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Newsbriefs

Outdoor burning is banned

The Grant County Board of Commissioners issued a temporary ban on outdoor burning effective, Wednesday, July 16. The ban prohibits all outdoor burning until further notice and will be lifted when conditions improve. If citizens are caught burning they could face fines and other consequences, a news release noted. The county ban affects all areas not already covered by a permanent outdoor burning ban within cities and towns and their Growth Management Act boundaries.

Bank collecting for relief

Relief donations for fire victims can be made to North Cascade Bank. Information on giving to specific fire relief areas is available by calling Scott Anderson, (509) 682-4502, president of the bank.

Group will meet in town hall basement

Elmer City council voted to allow Jeremiah Seekins and a Young Life group to use the town hall basement room. The town will charge \$10 a week for use of the room, which Seekins said will be about two hours a week.

Elmer City a little greener

The town council at Elmer City adopted a greenhouse gas reduction policy at its meeting recently so the town would score higher in any application for Transportation Improvement Board funds. The town is interested in another sidewalk or road improvement project.

Town Hall meeting set for Thursday

The town of Elmer City will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. this Thursday, July 24, to discuss the wastewater treatment billings it receives quarterly from Coulee Dam. The meeting will be held at Elmer City hall and the public is invited.

Buses purchased

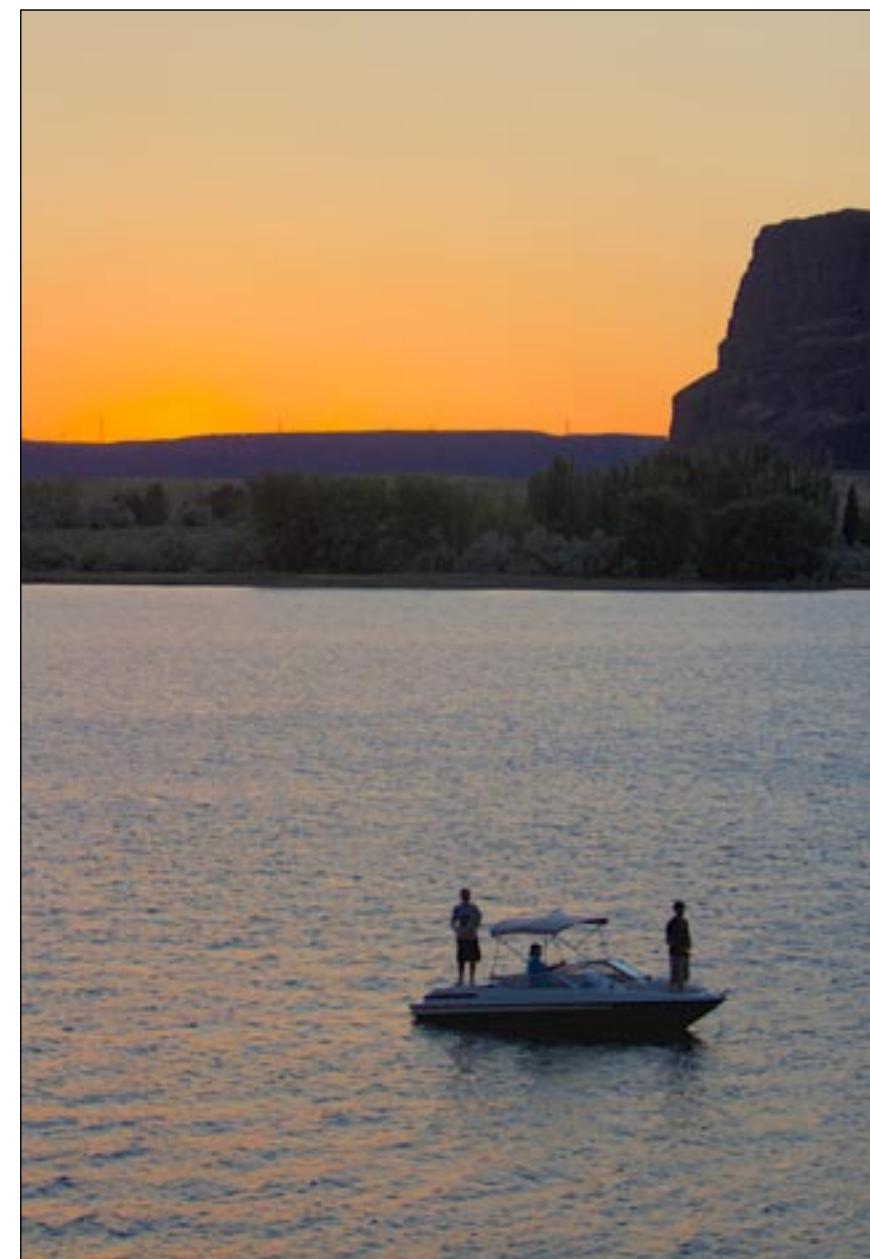
Electric City Councilmember Brad Parrish advised the council that Grant County Transit had purchased two used buses and is making them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. When asked what that meant, Parrish explained that the buses will carry visual symbols to help people who can't read. Parrish is Electric City's member on the county transit board.

Fire trucks for sale

Electric City's council voted to declare a 1976 Ford fire truck surplus and instructed city officials to offer it for sale. All money from the sale of the truck and related items will go into the city's fire fund.



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Smoked fishing

Anglers try their hands for Banks Lake fish July 8 in front of Steamboat Rock under a sky already tinged with smoke from wildfires. Those skies grew much smokier over the last week as the worst fires in the nation burned more than 250,000 acres, in Okanogan County, drawing in local firefighters in a massive fight that is still underway. Story on page 2. — Scott Hunter photo

Local nurse helps at fire shelter

by Roger S. Lucas

A local registered nurse worked with the Red Cross shelter at Omak over the weekend.

Nurse Alan Cain, of Grand Coulee, who went to Omak Thursday, returned home Monday night when the shelter was closed, but expects to return where needed later.

"The shelter housed about 100 people the first night and it was down to about 60 the next night," Cain reported. "By the second night many of those who had been displaced had found other places to stay."

As a nurse, Cain ran what turned out to be a clinic for those with a wide variety of ailments.

The shelter was set up at the

Cornerstone Church in Omak where those seeking shelter were afforded meals and overnight accommodations.

"We had a number of migrant workers who used the shelter because they were burned out of their places," Cain stated.

"There were several people who needed treatment for illnesses and treatment helped prevent a wider spread of health problems," Cain added.

Cash donations to the Apple Valley Chapter of the Red Cross can be sent directly to their office: 12 Orondo Avenue, Wenatchee, Wa., 98801, or interested parties can call the office at (509) 663-3907.

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Tour previews character of new school building

by Roger S. Lucas

The hallways are polished and colorful.

The elementary gym is ready for play, and all marked out for basketball and volleyball. Hoops are up.

Racks are in the library and both libraries are ready for books and other materials.

The kitchen is fully equipped with walk-in coolers and freezers, and soup will soon be on for students.

You can almost hear the laughter from the various playground areas.

Just 27 months after the state Legislature approved funding to build it, a tour of the Grand Coulee Dam School District's new school complex in Coulee Dam last Thursday provided a vision of what the finished building will look like, with features that one could previously only dream of in a local school facility.

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secondary wings, the views from several classrooms are spectacular.

The lockers are in, and you can almost hear them clang from being opened and closed.

The wiring in the data rooms hangs loosely and will be hooked up by next week, with some 31 miles of wire connected.

You can get a sense of classroom activity with the ceiling-centered public address system ready to distribute the teachers' voices evenly throughout the classrooms.

In other words, the school is on schedule for its early September open house and for school bells on Sept. 15.

Local residents and students are in for a treat when they are able to fully view the it.

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Workers here are working on wiring in one of three data rooms in the new K-12 school complex. Shown are Chris Stewart, left, from Spokane, with Adam Boettcher, also of Spokane. The two work for subcontractor Contact Communications. There are over 31 miles of cabling servicing the data rooms. — Roger S. Lucas photo

Civil service chair asserts role in chief selection

by Roger S. Lucas

The chairman of Grand Coulee's Civil Service Commission said last week that his agency and Grand Coulee's city council should play a role in selecting a new police chief.

It's a bad idea for one person to have that kind of power, said Alan Cain, the commission chair, responding to a news report that the mayor intends to not include the commission in the process. We don't select an imperial mayor, Cain added. The selection of a new police chief should be transparent.

Traditionally, the Civil Service Commission has been the lead agency in the selection of a police

chief, with the past two chiefs going through the Civil Service process.

The Civil Service Commission, made up of three members selected by the mayor, would supervise an application and selection process.

As in the case of police officers, we (CSC) would post the opening, arrange for the applications and testing, Cain stated in an interview. The top three candidates, as determined by the Civil Service Commission, would then be submitted to the mayor for selection.

While the mayor selects Civil Service Commission members, his influence stops there, Cain suggests.

The impact of the selection of a police chief in a small community is tremendous, Cain said, and it should not be left to a lone individual.

Some members of the city council agree. Council members David Tylor and Paul Townsend had their say at a recent city council meeting.

Their plea for participation fell on deaf ears as Mayor Chris Christopherson stated that he would seek counsel from the city's law firm. He indicated that he wasn't much in favor of the council playing some role in the selection process.

Current Police Chief Mel Hunt plans retirement Oct. 1, 2014.

Mayor asks to put chief replacement on agenda

by Roger S. Lucas

The selection of Grand Coulee's police chief will be on the Civil Service Commission agenda when it meets Aug. 4.

The request that it be placed on the agenda was made by Mayor Chris Christopherson Monday.

The Civil Service Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the city council chamber.

At least two council members, David Tylor and

People discuss police protection in meeting

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Paul Townsend, had asked if the council was going to be involved in the selection of a new police chief to replace Chief Mel Hunt, who is retiring Oct. 1, of this year.

In a telephone interview sometime ago, the mayor had suggested that he was inclined to bypass the Civil Service Commission.

Civil Service Commission Chair Alan Cain spoke out about the selection process (see separate story) late last week, stating that it should go before his commission.

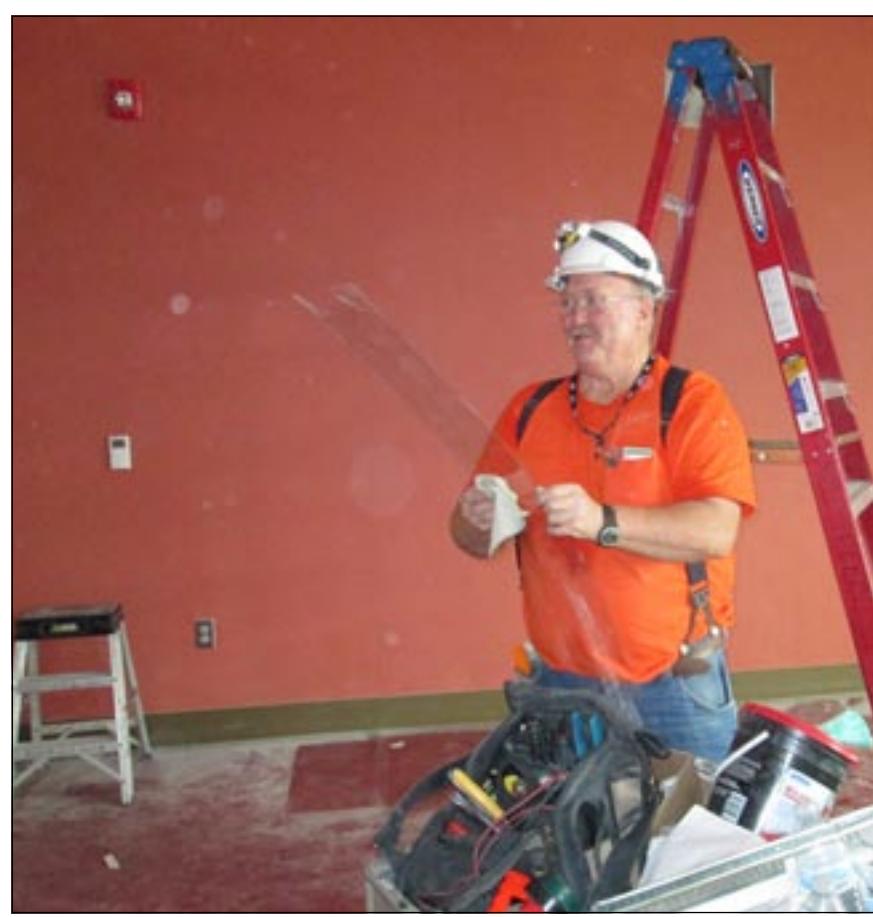
Grand Coulee Mayor Chris Christopherson dished up a \$209,000 contract that would gradually increase to \$250,000 over its 5-year span. Electric City is paying \$75,166 in the final year of its current contract.

Grand Coulee's proposal was dead on arrival and stirred up Electric City officials, who stated that they just might start their own police department.

However, even-minded council representatives from the two cities found common ground at \$115,000.

Last night's meeting with residents was intended to guide the council on what direction the city should take and how they would feel about the city going for a primary ballot levy measure of 35 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to pay for it.

See POLICE page 2



Keith Schmidt, an Omak resident who works for sub contractor Mill's Electric, makes some adjustment to a light fixture in one of the classrooms at the new school complex in Coulee Dam. The project is on schedule to be completed before the Sept. 15, school opening date.

New school Continued from front page

Hallways have setbacks, eliminating the look of long walkways. The setbacks will allow places for students to gather and chat.

Wainscoting panels line the walls to eliminate marring of painted surfaces.

Soon, paving will begin of the network of roads in and around the facility.

Grounds contractors are installing sprinkler systems. The sod is coming. Playground equipment lies in large packaged bundles, ready to be put together and installed.

Rubber tiles will outline outside gathering areas.

One building official stated that the outside plan for students is innovative and will provide a campus feeling with a unique use of space.

School furniture, all of it new, is scheduled to arrive and be placed in four or five weeks.

Soon, school bells will be ringing, and the oohs and ahs will begin.

Some inter-town disputes resolved

by Roger S. Lucas

Differences regarding wastewater treatment billings between Coulee Dam and Elmer City are slowly getting resolved.

The two council committees met July 17, and agreed to two adjustments between the two towns.

Representing Coulee Dam were council members Shawn Derrick and Ken Miles, meeting with Donna DeWinkler and Don Bonertz for Elmer City.

Two issues were resolved. Coulee Dam has agreed to credit Elmer City \$1,069.14, for electrical overcharges for the years of 2007 through 2012. Additionally, Coulee Dam is crediting Elmer City \$1,656.51, for insurance overcharges for the years 2008 through 2013.

In a letter from Coulee Dam Mayor Greg Wilder to Elmer City Mayor Gail Morin dated Monday, Wilder wrote: "Although you had earlier requested credits for office and operating supplies, public works uniforms, fuel and professional services, those could not be substantiated and the parties

agreed to drop them as issues requiring a resolution."

In a reply to Wilder written Tuesday, Morin stated, "Council members DeWinkler and Bonertz appreciated your committee's cooperation, in part, and willingness to work together to arrive at a mutual decision beneficial to both parties, to resolve this issue and strengthen the relationship between the two towns."

Morin suggested that the two towns need to continue meeting in the hopes of resolving some other billing issues.

The town of Elmer City plans a community meeting at 5:30 Thursday, July 24, at city hall to bring townspeople up to date on the quarterly billing issues between the two towns.

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Region responds to firestorm

by Scott Hunter

When a storm system moved across the region July 14, lightning started multiple fires just as temperatures would reach into the 100s for days, feeding what would become the largest wildfire in state history.

Local firefighters from Grand Coulee, Electric City, Coulee Dam and Elmer City would answer calls for help as Brewster and Pateros evacuated and a hundred homes burned.

As of Tuesday, the largest complex of fires, the Carlton Complex, had consumed 250,000 acres of timber, an area four times the size

of Seattle, and was considered only 16 percent contained.

Rising humidity and falling temperatures, and even a slight amount of rain, were hoped to help the 2,110 personnel on the fire who responded from across the nation, hoping to hold the fire line south of highway 20.

For local firefighters, responding to a good sized brush fire 14 miles west of Grand Coulee near the "Leahy Junction" of SR 174 and SR 17, the 4,300-acre R Road fire on Wednesday had been just a warmup.

Many local resources were added to the 134 engines, 12 dozers and 18 helicopters, including National Guard aircraft, fighting the fire along a 100-mile perimeter.

To help those affected:

- The Red Cross has set up three shelters and is operating mobile feeding sites. It will accept monetary donations at www.redcross.org. Or call 1-800-RED CROSS or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

- Donations of clothing and needed items are being collected at the Grand Coulee Volunteer Fire Station.

"There are people up there that don't have anything to wear," noted Brian Walters.

From the GCVFD Facebook page:

"We are working on putting together another run of donations for fire victims of Carlton Complex. If you have anything you can donate please let us know or drop off at the fire dept., you can leave items next to side door (between Les Schwab and fire dept.). Items needed are water, baby cloths, diapers, formula, adult cloths, etc. People lost everything they owned. Thank you for anything you can do."

Local volunteers have already delivered about four truckloads of items and will likely make another delivery on Friday or Saturday, Walters said. If someone has something they don't want to leave outside the station, they can call Walters at 631-0588 or message him on Facebook.

- Relief donations for fire victims can be made to North Cascade Bank. Information on giving to specific fire relief areas is available by calling Scott Anderson, (509) 682-4502, president of the bank.

Reservation fires quelled

by Roger S. Lucas

Mt. Tolman Fire Center personnel are concerned about weather reports of a storm and possible lightning strikes that is going to pass through the area this Thursday.

Kathy Moses said Tuesday that firefighters have welcomed the change in the weather Tuesday and are bracing themselves for whatever might happen Thursday.

The Colville Indian Reservation had a hit of 700 lightning strikes just over a week ago and had some 11 small fires contained or extinguished from that storm.

While a number of very large fires are occurring in North Central Washington, the reservation has largely escaped major fires.

"With a light snow pack this last winter," Moses stated, "we have severe fire conditions and a lot of fuel in the forests."

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Police

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As a result of last night's meeting, Electric City residents will be asked to vote on a police levy in November that will double their taxes on the amount that comes back to the city.

The council voted to ask voters for \$2.227 per thousand dollar of assessed valuation to finance either its own police department or a combined one with Grand Coulee.

The response from the crowd of about 35 people who showed up at the firehall was mixed. Some suggested no police force at all, relying on Grant County Sheriffs Office to respond to 911 calls.

Others favored some type of agreement with Grand Coulee or a completely separate department.

Carol Boyce, Grand Coulee city clerk and a resident of Electric City, stated that she didn't know where the figures on a report from her city came from or who generated them.

Electric City attorney Katherine Kenison said that no enforcement at all was a poor option. She stated that many criminals are pretty smart and know if there is no law enforcement it provides an ideal place for criminal activity.

Bill Vancik, a resident and former city councilman, said that he was in favor of a levy, noting that he owned both a home and business in the city.

"It will cost me about \$400 a month more in taxes," he said.

Earlier, Mayor Jerry Sands, who favors the city having its own department, had stated that it would cost local taxpayers only 35 cents per thousand of assessed valuation to raise \$200,000. He was in error because that calculation was on the full amount of taxes, not just that which comes back to Electric City.

The levy, if passed would raise about \$135,000, and with the \$80,000 now being paid out of the general fund would give the city \$215,000 for law enforcement.

Plan to enhance employees lives in the works

Coulee Dam employees could be on the road to wellness.

Town clerk Stefani Bowmen is working on a plan that will enhance the lives of town employees in several ways.

The plan also, if enough participate, would enable the town to get a 2-percent discount on its insurance from the Association of Washington Cities.

Bowmen instituted such a plan when she was deputy clerk at Wilbur.

Clarification of story

A clarification on a brief report about Steve Salstrom commenting before the Electric City council at its last meeting follows:

Salstrom says loud music at Electric City Tavern does not keep him awake at night (Salstrom lives a block away), and he wasn't the one who turned the loud music complaint in (the story doesn't say he was). He had earlier asked the council to look at the city's ordinance and consider altering it to allow a change in summer hours for music at the tavern. He said his comments at council were to support such an ordinance revision, extending the hours during which music could be played.

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OPINION

Separation of powers a matter of degree

The degree to which the people and their elected representatives get involved in the day-to-day details of governance depends on how keenly the results are felt and on the relative opportunity for corruption.

Our Constitution sets up a purposely cumbersome system of checks and balances between three branches of government, a principal that follows all the way down to the local level, where it sometimes seems forgotten.

The legislative branch (municipal councils) make the laws and set the budget. Seeing that those things get carried out in a way the people want is up to the executive (the mayor and city hall). Courts can decide on disputes between the two and on everything not clear.

When it comes to hiring clerks and workers, inviting the participation of council members can lead

to a system that gives them power over people's jobs. That can lead to corruption. Best leave such routine hiring up to the executive.

But as the importance of positions to be filled rises, some level of non-executive participation should be accommodated. Just as when important federal jobs are filled, the Senate gets to confirm or deny appointments, the hiring of an official who wields the kind of power a chief of police does should be overseen.

Keeping such a position shielded from politics is also important, which is where civil service commissions come in.

Mayors and those who elect them will do well to keep such principles in mind.

*Scott Hunter
editor and publisher*

Letters from our readers

Thoughts and concerns for the CMC board, and community

I had originally intended to present this at the board meeting but not knowing if I would be able to, and the thought of being misquoted, I thought it best to publish this as an opinion.

I want to preface my concerns here with the understanding that I love this community and 97 percent of the compassionate, talented and resourceful employees here at CMC. I was never more proud than when I was able to represent you to our community and the many conferences, meetings and encounters with our state and federal delegates. I loved being on campus visiting with the employees and sharing in the many great things you all do. It was an honor to have been your commissioner for the 11-12 years I served.

I must also admit I wish I could have been a better and stronger commissioner and have stood ground during the turmoil surrounding the board, the medical staff and administration. Because of the threat of having bogus criminal charges brought against me by a board member, for authoring a very positive article in the CMC Communicator; the fear I had of being party to unethical behavior by the board; and having been effectively discharged of my commissioner duties by the board chair, through his banning my presence on campus at CMC to one meeting a month, I felt I had to resign from my position.

Now let's get on to some very real issues here at CMC. The previous CEO, Mr. Graham, would present monthly at the board meetings the pulse of CMC from the previous month. This included things such as the number of patient falls, which were dramatically reduced; the number of medical errors, which continued to decrease; the staff retention rates, which was the highest we had ever seen; the Press Gainey patient satisfaction scores, which were the highest in the state; along with our financials, which

Beltran qualified for 4th District in Congress

Estakio Beltran, candidate for the 4th Congressional District Congressman, is endorsed by the Grant County Democrats (GCD). Estakio Beltran's qualifications include:

- Having grown up in the Yakima Valley, he's a "product of the district."

- Having worked in agriculture, he knows firsthand the importance of farming and farm workers.

- Having a BA in communications from Gonzaga and a MA in

always showed a profit. Many people, both staff and public, thought his monthly report was a bunch of hot air. To me it was music to my ears because it illustrated that CMC was truly the 'best place for care', the 'best place to work' and could be profitable through good management and dedicated employees. But alas, you, the board, and the medical staff, ran off the greatest administrative team we have ever had.

I would like to hear an honest assessment of how we are doing on these measures today. Are patient falls still at record lows? Have med errors crept back up because they aren't being followed as closely? The public needs to know these things! The financials are horrible we know.

We cannot continue to lose \$300,000 to \$500,000 a month and survive. What do we have in reserves now? \$3 or \$4 million maybe? We can, and probably will, lose that in the next ten months. Then what? Go into registered warrants with the county?? I would bet that HUD, the federal agency with whom we have our debt obligation/mortgage, will be stepping in pretty soon and be demanding a very committed financial and management plan that will need to be followed, otherwise they will put one in place for us. You, the board, know that CMC is obligated to provide HUD with quarterly financials and we must meet certain goals or they will step in with their own plan.

By the way, how are we doing with meeting our debt obligations with HUD? We the public have every right to know, because it IS a public hospital district; OUR hospital district! Are you going to allow our hospital to close because 'difficult decisions' need to be made but you won't make them for fear of reprisal of a few vocal people in the community? Or maybe because you might have to enforce unpopular decisions with some employee contracts? I can easily

see HUD redesigning the services we provide here to become profitable again. Whatever services we lose will be because of the board's decisions, or indecisions.

We still have some gifted, talented and dedicated people here at CMC. But they can't do it all. I strongly recommend to the board that you look for some outside assistance to get our hospital back on course. There are some great professional medical management companies available that specialize in the exact problems CMC is experiencing. It is the ONLY way you are going to have any control over the future of CMC. If you allow CMC to continue on the path you are now on, HUD WILL be calling the shots here. Not you. I will guarantee the medical staff will not like the decisions, and restructuring, HUD will make. Oh wait! The two guys who said they would leave if administration doesn't leave said they are going to leave now anyway. Now that shows their dedication and integrity to the community, doesn't it! There are some good providers wanting to work in our community. The board just needs to do the right things and allow them to come in.

To end on a positive note — CMC has some great people working there. I do hear of some real problems from there but the good things I hear coming from employees and patient experiences are many. CMC will survive and we can be the best place for care and the best place to work. And we can even be profitable! It can happen, with a properly focused board and the support of the community. To my friends at CMC ... you are the greatest!

Greg Behrens
(former commissioner of
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Hospital District 6)

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- Having assisted Senator Maria Cantwell for two years, he's the only candidate with federal level experience,

- Having risen to Senior Legislative Advisor for former Congressman Dennis Cardoza, who represented a district similar to ours, he's knowledgeable about issues that concern us.

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Heartbreak: Here and around the world

The smoke is the sign. Our neighbors to the north have been devastated by the fires burning in their area. Hopefully by the time the paper hits our hands the flames will be extinguished and this raging

fighting these fires. Open your hearts and ears to those around us who sometimes just need a shoulder to cry on or an ear to listen to their fears.

In disasters like these, I often look at the world around me and ask, what if this happened here, what would that look like, what would I be able to do? What if my neighbor's house was destroyed or my favorite local business just a pile of smoldering ashes? Would we be able to go on? The answer is, of course, we would find a way. It would be a long road but we would pull together. And I think we can do that for others, too. Yes, sometimes we can shut our eyes to something that is not happening in our front yard, but this time, this time is different. We must help.

Thanks to those that have already organized clothing drives and fund raisers; you are the pulse of a great community. Thanks again for the heroics of firefighters, EMTs, first responders, law enforcement and neighbors that responded once again to an event that seemed way too big for anyone. They showed once again that perseverance and training, mixed with self control and a level head, can defeat the biggest heartbreak.

The world is a big place, sometimes the disaster is in our back yard, and sometimes it is on the other side of the world. Either way, we are a nation, state, and community of great individuals that come together and help those in pain. Sometimes it feels like we can't do enough, other times it feels like we do too much, but sometimes we get it just right. Keep it up, Coulee; these walls hold a great bunch of people who know how to help and do it. Proud of you.

Coulee Recollections

10 Years Ago

Two more Grand Coulee Dam School District jobs became vacant last week with the buyout and settlement of former Superintendent Dennis Chambers and the resignation of Middle School Principal David Funk. Interviews for the High School Principal wrapped up this week and a selection will be made soon.

Four Nespelem School students recently returned from a trip around Washington State. They spoke of their adventures at the school board meeting last week. The students were: Meghan Palmer Francis, Bailey Ankney, Sadie Ives and Amelia McClung.

30 Years Ago

Electric City Mayor, Ray Halsey, will cast the deciding vote regarding a variance request from Pastor Dick Waterer of the Assembly of God Church. Waterer wants to add an addition to the church building for use as a meeting hall, recreational facility and roller skating rink. At the last council meeting a vote turned out a 2 for 2 and 2 against vote by board members. Halsey will look into the zoning issues and variance requests and make the final vote on July 24th.

40 Years Ago

Special Achievement Awards were handed out at the Bureau of Reclamation this week. Don Seaver's award was in recognition of outstanding performance as a craftsman while working under a variety of conditions and places and for cooperation and objectivity. Patrick Sullivan also received an award for outstanding performance and a high quality of work and knowledge.

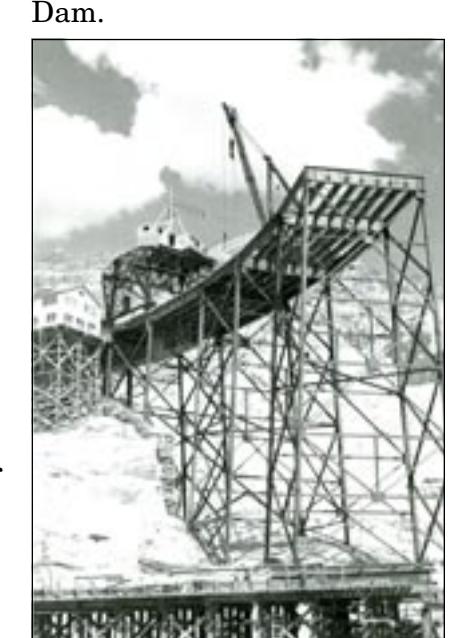
50 Years Ago

Highlights of the Nespelem Rodeo included Miss Grand Coulee Dam who has never been ridden, bucked off Northwest Rodeo Association 1963 Bareback champion, Buzz Sealy. Also, Blizzard, the horse

nominated as bucking horse of the year for the past three years, continues to be unridable. Miss Grand Coulee Dam is owned by Danny Green of Elmer City.

60 Years Ago

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Fred Aandahl met with members of Coulee Dam's Advisory Council and USBR officials recently to discuss the Shipman report and the current legislation that proposes the sale of the Town of Coulee Dam.



Steel erection on the right abutment for the new construction trestle with deck at El 1180. At the bottom are a few remaining timbers of the trestle at El 1024, which was used during the M.W.A. K. Company contract.

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Meetings and Notices

CHAMBER THIS WEEK

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday, July 23, at noon, at Pepper Jack's Bar and Grille in Grand Coulee. Birdie Hensley will be speaking about "Coulee Area Genealogy."

GRANT COUNTY FIRE DIST. 14 TO MEET

Grant County Fire Dist. 14 will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, July 28, at 7 p.m., at the Electric City Fire Station.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER AVAILABLE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints invites all who desire to utilize the Family History Center in the Coulee Dam Chapel, located at 806 Spruce Street in Coulee Dam. The center is now open each Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. The family history centers are free and open the public and staffed by knowledgeable volunteers. Each facility offers both novices and experienced family historians the tools and resources to learn about their ancestors.

TOPS MEETINGS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 1524 meets on Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. at Grand Coulee Senior Center prior to the exercise group gathering at 10 a.m. Come and join for the health of it. A morning chapter TOPS #WA1554 meets Wednesday mornings with weigh-in at 7:45 a.m., and a meeting at 8 a.m. It will also be held at the Coulee Dam Community Church-Presbyterian.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 157 MEETS

The American Legion Post 157 holds legion meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Vets Center in Electric City. All veterans are welcome. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 12. For more information contact Jerry at 633-2579.

CMC GUILD TO MEET

Coulee Medical Center Guild (Auxiliary) holds its regular luncheon meeting the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is August 19, in the Community Room at CMC from noon to 2 p.m.

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

FREE PINOCHLE AT THE SENIORS

Free pinochle is offered at the Grand Coulee Senior Center Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning at 1 p.m.

CARE AND SHARE FOOD BANK OPEN

The food bank at the Church of the Nazarene normal operating hours are every Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. It is located at the Church of Nazarene, hwy 174, Grand Coulee. The bank still can use clean plastic grocery bags.

LOCAL AA MEETINGS

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

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

SENIORS HAVE WHEELCHAIRS, CRUTCHES AVAILABLE

Through the Grand Coulee Dam Senior Center a program is available to members and other persons who for a short time need a wheel chair, walkers, crutches, canes, bath stools and other items of this type.

For those who have any of the above items that are from the center and no longer used please return. If you have any of the above items in good condition and would like to donate them to the center, it would be extremely appreciated. For those who cannot deliver, pickup is available. Call 633-2321 for more information.

WSU Master Gardeners of Okanogan County start Plant Problem Diagnostic Clinics

Plant Problem Diagnostic Clinics have started at the WSU Extension Office located in the Okanogan County Courthouse, room 101. These clinics are a part of the public service that the Okanogan Master Gardener volunteers contribute to the community and are designed to help the backyard and non-commercial gardener identify, diagnose and provide solutions to various problems they may be having in their own gardens. Gardeners are encouraged to bring in a specimen of a plant or insect problem for the Master Gardeners to identify. Plant Problem Diagnostic Clinics are held every Tuesday; May until October, 9 am until 12 noon at the WSU Extension Office in the County Courthouse. Beginning in May the Master Gardeners will also have a presence at several of the counties Farmers Markets including Oroville, Twisp, and Okanogan. The WSU Master Gardeners of Okanogan County would like to invite the community to bring their gardening dilemmas to Plant Problem diagnostic clinics. For more information call 509-422-7245 or email okanogan.county@wsu.edu.

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A coulee legend of sammy the salmon: part one

by Frankie Delano

Did Sammy leave his park site?

Not so long ago in the summer of 2012, possibly 100 or more trees, many planted when the town was in its infancy, were toppled or uprooted in that weird storm, including two evergreens, towering spruce, that stood in the Mason City Park in Coulee Dam.

After the storm was long gone and the MCP cleanup a done deal, the park's leftover tree trunks took on lives of their own when a chainsaw artist, hired by the town, went to work on them, grinding away bark and into each trunk's core until, chunk-by-chunk, two spiritual images emerged, first from one log, a collage of eagles and a bear and then along came Sammy.

Sammy the salmon, that is. He's without a doubt the biggest salmon anyone in these parts has ever seen; he's possibly 14 to 20 feet long, and his unusual color, not a fishy shade, sets him off. At his park spot, he posed as a statue, but he appeared to be swimming skyward. As time went by, something went wrong at his location - Sammy started leaning. He was on the move. And finally he was gone.

Time passed until last spring when several townsfolk called the Coulee Dam Town Hall, asking about Sammy's whereabouts. And, The Star newspaper checked up on Sammy, too. After he went missing from the park, the official town report said he was put into storage, where he remains today, carefully covered up on a trailer, waiting there quietly until he goes back out on display.

Hold on. Is Sammy the salmon hanging out undercover in Coulee Dam these days or is he the big one seen swimming in Banks Lake, Lake Roosevelt, and the

Columbia River for the past few weeks?

Where did Sammy come from?

The legend of Sammy the salmon has a back story, mentioned briefly by Coulee Dam Mayor Greg Wilder last week, who talked about a story attributed to an old fisherman, who fished for salmon for many years at Celilo Falls, the famous native American fishing site, once located on the mighty, free-flowing Columbia River.

The story goes that this elderly fellow fished for many seasons with his dad, granddad and uncles from a site at the falls where his ancestors fished for 100 years or so, and when he was old enough to keep his footing safely on the handmade scaffolding extending over a section of the falls, he went out and helped with netting the catch.

One day, he had his first Sammy sighting. He saw a long, log-length, salmon swimming in the churning water. He blinked his eyes in the watery mist and yelled out above the noise to his granddad, is there a big salmon bobbing up and down, pointing to it, as it swam around among hundreds of salmon there in the spring spawning run. His granddad who was catching a salmon on his long, handmade pole, yelled over his shoulder, watch your step, Sonny, and look quick before the big one dives and hides from us.

So he knew he'd seen a fish like no other and that fish, came and went for a swim with his brethren until the time when the falls disappeared underwater. When the free swims ended for the salmon, the story goes that the spirit of the salmon lived on. And maybe, just maybe, the spirit of Sammy the salmon has left that trailer in Coulee Dam and he's out and about, swimming and bobbing along. He's one heck of a swimmer. He's not afraid to show off, either.

Next week, part 2



Sammy the salmon, full grown and standing tall. But now he's gone.

- file photo

Upcoming reunions

Class of '64

Tigers' reunion

The 1964 class of Grand Coulee Tigers will be holding its 50th class reunion the weekend of August 1st. Friday night will be check in, Saturday a 1 p.m., backyard BBQ at Susan Fahr Miller's home. Also on the agenda is seeing the new laser light show touring schools and a tribute to those we have lost and breakfast on Sunday.

For more information call Susan 633-2364. The class invites those that would like to stop by and say hi.

LRHS Class of '84 to celebrate

The LRHS Class of 1984 will be celebrating its 30 year reunion the weekend of August 23. Friday night the group will meet at the Electric City Bar and Grill. On Saturday a gathering at Spring Canyon will be held left to where the boats can come ashore. Saturday night a banquet dinner at Pepper Jack's begins at 6:30 p.m. with Love Stitch at 9 p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$25.

Please RSVP banquet on Facebook at 1984 class reunion or call Mark at 631-2039.

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Leadingham graduates from basic training

Army Spc. Jacob Leadingham has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics,

and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Jacob is the son of Carolina Jakopak-Leadingham of Coulee Dam, Wash. and Timothy Leadingham of Post Falls, Idaho.

He is a 2014 graduate of Lake Roosevelt High School, Coulee Dam, Wash. He earned an bachelor's degree in 2003 from Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Wash.

Two graduate from WSU

Two Coulee Dam students earned their bachelor of arts degrees from Washington State University in the spring quarter, the school announced this week.

Stephanee Lynn Chapman earned her degree in communication; Sabrina V. Desautel got her degree in Social Sciences.

This week at the library

Summer events continue at the Grand Coulee library with this Fri., July 25, Chelan County PUD "Zap, Crackle, Zing! – How Energy Works" program will begin at 10 a.m. Witness and participate in the wonders of the five energies: Potential, Kinetic, Mechanical, Electrical and Light.

Wed., July 30, 10:30 a.m., build a robot.

Fri., Aug. 1, 10:30 a.m., Celebrate National Inventor's Month and Genius Kits.

Wed. Aug. 6, 10:30 a.m., Craft Day with Spinning Wheels and Thau-matope.

Fri., Aug 8, 10 a.m. Reptile Man will be at the library.

Wed., Aug. 13, 10:30 a.m., the theme is Survival, come make survival bracelets.

Fri., Aug. 15, NCRL Puppeteers will be at the library, beginning at 10 a.m.

Fri., Aug. 22, beginning at 10:30 a.m., the Summer Reading Program Gala – Science: Weird, But True. There will be a drawing for bicycles, donated by the local Free Masons of Washington.

Food preservation workshops still being offered

Preserving fresh fruits and vegetables is important because it decreases waste and allows you to eat a variety of fruits and vegetables year round.

As part of the 'R-Fit Nation' program and food preservation education, WSU Colville Reservation Extension is offering canning classes during the months of June and July. There will be eight, hands-on classes to learn about boiling water bath canning. Using research-based recipes and processes, participants will learn how to use and care for a boiling water bath canner, learn what foods can safely be canned, plus, they will gain hands-on experience of canning in each session. Please call the WSU Colville Reservation Extension office if you have questions or to pre-register for the following classes:

July 24 – Canning Pickled Products at the Inchelium Senior

Meal Site from 4:30pm-7:30pm. Workshops for canning vegetables and meats are being planned for the month of September.

For information on this and other workshops contact the staff at the Colville Reservation Extension Office at (509) 634-2304. Or you may contact the educators directly: Kayla Wells, Family & Consumer Sciences Educator / 4-H Challenge Coordinator at (509) 634-2306 or kayla.wells@wsu.edu, or Linda McLean, Director, 4-H/Ag. & Nat. Resources FRTEP Educator at (509) 634-2305 or ljmclean@wsu.edu, Dan Fagerlie, WSU Extension Tribal Relations Liaison / Colville Reservation Extension Project Director at (509) 690-0009 or (509) 775-3087 or fagerlie@wsu.edu, or you may contact Ferry County Extension at (509) 775-5225 ext. 1116, or Okanogan County Extension at (509) 422-7245.

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Souvenirs, things that remember when

In last weeks C'est La Vie column, I reported on the great bargain hunting opportunities at a couple of antique sales, both featuring unique items, retro household stuff and some honest-to-goodness antiques and collectibles, some more than 40 years old. The Victorian-era cheese platter, with the country of England its origin, made its way to a new home in the Coulee. I liked seeing an everyday household dish used in the early 1900s for sale right here in the Coulee.

The 1997 Wildlife Restaurant Plate, as pictured in that article, had a full color decal in its center and the year's 12 months (decals) around the rim, and it is now in my collection of Grand Coulee Dam memorabilia. It's a hanging plate, not one you would serve food on, and I paid \$3 for it at the Maier sale, where I missed out on the Wildlife Restaurant water glasses, another quality retro find, that were selling for only \$1 each.

Lucky me. I found another Grand Coulee Dam souvenir plate at a yard sale in Coulee Dam this past Saturday, a 10 inch plate with a decal in the center and gold leaf burst strokes around the edges. In perfect condition, this plate came from a USA company and cost \$1.

Souvenir plates, cups and saucer sets, metal spoons, and all kinds of plasticware are considered retro collectibles; plentiful and inexpensive, many in the one- to five-dollar range, and the items usually commemorate specific areas such as states, cities, our great American parks, and attractions and events. Collectors will pay more for older pieces. Many steer away from anything made in China, but Japanese goods are OK.

So, if you're looking for something to brighten up your home, possibly for display purposes on a wall or standing up in shelves or in a bookcase, try commemorative plates, like a grouping from one state or several representing the West or another region. The plates are colorful, many will be in good to excellent condition, and inexpensive. Go for it!

Hey, baby, I mean babe boomers, remember what kind of earrings you wore before pierced ears became the norm? The pierced look got hot thanks to the hippies, I guess. As I recall,

from looking through my mom's jewelry, she wore earrings with screw-on backs. But hold on, my grandmother told me that she had her ears pierced when she was a young woman, back in the early 1920s, and that later, after she married my grandfather, he gave her a pair of gold earrings with insets of rubies as a Christmas gift in the 1930s. And, he actually picked them out!

So, what's the big deal about earrings? I guess it depends on what your taste in jewelry is. If wearing or collecting vintage earrings is part of your lifestyle, then you're in luck, because if you have time to shop around, taking time to evaluate the merchandise is worth the effort. However, at a yard sale where earrings and other jewelry is offered up, you might need to make a quick assessment and decision if other shoppers are breathing down your neck or reaching for the same items. The saying "shop around" means you have more time to go elsewhere, to another sale or event, then decide. Sounds great, but more often than not, time is of the essence when costume or vintage jewelry is up for grabs. I've noticed that jewelry sells out fast.

Back to earrings. Two Saturdays ago, I purchased a set — a crystal necklace and matching clip back earrings — in perfect condition in the set's original box, with the cotton batting inside and a store logo on the box. The crystals are beautiful with no marks or chips on them, and I'm guessing these contemporary jewels, made in the USA of German or Swiss manufactured beads, were never worn. The set, at half price, was a mere \$5. Wearing the earrings should be interesting from the standpoint of pinching, so when I want to go retro, back to the 1950s-60s, the clip earrings will most likely pinch my earlobes. If you've worn clippies, you'll appreciate this reference. What can I say except - C'est La Vie!

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- Wash only full loads in your dishwasher and washing machines.
- De-thatch and aerate lawns for better water absorption. Clip lawns no shorter than two inches.
- Leave your grass clippings on the lawn. They are 90 percent water and provide nitrogen.
- Water in morning hours, before 10 a.m. to avoid excessive evaporation and prevent mold.
- Adjust sprinklers so you are watering only what grows, not the street or sidewalk.

The information was included in a recent water quality report to residents in Electric City.

Street priorities questioned

by Roger S. Lucas

Grand Coulees six-year street plan was derailed last Tuesday night when Fire Chief Richard Paris took issue with it.

The council sent the plan back to committee to digest what Paris had to say.

Paris asked the council why the six-year plan focused on streets south of SR 155 (Midway) but nothing was targeted on the north side of the highway.

Paris noted that the council members all lived on the south side. Paris lives on the north side.

He proposed that the council include the street approaching the hospital in the plan. Paris often is with the ambulance when taking patients to the hospital.

The road is rough going to the emergency room, and needs to be fixed, he said.

The council will ask public works director Dennis Francis to attend the next meeting for discussions on the matter.

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55676 Bay Area Dr NE, Electric City

#55676 Bay Area Dr NE, Electric City, Beautiful custom built 3 bedroom 2 bath home with the property set up for horses. The home was built in 2004 and has appr 1,700 square feet that is all on one level. Home has vinyl lap siding, dimensional Comp roofing, Gas Fireplace, Central Heat & AC with HP, and vaulted ceilings. There is a detached garage/workshop with tack room and hay storage. Corral for the horses and three separate pastures that are all fenced, so you can rotate your grazing. Beautiful landscaping and wonderful sunsets. The property is 5 acres in size all together. List price is now just \$329,500.

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33 Diamond Street, Electric City. Immaculate 3 Bedroom - 1 1/2 Bath home. Built in 1980 it has over 2,450 s.f. of fin living area. Spacious LR with gas FP, formal dining room, kitchen with oak cabinets and large family room with nook for piano or desk. Downstairs is a craft area, exercise room and hobby room. The home has electric bb and rec wall heat with wall AC, updated 2 pane windows and dim arch tab roofing. The property includes an extra lot to bring the total size of the property to appr. 20,475 sf or just under half an acre. The property is all fenced and includes an auto sprinkler system and a basketball court. List price is just \$234,900.

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(Publish July 23, 2014)

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The Town of Elmer City will hold a special meeting on Thursday, July 24th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the WWTF Quarterly billings. The meeting will be held at Elmer City Town Hall, 505 Seaton Ave., Elmer City, WA. All interested persons are invited to attend.

(Publish July 23, 2014)

Super Crossword GAME-TIME DECISION

ACROSS	48	One serves onto a plate	94	Blood-typing system	41	Not fertile	87	Pithy sayings
1	5	2	10	3	42	Big name in flatware	88	Post-hiking problem
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7	15	16	19	20	48	Follower of Eisenhowers	101	Lead-in
8	17	18	21	22	49	Cats' prey	102	Lorraine (French region)
9	19	20	23	24	50	Santa — (California winds)	103	doge (doge)
10	21	22	24	25	51	13 Christmas	104	great (Great Britain)
11	23	24	26	27	52	14 Nut Healthy	105	Surf area
12	25	26	27	28	53	15 Long a stars-down	106	Big gun
13	26	27	28	29	54	16 Old Sovjet premier	107	Disney World park
14	27	28	29	30	55	17 Cook's hourglass	108	part (SSN)
15	28	29	30	31	56	18 It has fronds and a trunk	109	Burn soother
16	29	30	31	32	57	19 Tinied utensil	110	More factual

Coulee Cops

Compiled from police files

Grand Coulee

7-12 - A resident of Diamond Street in Electric City was advised that noise from his residence was too loud and was told to tone it down.

- The bartender of the Electric City Bar and Grille was advised to turn the establishments music down and that if police had another complaint he would be cited.

7/13 - Police advised a man sleeping in his vehicle that he was on private property and would have to move. The man told the officer that he had no place to stay. He was directed to a campground.

- Police were called to Coulee Medical Center on a report that two men were there as a result of a fight and that they intended to fight some more. The officer learned that the two men, and a third party who arrived later, were intoxicated and had been in a wreck. The hospital had a lock-down anticipating problems when relatives came to see the three.

- A Canadian man reported his boat trailer had been stolen at Sunbanks Lake Resort, but later he found that resort personnel had moved it.

- A Grand Coulee man was cited on second-degree animal cruelty for leaving his three dogs in his vehicle while he shopped at Safeway. The temperature was 99 degrees outside and the dogs were distressed, the report stated.

7/14 - A woman on Burdin Boulevard told police that a person had threatened her son with bodily harm and destruction of property. She didn't know when this was suppose to happen but wanted it on the record.

- A California driver was told that he couldn't camp at the overlook area just above Grand Coulee Dam, and he left.

- A woman from Spokane told

police that a car pulled into an adjacent parking space at Safeway and struck her open door, causing about \$400 damage. The other car was driven by a man from Warthen. The two exchanged insurance information.

7/15 - A man wanted on two arrest warrants was seen going into Safeway. Upon his exit from the store he was arrested and taken to Grant County Jail.

7/16 - After two reports of a 911 hang-up call from a Young Street residence, it was determined that something was wrong with the person's phone.

- A Spangle man who was on the grass near the waterfall by the USBR administrative offices was told that he was in an unauthorized area. The man told police that there were no signs indicating that. He left the area without incident.

- A man approached the USBR security guard at Post 4 and asked for a courtesy ride. When he was told that they didn't do that, he flipped off the officer. Later, police located the man near the overlook area just above Grand Coulee Dam and he was told not to bother security guards.

- Police checked on a report of fireworks being set off at Fifth and Sunny Drive in Electric City. The parties were told to get rid of their illegal fireworks and if police had another complaint they would be cited. The officer noted that fire from a fire pit had ignited grass near by, but there was a running water hose close to put it out.

- A woman reported that she had left her debit card at a store in Electric City and someone had taken it and used it in several places. She asked her bank to stop the card.

7/17 - Police were called to Coulee Medical Center to check on an unruly man who had followed an ambulance to the hospital and had been shouting at personnel. Police learned that the man had quieted down and they left.

- A Nespelem woman cited for drunken driving and her car was impounded after an officer was called to the scene on a report of a fight.

- Police took DNA swabs from a man at the request of Las Vegas police for a homicide investigation.

- Dispatch advised police of a suicidal patient walking away from the hospital. By the time police arrived, the person had returned. The officer suggested mental health professionals be called.

- Police informed an Electric City man that his recreational fire was illegal because there was a burn ban on. Police had gone to the same residence two days prior because of illegal fireworks being set off. The man was advised to cook his weenies inside.

7/18 - A man at an apartment on Continental Heights told police that he had been hit by his brother. Police found the brother at a local bar and he told the officer that his brother had punched him. The bartender was told to stop serving the man and since both parties had been drinking no citations were issued. The man in the bar was banned from his brothers place.

- A woman reported that she was nearly attacked by a dog on Spokane Boulevard NE. The woman reporting the incident said she would meet the officer at the police station. She didn't show up.



People on a National Park Service canoe tour of Crescent Lake in Grand Coulee check out a small, little-known waterfall. — Star file photo

Spring Canyon activities

This week at Spring Canyon, the following ranger conducted activities include – Fri., July 25, 4 p.m. Birds and Beaks. Join Ranger Deb in the day-use area in front of the Spring Canyon Exploration Center Building and learn about why birds have their particular beaks.

Sat., July 26, 6 p.m., Bunchgrass Prairie Nature Trail Plant Walk. Join Ranger Deb on a walk on the Bunchgrass Prairie Nature Trail in the campground at Spring Canyon. We will be talking about the area's native plants and also learn about some evasive plants and their roles in the ecosystem. Please meet at the trailhead. Please bring water and apply sunscreen. This is a very active bee and wasp area. Please, no bare feet and have epinephrine if highly

allergic.

Sun., July 27, 9:30 a.m., Crescent Bay Canoe Trip. Join ranger Deborah for a free canoe trip exploring the wonders of Crescent Bay Lake. We supply the canoes, paddles, life jackets and instruction. Beginners are welcome but an adult must accompany children under 16.

The trip is limited to 17-19 people, so reservations are strongly urged. Please make reservations in person at the Spring Canyon Exploration Center on Saturday between 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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