given through the umbrella of the Washington Music Education Association.

Pace directs four bands in the district and the district's choir, for a total of about 165 students,

Pace said Friday, plus elementary music.

Shee put in for the grant in March and received word that the grant was coming through for the district earlier in May.

The money will be used to purchase new instruments, repair older ones, and provide music stands and other necessary items that are not budgeted through the district.

## Take home medals

Madison Clark won four medals at the 2B State track meet in Cheney, Washington recently. She was a member of a 400-meter relay team which placed second, took 2nd in the 400-meter dash, and 7th in the 200-meter dash, and was also a member of the 800-relay team which placed 4th. Other members of the relay teams were Jamie Ross, Jessie Reed and Karlee Maioho.

Jacob Clark also competed at state but was still recovering from pneumonia.

Madison and Jacob attend Wilbur High School and are the children of Andy and Casey Clark, and the grandchildren of Lad and Linda Flowers and Kim and Debby Clark of Electric City, Washington.

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# Coulee Cops

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## Grand Coulee Police

5/22 - A woman called police to report that someone had broken into her apartment, taking nothing, but leaving a meth pipe behind. An officer collected the pipe for destruction.

5/23 - An officer assisted a suicidal woman on Spring Canyon Road until a Lincoln County sheriff's deputy arrived to take charge. The woman was taken to Davenport.

- A Toppenish man was arrested and taken to Grant County jail on a warrant after police pulled him over for failing to stop at an intersection. He was also cited for driving with a suspended license, and for having no registration nor proof of insurance in his vehicle.

- A man walking on Spokane Boulevard was arrested on a warrant regarding burglary and dealing with stolen articles. He told police that he didn't have an address and that he was "couch surfing." He was taken to Grant County jail.

- A woman on Goodfellow Avenue in Electric City told police that she was suspicious of a vehicle that had driven by her place a number of times. Police checked the area.

5/26 - Police were called to the Eagles Lodge where an intoxicated man was yelling and causing concern that he might do something rash. Police found that the man had a loaded gun in his vehicle and took it for safekeeping. Eventually, the man's wife came to take him home.

- USBR Plant Protection advised police of a truck in the Visitor Center parking lot after hours. The man, when asked to, left the area.

5/27 - An Alcan Road resident known to have a suspended license was seen driving and was stopped. He was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license, and for having no insurance nor registration in the vehicle. He was told not to drive.

- A Sunny Drive girl, 7, was found at Coulee Playland. She told officers that she was there



## Taking a left in Grand Coulee

A transformer at a Coulee City railway siding awaits delivery to a Bureau of Reclamation facility this week in Grand Coulee. The 346-foot rig was scheduled to begin the journey from Coulee City Tuesday night, stop for the day at a scenic overlook just south of Electric City, then resume the trek about 1 a.m. Thursday morning. It should arrive about 5 a.m. at the switchyard on SR-174 north of Grand

Coulee overlooking Grand Coulee Dam. Moving no faster than 25 mph, the million-pound vehicle will be accompanied by the Washington State Patrol. Traffic could be delayed up to 90 minutes at a time. — Scott Hunter photo

with her older sister, but the sister had left. The officer took her home and the father wasn't aware that the two had separated. The report is being sent to Child Protective Services.

- An officer responded to a medical call near SR-174 and found that a woman had fallen and hit her eye. She refused service from an ambulance crew.

- Security at Sunbanks Lake Resort reported to police that a drunken man was causing trouble at the Cantina. When the officer arrived, the man's wife stated that he was in the camper and had passed out so there was no cause for alarm.

5/28 - Police checked on a reported disturbance at the Electric City Bar and Grill. All ended well when the party causing the disturbance was told he could return inside if he was quiet.

- A man on West Grand in Electric City told officers that he wasn't causing a disturbance, that he was just outside looking at the sky. He was told, neverthe-

less, to keep quiet.

- The owner of a vehicle was advised not to allow a man to drive it since his license was suspended. He was cited for driving with a suspended license.

- Police smoothed out an ongoing argument between two homeowners in Electric City. One was advised to go to court and obtain an anti-harassment order.

- USBR Plant Protection advised police that someone was carrying a pistol at the parking lot below the Visitor Center. The officer located the man, who was told not to do that again.

- A woman on Burdin Boulevard told police that she saw a black bear in her neighborhood. The officer looked for the bear but couldn't locate it.

5/29 - A Fruitland driver was stopped for going 47 mph in a 30 mph zone and told officers that he had two DUIs and therefore no driver license. He was cited, and since he couldn't find a licensed driver to take charge of the vehicle, it was parked legally

on the street as the man left on foot.

## Coulee Dam Police

5/22 - A dog that attacked and bit his Fir Street owner on the forearm was put down since the owner told police he didn't have resources to cage the animal. The dog had attacked and would not release another dog after the two had been fighting. The man went to Coulee Medical Center for treatment of the bite wound.

5/23 - An officer could find no evidence of dog droppings or trash scattered in the yard when he responded to a call on Holly Street. Apparently the two neighbors didn't get along.

- A woman on Camas Street was advised to keep her two dogs inside. There had been a report that they had killed chickens.

- A man who buzzed by a police officer's car on SR-155 ended up with a ticket for not having insurance.

5/25 - An officer said it was OK for two women to clean out a motorhome parked in the alley on 6th Street.

- An officer stopped a vehicle on River Drive for a faulty headlamp. The officer found that the driver's license had been suspended and advised him that he would receive a ticket in the mail. The driver parked and locked the vehicle and, with a passenger,

walked away.

5/26 - A woman, stopped in downtown Grand Coulee after failing to yield to oncoming traffic, was cited for not having insurance.

- A woman on Mead Way gave police a weed eater she had found in the bushes. It was put in the property room until the owner could be found.



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