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## Newsbriefs

### Piccolo to coach baseball

Ted Piccolo, a member of the school board, has been named the Lake Roosevelt High School head baseball coach. He was named at a meeting of the school board last Wednesday night.

### Flu causing some absences

School officials said this week that the flu season has hit the district, but not too hard to date.

Lake Roosevelt High School reported that an average of about 10 are missing school each day. The high school has 212 students. At the Middle School, absences are running from 10-15 a day. There are about 200 students there. And at Center Elementary School absences are running about 12 percent of its 220 students.

Not all absences are related to flu, officials stated. Absences last Friday spiked a little higher because it was the final day of school before a Monday holiday

### Blood drive Monday

A blood drive will be held Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Professional Building A (the former clinic building) at Coulee Medical Center.

### Top state, federal officials discuss marijuana laws

Gov. Jay Inslee, State Attorney General Bob Ferguson and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder met in Washington, D.C. Tuesday to discuss the implementation of the state's new marijuana law, which runs counter to federal statutes that declare possession a crime.

"Today, we had a cordial, successful first meeting," Ferguson said. "Governor Inslee and I communicated Washington state's intention to move forward in implementing I-502. We have assembled a legal team in the Attorney General's Office, and I have made legal implementation of this initiative a top priority. This will be an on-going discussion, and we plan to continue our dialogue with Attorney General Holder in the coming months."

# Town slows plant plan ahead of petition

by Roger S. Lucas

Development of Coulee Dam's wastewater treatment plant upgrade is on hold for three months.

The council made the decision at a hastily called meeting Monday afternoon on Martin Luther King Day.

Even though the meeting date wasn't announced until late Friday, the council chamber was packed and fireworks started immediately as community activist Greg Wilder and Mayor Quincy Snow tangled over the timing of the meeting.

The council, which normally meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, will hold its regularly scheduled meeting tonight at 6 p.m.

Monday's meeting was scheduled ahead of a petition that was to be presented at the regular meeting tonight (Wednesday). That petition, Wilder stated, has hundreds of signatures on it.

Citizens raised a rainbow of concerns, ranging from the way they perceived the town's treatment of Wilder, to the cost of the proposed plant, and the cost of their monthly sewer bills. The



The Coulee Dam Town Council, Mayor Quincy Snow and citizens discuss the proposed wastewater treatment facility upgrade at a special council meeting Monday. — Scott Hunter photo

meeting was contentious even though Councilmember Karl Hjorten advised the audience at the onset that the council was there to act on the delay sought in

the petition. Later he added that it was the town's goal to work with Elmer City on the plant.

The tone of the meeting prompted one woman to say that the

discussion wasn't honoring Martin Luther King who stood for peaceful pursuits. Another said it appeared that Coulee Dam officials had trouble "playing with others."

Notably absent were officials from Elmer City, although Councilmember Larry Holford had been told by someone about the meeting and attended.

Mayor Snow said the council was stopping plan development so all interested parties could get together and take another look at the scope of the project and so the town could seek other funding sources or grants. He welcomed a "value engineering" study of the project, which would involve a formal study by professional engineers who do such studies.

The Colville Tribes, which could seek partial funding through the Indian Health Service, have been adamant that if they are to participate, the project plans would have to pass scrutiny of the value engineering process.

And Snow said the Department of Ecology, which has agreed to financing for the project, wanted a 60-day delay of the plan development while everyone had an opportunity to review the project. The council voted 90 days.

"We are getting a lot of interference from certain people," the mayor said, expressing frustration.

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Rayne Rabe practices a crossover move at North Dam Park's skatepark last week. — Scott Hunter photo

## Woman starting roller derby team here

by Scott Hunter

For Rayne Rabe, a distinct connection exists between belting out a tune and barreling through your opposition. Practicing one has given her the ability to do the other.

Before moving to Coulee Dam in July, Rabe had earned a reputation by another name, "Chick Norris, Derby Rayne-ger."

That was in Orange County, Calif., where she rolled with the Orange County Roller Girls roller derby team.

Now she can't wait to start a team here.

Demonstrating her moves last week at the skate park in Grand Coulee, Rabe puffs visible breath in the cold through a broad smile. "I love skating," she says, out of breath, coasting with her hands on her knees.

She's out of shape, hasn't been on skates since November when she last skated with one of the other regional teams from Wenatchee, Spokane or Coeur d'Alene.

At 27, Rayne, with her husband Josh Rabe, has settled into the coulee. He's a network architect for Coulee Medical Center where she also works scheduling appointments. She played her guitar and sang Christmas songs at CMC's open house event in December.

But like many twenty- and thirtysome-things moving into the area, they notice a less than overwhelming choice of things to do, especially in winter.

Rayne's got plans to help fix that, initially just for women 18 and over who would like to experience roller derby, or at least just skate.

She had her introduction to the one of the fastest growing sports in the country in 2009, when she saw her first derby.

"I was like, wow!" she recalls. And she met one of the top derby

athletes, Poison Ivy. She was hooked.

She got her first pair of skates and was practicing in a month. A month later, she was skating.

Since then, she says, she's learned much about a sport that's not at all the rough and tumble gratuitous female fighting from an earlier era. Teams don't hate each other, they support each other.

"You have instant friends and a whole league that will support you," she says.

Before she got involved in roller derby, Rayne says, she was a couch potato. Singing at church was about as physical as it got.

No longer. The sport pits two teams against each other at high speeds on skates. Modern roller derby takes place on a flat track, where five team members maneuver so one

of them can pass the other team's five. It involves lots of strategy, and lots of rules.

By the time Rabe left California, there were 300 people in the her league, which she helped build as a social media coordinator. There were junior teams and men's teams, too. It became a family pastime.

And Rabe noticed a side benefit. Singing in church, she wasn't afraid to sing loudly, taking the melody to her brothers' harmony.

"It's left me with confidence in myself," she says, "and taught me to be fearless."

Now she wants to help others make such connections in the coulee.

She was trained by the best (Dirty Debra Harry) in California and has trained more than 100 skaters herself, she says. So she can train skaters here, for free. She's just doing it for the love of the sport.

Rabe is starting the "Grand Coulee Derby Dames" and recruiting for skaters. She's set up a

"It's left me with confidence in myself and taught me to be fearless."

— Rayne Rabe

## Wilder intends to seek mayoralship

by Roger S. Lucas

Greg Wilder, 69, a Coulee Dam activist, said last week that he plans to file for the office of mayor as an "agent of change" when the filing period opens in May.

Wilder has been at odds with two-term Mayor Quincy Snow, and the town administration as a whole, for the past two years, largely over the proposed wastewater treatment plant.

Wilder says he has determined that the present \$4.92 million plant now being designed is being overbuilt and that it will cost the citizens of Coulee Dam too high of sewer bills for the next 20 years.

He has consistently suggested that the necessary adjustments to the present plant could be made much cheaper.

Wilder has also sparked interest in Elmer City for a more modest version, and some officials there are talking about building their own plant. Elmer City contributes about 25 percent of the current Coulee Dam plant's flow load, and residents there would also be faced with high sewer bills. Elmer City has 12 years remaining on its present agreement to handle its sewage at the Coulee Dam plant.

Recently, Wilder has got the Colville Tribes, Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Reclamation interested in entering the discussion on the Coulee Dam plant.

And more recently, Wilder has helped in getting hundreds of signatures on a Coulee Dam petition asking officials to step back and take another look at the project.

Gray & Osborne, doing the design for Coulee Dam, said that it could do that if officials from Coulee Dam ask them to.

Wilder said Monday that he had been encouraged by the comments of Coulee Dam residents, and stated that he wants to continue to be involved.

"I would hope that I would be given the same courtesy and opportunities as the mayor to at-

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# Stakeholders to review laser show plans

by Roger S. Lucas

A local group of stakeholders will get the first look at the text for the all new laser light show within the next couple of weeks.

Participants include the Colville Confederated Tribes, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Coulee Area Chamber of Commerce, the National Park Service, a representative from each town and someone from the irrigation district, as well as others.

The inaugural showing of the new laser light show is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, but Bureau of Reclamation officials

said it might not make that date.

The old laser light show equipment has been cleared out according to public affairs officer Lynne Brougher.

The laser show will have all new equipment, new visuals and new script, and is being developed by Luminator, a company out of Oregon, on a \$1.6 million contract.

The stakeholder meeting made up of about 16 members is being held so the script for the project can be adjusted if necessary and approved, Brougher stated.

Brougher said the process is a little behind schedule and that is the reason that the Memorial Day showing is uncertain.

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# Petition

"The issue isn't Greg Wilder," a woman responded.

"We are the community," another said.

Wilder asserted the town was in the position it was because its engineers had not spent the time at the beginning of the plan to look for grants.

Snow said he had a pile of emails showing the town had sought grants from a number of sources and also had communicated with Congressman Doc Hastings's office.

He added that a number of falsehoods had been printed in The Star newspaper about him.

Snow and the council explained to the crowd that the present plant is 40 years old and parts are wearing out.

The original plan would have cost more than \$6 million but the council reduced it to \$4.92 million, the amount of the loan.

Councilmember Ben Alling said that the council decided to fix up all the inadequacies of the plant now, rather than have to come back in five or six years and make more repairs.

While there was considerable discussion about the cost of the plant, and how and why decisions were made, the issue has been before the council in public meetings for years.

So far the town of Coulee Dam has spent \$140,000 on the development of the project. One person asked how much the engineering costs were and it was explained from 22 to 25 percent of the cost of the project.

The audience supported the idea that the best results can be obtained if everyone's voice is heard and that the project has the widest participation.

The council agreed.

# Tribes advised of project delay

by Roger S. Lucas

Coulee Dam Mayor Quincy Snow, Greg Wilder and Elmer City Councilmember Larry Holford all met with the Colville Tribes Community Development Committee Tuesday to discuss the proposed wastewater treatment facility.

The meeting, originally set for 9:30 a.m. was rescheduled at Snow's request for 9 a.m.

He told the group that the town had decided to delay proceeding with the facility plan, taking 90 days to get a fresh look at it, and he encouraged the Colville Tribes to participate.

Holford and Wilder, who were expecting the meeting to begin at 9:30 a.m., were advised by a tribal official of the change and hurried to the Colville Business

Council meeting room to participate in the discussions.

Holford said that the two of them got there for only a portion of Snow's discussion, and that he abruptly left when he had finished.

Holford said Wilder then explained to the group that the delay in planning would give everyone time to study the plan.

Mayor Snow couldn't be reached for comment Tuesday.

The Coulee Dam Town Council Monday voted to delay planning for at least 90 days.

The Indian Health Service has expressed interest in project and could provide partial funding.

Town officials have attended two meetings with a range of parties, including the Bureau of Reclamation, and are interested in obtaining some financial partners for the project.

# Wilder

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tend and participate in meetings and other appropriate forums," Wilder said.

Wilder said if elected he would first focus on a "culture change" in the town hall and council, developing a reminder of what it means to "openly and transparently serve." Then, he said, "the community rebuilding would be easier to prioritize, strategize, fund and do."

"My experience isn't just public works (sewer treatment plants and such) but includes being a city manager twice, public works director three times, and city/

county planner and economic development director twice," Wilder stated.

He is a 1962 graduate of Lake Roosevelt High School, has a bachelor of science degree from Washington State University in civil engineering and geology, and a bachelor of arts from WSU in fine arts and architecture.

While at Issaquah as public works director, Wilder was involved in a project that included 3,200 family units, and 2.9 million square feet of office space, a hospital, a park & ride lot, three schools, a fire station and the Sunset interchange, a \$34 million project.

# Updated new school plans presented

by Roger S. Lucas

The new K-12 school complex is being advertised for bids this month.

Design and school officials went over the project, estimated to cost \$24 million, with townspeople last Wednesday night at a meeting in the Grand Coulee Dam Middle School library.

Plans will be ready for review by prospective bidders on Jan. 29, and a pre-bid meeting for general contractors has been set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the construction site.

Bids will be opened, Superintendent Dennis Carlson said, on Feb. 25, at 3 p.m., at the district office. The school board meets that evening and could award the bid at that time.

Both architect Cameron Golightly, of Design West, and Carlson reiterated that going out for bid this time of the year could coax some good bids.

They will need good bids in order to get the full set of improvements hoped for by school officials.

Added to whatever the winning bid is for, is the cost of scrutiny for public buildings.

Golightly went over some of the details and suggestions made by "value engineers" who combed through Design West's plans looking for ways to get what the architect noted was "more bang for the buck."

State requirements call for such a review, and another group to review lighting, heating, and other such mechanicals, and yet another company to supervise the actual construction. These, plus



Architect Cameron Golightly shows swatches of materials and colors for areas of the new school at a school board meeting in the middle school library. — Scott Hunter photo

architect's fees, take a good early chunk out of the \$31 million the school district has in its kitty.

Yet, from what the evening revealed, new sets of eyes have saved the district more than they cost. Some of the suggestions have been taken and some rejected by the school board.

Some of the suggestions include steel beams instead of wood for lower in costs and upkeep; heat pumps for each room to control outage problems; no doors on restrooms; cutting the number of elevators to the second floor from two to one, with provisions that the

second could later be added; and limiting restrooms in first grade rooms.

One suggestion the board didn't take was redoing the kitchen and eating areas. It had been suggested by "value engineers" that the building have a single kitchen. However, school officials said that with 400 breakfasts being served, you couldn't get students through a single line with only 20 minutes to serve.

Officials are hoping that the bid on the K-12 classroom complex, which will largely sit on the old Wright Elementary site, will come in low enough that there will be from \$2-3 million left over for remodeling the present Lake Roosevelt High School gym and another \$1 million to update the two shop areas.

The new gym, Golightly said, will cost about \$10 million. That and other athletic field improvements will all come later, with financing still a question.

The entire project was earlier expected to cost about \$46 million. Of that amount the district has \$31 million.

Carlson said that the district will have to wait until the bids are in and awarded to know just how

to proceed with other parts of the project.

Golightly went over the security concerns, saying that all doors, including classroom doors, can be controlled from the office. Security cameras near all doors is part of a bid alternative as are a steel or composite roof.

Carlson had words of praise for State Sen. Linda Evans Parlette, who worked financing through the legislative process. She had stated, Carlson said, that she was seeking another four-year term because she wanted to see the Coulee Dam school project through.

The actual site preparation and construction will begin in March this year, and if everything goes right, students will attend school in the new facilities by Sept. 1, 2014.

The present educational wing at Lake Roosevelt will be demolished as soon as students clear the site at the close of the 2013-14 school year, but that could be delayed if the project wasn't done on the present timeline, school officials stated.

# Derby

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Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GrandCouleeDerbyDames](http://www.facebook.com/GrandCouleeDerbyDames). In its first two days online, the page gathered more than 100 "likes" and two team sponsors.

Those other regional teams are ready to travel to coulee to put on a scrimmage and help recruit, she told the Coulee Area Park and Recreation District commission last week. And for women who would like to skate just for the exercise without the derby part, she'll offer a "Fit, No Hit" skating class.

The commissioners gave her an enthusiastic reception.



Rayne Rabe

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# OPINION

## Always essential: respect

When citizens come into conflict with elected leaders or officials, it's easy to forget the most important position the other holds: that of a human being. Passions can flare when one knows one is right, or when one feels under attack. But cooler heads should prevail at just such a point, remembering that it's likely everyone has the same ultimate goal in mind, even if the path to it appears different.

Truly, everyone who wants the best for a cause or a community is on the same side, eventually. Coming to that realization and ultimate agreement is much easier, and quicker, when each person involved approaches the others with respect.

Scott Hunter  
editor and publisher

### Letters From Our Readers

#### Positive winds of change are blowing

How wonderful it was to see so many citizens of Coulee Dam, energized and organized, at the special meeting held by Coulee Dam's Town Council on Monday. The outcome of this meeting was to announce the Council's intent to stop the WWTF project for a period of 90 days so that more information can be acquired, more relationships can be explored and so that the community can increase involvement. It must be disconcerting to the Council to have citizens show up at this late day to become involved. Honestly, that is always annoying in ANY endeavor. That said, we're sorry we were late, but we're here now and we're here in numbers. The recent petition circulated around town asking the Council to do exactly what they agreed to do is proof that a wind is blowing through Coulee Dam.

The wind is carrying seeds of change, cooperation and investigation into policies that may no longer serve us as a community. We have such a rich history in Coulee Dam but we will be remiss if we don't look to our future, and look now. The demographics of this community have changed in just the short six years my family has been here. We had virtually no children on the West side of Coulee Dam in 2007. We now have many, many young families with children, and it is a beautiful thing to see and experience. While we revere the august members of our community, our hopes and dreams lie with the young families to a large extent. These families need a reason to become a part of the process in Coulee Dam. They need to know what happens in a council meeting, what roles council members play on committees and how business is conducted. They need to know this so they can be a part of the change. They need to know how to interact and eventually become council members. They are our future.

Upon moving here we were fore-

warned that we should not expect cooperation from our town in virtually anything we asked of them. That is a very harsh statement and admittedly, one of which we cannot give specific examples. However, to be told over and over and over that the clerk's answer to everything asked is "no" in one form or another and that the mayor acts autonomously, is an oppressive and sad thing to hear from one's new community. We have lived long enough to know that everyone has a beef with someone in a small town and took this to heart when hearing this type of information from our neighbors. We wish we could say that what we heard was wrong, but it appears from our own observations that there is indeed an oppressive air and it is coming from within Town Hall. Again, this is the common perception.

It's time to open the windows and allow the new wind to blow in. Let's become a community that looks for a reason to say "yes," "how can we get this done" and most importantly, "what is your new idea - we're excited to hear it." We have many treasures in our community in the form of experienced former city managers, safety engineers, planners, doctors, lawyers and chiefs. To NOT bring these people into a respectful and caring group of citizens who honestly care about the future of our town would, in our humble opinion, be reckless and uncaring.

In the meeting on Monday we asked for and received a "yes" from Mayor Snow! We stated that in the past we have had roadblocks in getting items put on the agenda for the council meetings. When we asked if we could submit items we would like to have on the agenda for this Wednesday's meeting, we were given a resounding YES from Mayor Snow. We hope this will be one of many "YESSSES" to come.

So that the citizens may know what we asked to be put on the agenda, these are the four items requested:

1. Petition from the Citizens (presentation)
2. Sewer Rate Increase roll-back (discussion item)
3. WWTF Location & Partnership - a financial comparison (discussion item)
4. Value Engineering - the process (discussion item)

It would be wonderful to have as much of the community attend this meeting as possible. Information gathering, sharing and discussing is the core of all successful endeavors. However, it cannot happen without involvement. If you haven't attended a meeting before, rest assured that they are informative and very, very important. We cannot expect the town, the council or the citizens of Coulee Dam to be successful if we don't work together; and that means, among other things, attending some meetings.

We would also ask our Town Council, and our citizens and neighbors to put away their anger, fear and resentment as was exhibited by some in the meeting on Monday. We and those we met with after this meeting were shocked at the levels of hostility shown. There can be no place for this type of attitude in a town that is looking towards change. Forget what happened last week — look towards next week. Don't restrict the opportunities that are coming by missed or misused opportunities of the past. Let it go. Let's move on in a positive manner.

There is a wind blowing through Coulee Dam. Throw open your windows and join us on a path of progress, partnership and cooperation between communities, agencies and councils. Let's look for ways to say YES to our town and our future.

The Carrolls  
Coulee Dam

#### The meaning of "Okanogan"

I have been asked to give a definition of the word Okanogan, and decided to let everyone know because it is a word you hear every day and have never understood.

Though there is no real consensus as to the definition of the word Okanogan there is a definite way to explain the word to you. The people who speak Nsylixcn (Okanogan) lived from Wenatchee to Vernon, from Revelstoke to the Kettle River and from the Cascade Mountains to the Kettle Falls. This is Indian Country to me, and a couple of ways to define "Okanogan."

The Okanogan People have "creation stories" and through the centuries a few have remained. At the end of one of the stories, the girl tells the boy to look (to see) from here, (the top); you can see where we will begin our lives and that was our beginning. I have used this to try to explain

the word. I have been asked for a better definition.

The following is from Dr. Jeanette Armstrong, director of the Enowkin Center and Theytus Books, located on the Penticton Indian Reserve. Dr. Armstrong is an authority on the Okanogan Indian People and is a fluent speaker and teacher of our language. She wrote to me:

"There is no consensus for the word Okanogan. Some, including Morning Dove, have said that it could be derived from 'ukna?quin' which has the root 'ukn' (I bring) and the suffix 'qin' which refers to the top of something (mountain or a person's head) and which therefore would refer to bringing something to a mountain top. She also mentioned that people said it could also be derived from 'wakna?quin' in which case the 'wak' (root word for to see) from 'wik' (place to see the head/mountains). Or (place to see the head) which she and oth-

ers have suggested refers to the prominent bluffs which look like human heads in profile (McIntyre Bluff and Giants Head) in this valley. I have heard the first definition more often from my elders. That our People were central to trade over the mountains to the East and the West and they were 'packers' sux w a?uk wm of goods over the mountains so the place this valley was called 'sukwna?qin.'

I hope this makes it clear that to define a single word of the Nsylixcn (Okanogan) language is not as easy as one of the English or European words in use today. I wish to thank Dr. Armstrong for her kind assistance, and I hope this will help you understand another word, something you hear every day.

Arnie Marchand,  
an Okanogan Indian  
Member of the  
Colville Tribes



## More letters

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### Proposed bills would deny public right to public information

Two bills making their way through Washington State Legislature aim to take away the public's right to transparent government and review of public decision making.

If your city, or the state ever made a decision you questioned, or if you joined a committee to have your city council members or state officials hear your side of a controversy, then write your senator and representative immediately and

STOP House Bills HB 1128 and HB 1185.

Laws on our books protect citizens' right to information. RCW 42.56.030 states "The People, in delegating authority DO NOT give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know." Yet HB 1128 is Titled "Limiting Public Records Requests." HB 1185 creates a cost environment wherein those that

ask to see "records belonging to them as the public" will be charged fees up to the salary of government employee. The public is already paying the salaries to maintain and retrieve public records for the public, so this is asking citizens to pay twice in order to make it too expensive to ask to see the materials upon which decisions are made.

Karen Levenson

### Coulee Recollections

#### Ten Years Ago

Jerry Beierman was selected as Volunteer of the Year for 2002.

A long-term plan for Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area's new superintendent will develop after she gets to know the area for a couple months. "I intend to develop a vision in the next six to nine months for a five year plan," said Deborah Bird. She plans to watch, listen and observe in order to discover ways that Grand Coulee, Electric City, Coulee Dam and Elmer City can work together in a mutually efficient way with the Colville Tribes in the area.

The Raider wrestlers improved their record to 3-1 in Caribou Trail League action as they pounded Okanogan 48-28 Thursday night. The win sets up a big match this Friday as the Raiders host Liberty Bell. A win by the Raiders would put them in a tie with Tonasket at 4-1 in the final league standings.

#### Twenty Years Ago

The Colville Confederated Tribes are interested in bringing an energy production plant to the reservation. Several spots have been identified as possible sites for a natural gas fired energy plant that could produce electricity for sale using gas piped down from British Columbia. But according to CCT Business Council Vice Chairman Dale Kohler, before a shovel full of dirt is ever turned on such a project, they'll have to have contracts in hand.

David Portch, co-owner of

Loepp Furniture and Appliance in Grand Coulee, was named Business Person of the Year at the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet Saturday night. Sharon Hollingsworth who with her husband operates the Sears Roebuck and Co. store in Grand Coulee, was named Chamber Achiever of the Year.

When guests at the Four Winds Guest House in Coulee Dam meet their host Dick Taylor, chances are the last thing that pops into their minds is the thought - "Aha, here is a man who enjoys stitching little crosses into pieces of linen!" But it is true. Taylor took up cross-stitch about three years ago.

#### Thirty Years Ago

Ron Banick, president of the Grand Coulee Lion's Club, presented a \$100 check to Tom Goodwin, Commander of the Grand Coulee Dam Legion Post #157 and Ken Skorheim Post Boys' State Chairman. This check will enable the post to sent another boy to Boys' State at Ellensburg in 1983.

Tours of the Right Powerhouse and Third Power Plant at Grand Coulee Dam will once again be available beginning Jan. 20. The tour route across the top of the dam has been closed since mid-October because of repair work.

Navy Seamen Gary Haven, Barton Black and Robert Farmer are members of the battleship USS New Jersey, home-ported in Long Beach, Calif.

Ray, Susan and Nathan Dashiell are happy to announce the arrival

of Kathryn (Katie) Jeanne to their family on Jan. 7.

#### Forty Years Ago

Marine Cpl. Glenn W. McLelland, son of Mrs. Louise McLelland of Grand Coulee, was awarded his first Good Conduct Certificate by his C.O., Major J.P. Reilly.

New officers for the Nespelem Drum and Feather Club are: Joe Redthunder, re-elected to serve as president; Bernard Picard, vice president; Jeannie Moon, treasurer and Anne George, secretary.

#### Fifty Years Ago

In Grand Coulee, Ralph Nachtman announced the forthcoming sale of his KFDR radio station to Mr. and Mrs. E. Pournelle of Anchorage, Alaska.

In Elmer City two new members elected to positions on the Irrigation Co-op Board are Charles Holm and Don Jess.

In Coulee Dam new officers for the Chamber of Commerce are President Charles Wendt; vice president James Tillman; secretary/treasurer Rod Hartman, and directors Mildred Bixler, Elmer Tombre, Gary Akers and Howard Bowman.

#### Sixty Years Ago

The newly decorated FVW Hall at Delano will be the scene of a public dance Saturday night.

Margaret Coleman was hostess to the members of the Grand Coulee Pinochle Club at her home Thursday afternoon.

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Obituaries

**Laurel Geraldine Beck (Stokes)**



Laurel Geraldine Beck (Stokes) passed away at her home on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013.

A complete obituary and pending services will be in an upcoming Star issue.

**Correction**

Sharon Ann "KIST" Redthunder's obituary mistakenly listed her brother Martin Comedown (and Sherry) as having predeceased Sharon. Sharon's family wishes

to assure their many family and friends that KIST is also survived by Martin and Sherry Comedown.

There is a \$50 charge for obituaries published in the Star. This includes a photo. Reminders for Celebrations of Life and Death notices are \$15. Articles must be either e-mailed, faxed or dropped off at the Star office. They will not be accepted over the phone. The deadline to submit an article is Monday by 5 p.m. For more information, call 509.633.1350 or go to our website at [www.grandcoulee.com](http://www.grandcoulee.com)



**Finding the fun**

Tasha Enochs and Lady enjoy some Sunday skate time on the ice of tiny Thompson Lake near the entrance to Steamboat Rock State Park. The ice was 4 to 6 inches thick. — Brian Walters photo

Births

**Alvarezes have a girl**

Kali and Sergio Alvarez of Wilson Creek, Wash., are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Olyvia Nichole on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013, at Coulee Medical Center in Grand Coulee. She weighed 7 lbs., 3.2 oz., and was 19 inches in length at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia Winfrey and Vince Winfrey. Paternal grandparents are Teresa Garay and Oscar Garay. Great-grandparents included Jackie and Jim Winfrey and Juanita Chavez.

**It's a girl for the Westras**

Richard and Juliane Westra of Grand Coulee are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Haley Ann on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, at Coulee Medical Center in Grand Coulee. She weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz., and was 20 inches in length at birth.

Siblings include Richard Westra IV, age 3 and Hunter Westra, 1. Maternal grandparents are Ron and Donna Kopezynski of Quincy. Paternal grandparents are Rick and Laena Westra of Quincy. Great-grandparents include Ann Perry and Ella and Richard Westra all of Quincy.

**Vargas/Heppner have a girl**

Francine Vargas and Matthew Heppner of Nespelem are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Alexis Ezell Heppner on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, at Coulee Medical Center in Grand Coulee. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz., and was 18 inches in length at birth.

Maternal grandmother is Guadalupe Vargas. Paternal grandparents are Bobbi Lee Heppner and Benjamin Deen Carrywater.

**What you can get for free, if you're willing**

With the holidays in the past, it seems that the darkest, coldest days of the year are upon us. But any student will tell you that with the advent of the second semester of school, it is just a quick downhill slide toward summer.

For high school students, especially those who are just about to graduate, there might be a level of anxiety that comes along with this rapid approach to the end of school. What will you do after school? Some of you, undoubtedly, will be looking for work to fill those long summer days.

When I was in high school, my peers and I started to think about our resumes, whether for college applications or an internship, or what we referred to as that mythical "real job." The first things generally to go on one of these resumes were babysitting jobs, or perhaps lifeguarding at the local pool. Because I was relying heavily on both my athletic and academic abilities to help me to get into the college of my choice, I brushed off the importance of those resume-filling jobs for another day.

Then one year just after the holidays, I realized it would be to my benefit to get a good job over the summer break, one that could go on my official resume, something that a future boss might be impressed at even after I finished school. But who would be willing to hire me? I was still in school, and my job experience was limited to the babysitting and lifeguarding category. In other words, nothing having to do with my chosen career path.

It was then that I stumbled across an organization called the

Student Conservation Association. A non-profit group, the SCA is charged with giving young people hands-on experience working in outdoor stewardship or conservation-related jobs. A strictly volunteer organization, they place both high school and college age students in jobs that match with their interests or career paths.

For the first time, I was offered an opportunity for a real career boost, to really get something worthwhile to put on my resume. Even then, I knew this opportunity was available because I was willing to do this work for free. In fact, just being accepted into the program was a life lesson: never underestimate the chances people are willing to give you if you are prepared to do something for free.

From my dorm room in Massachusetts, the prospect of spending a summer in the mountains of Idaho, based in the exotic-sounding town of Coeur d'Alene sounded like a dream come true. The work I would do was free, but my compensation included a free place to live and a \$50-a-week stipend for food. The free room turned out to be an RV

I shared with another volunteer. Cramped quarters and a very minimal food budget, but we were only blocks away from the beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene, and as a student, my food expectations were fairly low.

The summer I spent there turned out to be more than just a line on my resume. It was a life experience that I would never change and gave me valuable insight into the career path I had chosen at that time. I spent most every day that summer deep in the woods doing menial work, but the exposure to the forestry career I had chosen at that time was eye opening and very educational.

If conservation programs aren't your interest, there are innumerable other ways to get your foot in the door if you are willing to either volunteer or get paid very low wages. In other countries, taking a gap year between high school and college is the norm, and young people take the opportunity to work or volunteer in career areas that interest them. And although my experience working for the Student Conservation Association was limited to just a summer, the experience it gave me was invaluable.

If nothing else, dreaming about how to creatively spend long summer days in the depths of winter is a nice way to pass the time.



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Danielle Vick



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**Meetings & Notices**

**CHAMBER TO MEET AT NOON AT PEPPER JACK'S**

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday, Jan. 24, at noon at Pepper Jack's Bar & Grille. Merle Kennedy of Foisy and Kennedy Inc., will speak on the housing market in the GCD area.

**GRANT COUNTY FIRE DIST. 14 TO MEET**

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

# Lady Raiders move into first place

by John R. McNeil II

With a victory over Oroville last Friday, the Lady Raiders moved into first place for the Central Washington North. The victory also extended their win streak to four games.

In a rematch with Liberty Bell on Jan. 15 at home against the winless Mountain Lions, LR put on an early press which quickly led to points, but kept Liberty Bell scoreless until the last three minutes in the first quarter, which ended 25-4 for LR.

The Lady Raiders led at half 42-12 and racked up a 40-plus point lead by the quarter four, when they set the cruise control, subbed in all the non-starters and finished with a convincing win, 68-22.

“The Epperson twins are starting to pick their game level up and (Johnny) McCraige really stepped up to fill in for Keya Fast Horse,” Head Coach Wallace Pleasants noted. Katelyn Schilling took the game honors with 20 points.

Friday night was tougher. Oroville challenged Lake Roosevelt right away and took the lead in the first quarter, 15-14.

But the Lady Raiders allowed only seven points in the second to take the lead at halftime, 28-22. Oroville outscored LR 12-10 in the third quarter to cut the Lady Raider lead to 38-34.

Lake Roosevelt shut down the Hornets in the fourth, allowing only three points to the Lady Raiders’ 12 and securing the 50-37 win.

The Lady Raiders looked to continue their win streak this week in

two home games. They faced Bridgeport last night, and will play Manson Friday at 6 p.m. at Gailord Nelson Gym.

The Lady Raiders have a previous victory against Manson.

## Central Washington 2B Standings

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| White Swan          | 10-5 4-0 |
| LAKE ROOSEVELT      | 9-4 4-1  |
| Riverside Christian | 7-5 3-0  |
| Oroville            | 7-7 3-2  |
| Manson              | 2-8 1-3  |
| Kittitas            | 3-7 0-2  |
| Bridgeport          | 3-9 0-3  |
| Liberty Bell        | 0-12 0-4 |

Liberty Bell  
Canedo 1, Duguay 4, Watson 0, Williams 8, Chavey 0, Darwood 0, Krumme 0, Klein 9.

**Lake Roosevelt**  
R. Epperson 5, A. Epperson 4, Sam 10, Chaney 7, Palmer 0, Wilson 0, McCraigie 5, Laramie 13, Stanczak 4, Schilling 20.

Oroville  
B. Morales 8, M. Morales 0, Barker 9, Tietje 2, Jewett 0, Arrigoni 2, Hilderbrand 16.

**Lake Roosevelt**  
R. Epperson 4, Sam 6, Chaney 6, Fast Horse 10, McCraigie 1, Laramie 9, Stanczak 10, Schilling 4.

# Raiders extend streak to four

by John R. McNeil II

The Raiders’ win streak moved to four with a victory at Oroville last Friday. The four-game win streak has also placed the Raiders atop of the Central Washington 2B North.

The coaches liked the drive the players showed in both games.

Against Liberty Bell on the 15th, the Raiders were able to learn from their previous mistakes against Liberty Bell at Brewster. The Mountain Lions jumped out early but the Raiders responded quickly with a 8-0 run to take the lead in the first quarter.

Raider rebounding played a key role in the the first half as LR gathered a 23-17 lead.

In the second half, the Raiders had to fight off a Liberty Bell comeback to retain a seven-point lead at the end of the third quarter that the Mountain Lions would claw at all fourth, when they tied the nail biter with only 19 seconds left in the game.

LR regained the lead as Justus DeWinkler hit a free throw after being almost tackled. Liberty Bell managed to get the ball back with only a second left but could not make the shot, giving the ball back to LR who held on to the 42-41 win.

Chance Garvin and Trey Nicholson put in nine apiece to lead Raider scoring.

At Oroville, the Raiders played the last-place Hornets who fought

hard and made it a game in the first half, allowing LR only a 23-20 lead.

In the second half, the Raiders posted an offensive surge, even as they held the Hornets’ high point man to only seven points on the night.

The 52-38 LR win put the Raiders in sole possession of first place in the Central Washington North after Manson’s loss to Bridgeport.

Garvin led Raider scoring with 15.

The Raiders also move into second overall in the league behind Riverside Christian of the southern division.

The Raiders were scheduled to face the Mustangs of Bridgeport last night and will take on Man-

son at home Friday starting at 7:30 p.m.

**Raider Scoring**  
vs Liberty Bell  
Rosenbaum 2, Garvin 9, Picard 5, DeWinkler 1, Saxon 6, Piccolo 7, Nicholson 9, Palmer 3, Nault 0, Campobasso 0

vs Oroville  
Nault 2, Rosenbaum 4, Garvin 15, Picard 2, DeWinkler 9, Saxon 6, Piccolo 11, Nicholson 0, Palmer 4, Campobasso 0

**Central Washington 2B North**  
LAKE ROOSEVELT 6-8 4-1  
Manson 8-5 3-2  
Bridgeport 7-6 2-2  
Liberty Bell 6-7 1-3  
Oroville 4-10 1-4

# Raiders Wrestlers finish second at Dream Duals at East Valley

by John R. McNeil II

Raider wrestling traveled to East Valley last Saturday to take part in the Dream Dual Wrestling Tournament which featured most of the top teams in Eastern Washington.

At the 2B ranks, Liberty-Spangle and Selkirk did not team up to fill out their rosters, instead competing as separate teams to give the field four 2B squads. To fill holes, the coaches of the 4A and 3A schools sent their extra wrestlers for exhibition matches against the 2B competition.

The Raiders defeated Liberty-Spangle 48-4 as Liberty had only two wrestlers by the time they wrestled the Raiders. Sean Waters recorded a first-round pin against Waller Struble.

The Raiders lost by four points to Selkirk, 40-36, but not before Oscar Pakootas pinned Chance Chantry in the first round and Kodie Horn racked up a second-round pin over Mike Weiss.

To round out the day the Raiders defeated Mary Walker-Springdale 48-33. Pakootas wrestled the top ranked 120-pound wrestler at 2B, Tyler Osborn, in a close match that was tied in the third round, but in the end Osborn notched the win 11-7.

Sean Waters recovered from his loss in the Selkirk match to defeat Lane Clifner in a third round.

Orrin Gross wrestled only one match for the day, he was victorious but came away with an injury.

Pakootas wrestled the number-two ranked Kain Feltwell of Liberty,

losing 9-0.

Alexa Hanway and Jazmyne Marchand both wrestled on Mary Walker’s squad and had a great deal of success at the tourney. Hanway was 4-0 for the day with wins over Alyssa Edison of Warden, Kateri Powell of Quincy, and Ashley Start of East Valley. Marchand was 2-1 with one 14-6 victory over Karen Vazquez of Quincy.

Many of the other wrestlers competed in non-scoring exhibition matches. Zack Erickson recorded two wins, and other Raiders recorded wins against competition from Greater Spokane League and Great Northern 2A schools.

“We had a day like we should have for the rest of the year,” commented Raider Head Coach Steve Hood. “We had tough matches for our experienced wrestlers, facing some competition they will see in the medal rounds at regionals and state.”

Both Hood and Coach Lee Largent wanted to spotlight the “great job” Hillary Carriere, her sister Holly, and Charli Knight did as managers in the tournament, covering stats and filming for matches in two gyms.

The Raider girls travelled to Quincy last night for a girls’ wrestling mixer.

The whole team will travel to Pateros Saturday for the last league match before the sub-regionals. They’ll face Liberty Bell for the first time since the Okanogan Takedown tourney, and, for the first time this season, will wrestle Northwest Christian. The action starts at 11 a.m. at the Pateros High School gym.

# BBCC Foundation seeks scholarship applications for 2013-14

Big Bend Community College Foundation scholarship applications for 2013-14 are available now in the Financial Aid Office and in local high school counseling offices.

The deadline is March 15 for receiving completed applications in the Financial Aid Office. Only completed applications submitted by that date will be considered.

The Foundation awards approximately \$142,000 in scholarships to 140 students each year, said LeAnne Parton, executive director of the BBCC Foundation.

“The Foundation has scholarship opportunities for high school graduates, professional/technical, transfer, and part-time students,” Parton said.

This year the Foundation combined all its scholarships (more

than 70) in one application form. Applicants need to check closely for opportunities related to their educational goals, and apply for awards based on criteria provided for each scholarship.

Applicants need three current letters of recommendation and a copy of high school/college transcripts to apply for BBCC Foundation Scholarships.

The BBCC Foundation’s ability to increase awards and expand the reach of its scholarship program is made possible by the generous supporters of Cellarbration!—the Foundation’s scholarship fundraiser held in May. The event has raised more than \$800,000 for scholarships in the last 11 years.

Contact the BBCC Financial Aid Office at 793-2034 or the Foundation Office at 793-2004 for more information.

# ON EWU dean’s list for Fall 2012

Local students making the dean’s list at Eastern Washington University for Fall 2012 included Taylor Black, Connor Crim, Marlene Kennedy, Briana Leith Monaghan and Erica VanZyverden

# This week in sports

**Fri., Jan. 25**  
\*6/7:30 p.m., Basketball here with Manson.

**Sat., Jan. 26**  
11 a.m., Wrestling at Pateros.

**Tues., Jan. 29**  
6/7:30 p.m., Basketball at Entiat.

**Thurs., Jan. 31**  
6/7:30 p.m., Basketball at Liberty Bell.

**Sat., Feb. 2**  
\*\*4:30/6 p.m., Basketball here with Riverside Christian.  
11 a.m., Wresetting, Sub-Regionals at Republic.

\* 6 p.m., Girls’ varsity at high school and boys’ JV at middle school; 7:30 p.m., boys’ varsity at high school and girls’ jv at middle school.

\*\* 4:30 boys’ JV middle school and girls’ varsity high school; 6 p.m. Girls’ JV middle school and boys’ varsity high school

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# All-Indian Basketball Tourney set for February

The Nespelem All-Indian Basketball Tournament will be held February 16 and 17. Like last year, there will be four brackets: Women, Young Men(18+), Men(35+), and Men(50+). The entry fee is \$350 and is due Feb. 8, 2013. No refunds!

Send entry fee to: 807 Fir, Coulee Dam, Wash. 99116. Any questions, call Larry Jordan at 509-429-1667 or Frank Andrews at 509-631-4565. See you there!

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From left, Guy Payne, Dylan Tipps and Ian Waltermeyer in the outhouse, of the Coulee Crapper team wipe out in the Men's event against a team filming for Japanese television at Conconully's Outhouse Race on Saturday. — Al Camp, Chronicle photo

# Coulee Crapper a factor at Conconully

by Scott Hunter

Several coulee area residents competed in last weekend's outhouse races in Conconully, getting nixed in the end by a team from Japan.

Ian Waltermeyer, Dylan Tipps and Guy Payne, the Coulee Crapper team, won their first two heats in the "Bucket Race," attaining the quarter finals before falling to Team Fartacus, from Bothell.

In the Family category, Guy Payne and Guy R. Payne teamed up

with Adam Lange of Wenatchee to take first place, defeating Omak's Geobel Septic in the opening heat and crushing the Chronicle CanDoo team in the semi-finals. They beat North Cascade Hardwood in the finals.

In the Extreme Challenge race, the coulee team won the first heat after the Chronicle CanDoo was disqualified, having failed to cross the finish line with both pushers and its pilot, TeAire Baier of Grand Coulee. The Crappers lost the second heat to Hawk House of

Chehalis.

In the Men's event, the crapper team took the first heat of Red Solo Cup of Poulsbo, Wash., but lost to Team Matsuir Toilett. That Japanese team was competing for a Nippon TV extreme sporting event television show that will air in the future in Japan.

Roger Harnack, publisher of the Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle and proud sponsor of the Chronicle CanDoo team humbled by the Coulee Crapper effort, reported for this story.

## Coulee Dam Police

1/16 - A man was stopped for having expired license tabs near River Drive and Crest. The driver told police that he had recently purchased the vehicle but didn't have money to transfer the title, and that he didn't have insurance. Upon checking the officer learned that the driver's license was suspended. A licensed driver was enroute to get the vehicle after the man was cited on being suspended. The other offenses resulted in a warning.

- A driver was stopped for driving a lifted vehicle without proper splash aprons (mud flaps). She was given a warning by the officer.

1/17 - A man was stopped on River Drive when the officer noticed that the lifted vehicle did not have proper mud flaps. The officer noticed that the vehicle tabs had been altered. The driver said he had purchased the vehicle but didn't have the title so he couldn't get new tabs. He said his brother gave him permission to use his tabs. He was cited for expired vehicle registration, not having

insurance and altering the vehicle tabs.

- A driver was stopped on River Drive when the officer noticed expired tabs on his vehicle. The officer found that the driver, who claimed he drove for UPS, had a suspended license for not paying traffic fines. He was cited.

1/18 - The driver of a Dodge Durango was cited for failing to yield after he turned left in front of a Buick traveling west on Roosevelt Way. Both vehicles received major damage. A 14-year-old girl riding in the Dodge complained of pain in her back and neck and was taken to Coulee Medical Center by ambulance, where personnel told police that her injuries were minor.

- A woman was stopped on Columbia Avenue when the officer noticed that her vehicle didn't have plates — front or back. She said she purchased the vehicle in Idaho in October 2012. She was cited on the vehicle plate offense.

1/19 - Police were advised of a suspicious person on Central Drive. An officer responded and stayed in the area for about 30 minutes looking for the person.

# Coulee Cops

Compiled from police files

## Grand Coulee Police

1/14 - Police checked on a report that a 17-year-old mother was trying to leave her mother's house on Burdin Boulevard along with her baby without permission. The officer advised the girl to go back into the house and listen to her mother. The mother called later to say that the girl had crawled out of a window and left with her baby.

- An Electric City man who lives on Williams Street reported to police that he had lost his black wallet which held credit and debit cards and had at least \$150 cash. He remembered having the wallet last in front of Safeway the day before.

1/15 - A woman who lives on W. Grand Avenue in Electric City told police that someone told her that there was a cat inside an abandoned RV on "B" Street in Grand Coulee. The owner of the RV told police that she had moved the vehicle to that location several months before and there wasn't any cat in it. She said she planned to move the RV again soon.

- Police got a report that there was a burglary in progress at a location on Stevens Street in Electric City. The reporting party said as she had gone in one door of the house, two people ran out of another door. The woman said the parties were attempting to take the TV and stereo equipment. A window had been pushed out, enabling the parties to open the door.

- Police checked on a report of a runaway juvenile from a location on Bowen Street. It was stated that the juvenile had left with a friend. The report stated that the juvenile had run away three times before.

- An Ephrata driver had to have his vehicle towed after hitting a deer south of Electric City on SR-155. The damage to the vehicle was extensive, but there were no injuries.

- A Wilbur woman backed into the car of a Grand Coulee resident in the Safeway parking lot. The two exchanged insurance information.

1/16 - A police officer had to kill a deer that was along the road near the entrance to Sunbanks Resort due to the extensive injuries the animal had received.

1/18 - An officer assisted Coulee Dam Police with traffic control after a two-car accident at the intersection of SR-155 and Roosevelt Way. The officer helped push one of the vehicles off the roadway so traffic could resume.

# The Edible Landscape

Mary Schilling, Master Gardener

Berries are an impressive and beautiful addition to any yard, plus you can truly enjoy the fruits of your labor. Berry plants, bushes and brambles come in a wonderful variety of sizes and shapes and can offer visual interest from January through December. With so many options you can meet the needs of even the most discriminating palate and find those that will thrive in the somewhat tricky climates of our region.

Raspberries, blackberries, and trailing blackberries ('Marion', 'Boysen', and 'Logan') are all caneberries, sometimes referred to as brambles. These will climb and spread to fill an empty spot or can be trained along a fence. Blueberries come in high bush and low bush types as well as dwarf and semi-dwarf varieties. Attractive as ornamentals, they welcome spring with white or pink blossoms, offer colorful foliage in fall and add contrast with shades of gold or red wood in winter. Plants can be grown in beds, rows, hedges, or even in containers. Strawberries are another favorite of the home gardener and are small enough to allow for a lot of creativity when it comes to planting. Strawberry types are June-bearers, everbearers, and day-neutrals; meaning with a little planning you can have strawberries all summer long. Most home gardeners plant their strawberries in hills or rows but I have seen them grown in everything from tiered raised beds to an old cowboy boot. There are many other berries for home gardeners to try, so watch your seed/plant catalogs if you are interested in trying something a little more exotic.

Most berries need full sun for best performance and yields; however, some will tolerate partial shade. Each type of berry has different needs when it comes to soil type and watering, so it is a good idea to check in with your local Master Gardener or find one of the many great books out there on growing berries at

home. For instance, one interesting requirement for blueberries is that they need to have acidic soil. This takes some planning and preparation in our region since our soil is naturally alkaline.

Now for my favorite part! Once you have harvested your glorious berries, I encourage you to enjoy them

fresh. It is hard to beat the flavor, texture, and nutritional value of fresh berries. They are great on cereal or yogurt, in pancakes or other baked goods or just right out of your hand. If you have some berries left over or really enjoy preserving some of your garden's bounty, there are several options for berries. Most can be dried or dehydrated and then stored for use throughout the winter and coming year.

These are great in homemade granola or trail mix, in baked goods or again, right out of your hand. Sometimes I will add a handful of dried berries or other fruits to my winter pies to help boost flavor (try dried blueberries or huckleberries in your next peach pie!) My favorite way to preserve berries is to freeze them. In the heat of the summer when I end up with a bumper crop of raspberries or find that wonderful, secret patch of huckleberries, I want to preserve them quickly and without heating up my kitchen.

I take a time-efficient approach to this by rinsing the fruit lightly if necessary (I don't use any chemicals on my berries), draining, and then packing them immediately in quart size freezer bags. Frozen berries work great in pies and other baked goods but they are

also a fabulous base for a healthy fruit smoothie. This is a great way to start off your day with a healthy portion of fruit, vitamin C, fiber and antioxidants. WSU Extension does offer food preservation classes occasionally and these are a great way to learn to preserve food safely and effectively for the best quality and flavor.

I hope you will give berries a try in your landscape.

## Berry Blast Smoothie

(2 large servings)

- 2 cups of frozen mixed berries or a single variety
- 1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt or your favorite
- 1/4 cup old fashioned rolled oats (uncooked)
- A squeeze of fresh lemon juice (approx. 1 tsp)
- 2 bananas
- 1/2 of an apple, cored, leave the peel on (wash the apple well)
- 1 tsp honey
- 1 1/2 cups of water or orange juice if you prefer

Note: Using frozen berries is what makes this smoothie thick, cold and refreshing. If you don't have frozen berries, you will want to add ice cubes. Add all ingredients except water/orange juice to a blender. Add one cup of the water/juice, put lid on blender and blend for 15 seconds. Add more liquid as necessary to get the smoothie moving in the blender or to the consistency you prefer. Blend for 45-60 seconds. If you are feeling really adventurous try adding a handful of fresh spinach or kale. You really can't taste it and it adds fabulous nutrition to your drink. Enjoy!

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