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SERVING THE GRAND COULEE DAM AREA, WASHINGTON STATE

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## New carnival will serve Colorama this year

by Roger S. Lucas

Colorama will have a new carnival this year, Rainier Amusements, out of Portland, Oregon, the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce announced this week.

The new carnival is one of the featured attractions for this year's Colorama Festival, May 12-14.

"We are pleased that we have been able to contract with such a highly respected amusement organization," chamber Executive Director Peggy Nevsimal stated.

The final details of the contract with Rainier Amusements were signed late last week.

The Portland amusement group stated in its news release that it is the next generation of "traveling amusement park entertainment groups in the Pacific Northwest."

Crystal Hoss, of Rainier Amusements, said the company's contract with the chamber calls for a minimum of 12 rides, ranging from the milder type, suitable for kids at least 2 years old, to the "thrill-seeking ones" favored by teens and adults. The carnival will also include traditional "midway" games.

Rainier Amusements prides itself on its safety record and the professionalism of its company representatives, Nevsimal stated.

The festival had no carnival in 2016. After the prior contractor was determined to be a no-show, the chamber scrambled unsuccessfully to recruit several possible replacements, including Rainier, at the last minute.

This year, with a stop in Hermiston, Oregon, for Cinco de Mayo the weekend before, their schedule made it feasible to serve the Colorama Festival.

"We are excited to be a part of it," Hoss said.

The company, which is a family-owned business, is a familiar sight at the festival.

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## Kids and guests take part in Read Across America

Electric City Mayor John Nordine II reads to Jessica Tufts' second grade students at Lake Roosevelt Elementary School last Thursday, Dr. Seuss's birthday, taking part in the Read Across America program. The school brings in community members for the program, which the National Education Association describes as its year-round program for "motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources." It is now in its 20th year. — Roger S. Lucas photo

## Local roads will close for fire station construction

by Scott Hunter

A contractor will be on site next week to start work on a new fire station for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which means two portions of local roads will be closed for that project.

Innovative Construction & Design Ltd., a small business based in Post Falls, Idaho, was awarded the \$13.6 million construction job last September.

The company is scheduled to be on site Monday, March 13, Public Affairs Officer Lynne Brougher said Monday.

The portion of B Street from Division Street to Industrial Road will be closed, as will Industrial Road from B Street to SR-155, until the fire station is completed in the summer of 2018.



Roads to be closed for construction. — USBR graphic

The federal agency already changed the speed limit from 40 to 30 mph on the multi-lane portion of SR-155 that it controls. That change is permanent, Brougher reminded.

## Plea deal includes no jail time for clerk

by Roger S. Lucas

A former Mosquito District 2 clerk pled guilty to one count of first-degree theft in Grant County Superior Court Monday.

A second count of first-degree theft, relating to an alleged misappropriation of funds of just over \$129,000, was dismissed under the plea agreement.

Under the agreement, Karyn Byam, 41, of Electric City, is to pay \$800 in court costs, with restitution to be determined at a special hearing within 180 days. There was no confinement time under the agreement.

Byam pled guilty to the first-degree theft charge which had to do with four computers that were purchased, with only one returned to Grant County Mosquito District 2.

Byam said, "No, thank you" Tuesday when asked if she wanted to comment.

A state audit of the Mosquito District, for the years 2010-2014,

found that Byam wrote extra checks to herself in the amount of \$129,834 over that period. She had been a clerk for the Mosquito District for over 20 years. Those four years were the only years of the audit. She resigned her position March 4, 2016 after being questioned by the investigative unit of the State Auditor's Office.

The investigation was turned over to the Grand Coulee Police Department with Chief John Tufts submitting his month-long report to Grant County Prosecutor Garth Dano.

The police report stated that Byam had issued herself 20 payments of her monthly salary of \$1,100 and an additional 20 payments of \$755 for extra work from January through November 2012. This pattern continued somewhat into 2013, the police investigation revealed.

The investigation showed that Byam's budgeted salary for 2014 was \$14,000, but she drew 20 checks totaling take-home pay of

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## Winter hard on schools

by Roger S. Lucas

The Grand Coulee Dam School District has had its problems with the harsh winter, and will have to repair sidewalk and playground concrete walkway problems when spring arrives.

Sidewalks in front of the new school have had surface problems and the same problems have cropped up on playground surfaces, Superintendent Paul Turner advised the school board at its last meeting.

The surface in front of the school appeared to partially be because of using snow and ice removal chemicals. Turner said that he didn't think that personnel used salt.

In another problem area, Turner advised the board that the district will be replacing the sound system in the gym.

Turner said that those attending last year's graduation ceremony would know the problem.

During the graduation ceremony the main public address system quit working and officials tried to use a hand-held microphone, which also failed.

"It was a disaster," Turner said.

A hand-held megaphone was eventually used in the ceremony. Turner said that fixing the PA system would cost the district about \$8,000. That work will be done in the spring also, Turner noted.

### Newsbriefs

#### Next week, thank a classified employee

March 13-17 has been proclaimed Classified Public School Employees Week by Washington Governor Jay Inslee. There are 60,000 classified school employees in the state who are involved in nearly every aspect of education, the proclamation says. They are involved in maintaining buildings and grounds, preparing and serving meals, keeping school facilities clean and neat, assisting in the classroom, performing and conducting research activities, and providing information technology and media services. Those recognized also provide administrative support functions, safe transportation, a secure and healthy environment, and many other specialized services.

#### Library offers new services

North Central Regional Library launched its new website at ncr.org. The new site was designed with user experience in mind and debuts a fresh look, more informational content, and new online resources. The library has also introduced a new online resource now available on their website: Hoopla digital. Hoopla provides library patrons with eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital comics, streaming movies and TV shows, and music. Library patrons can borrow seven items per month using their computer or the Hoopla app on their mobile devices.

#### Wenatchee band and bell choir to perform

The Cascade Christian Academy high school band and handbell choir, from Wenatchee, will present a concert at the Coulee Dam Community Church Friday, March 17, at 7 p.m. The concert will include a variety of sacred music, including time-tested hymns, rich spirituals, and contemporary selections. The concert is free and open

to the public.

Besides the concert that evening, the CCA will perform at Lake Roosevelt High School that Friday at 10 a.m. Also, they will do spring cleaning in North Dam Park in Grand Coulee that afternoon.

On Saturday, March 18, the handbell choir will perform at the Grand Coulee Seventh-day Adventist Church at 103 Continental Heights.

#### IRS waiting to give money back

Federal income tax refunds totaling over \$30.3 million may be waiting for an estimated 27,600 Washington taxpayers who did not file a federal income tax return for 2013. The IRS estimates half of those potential refunds for 2013 are more than \$829. To collect the money, these taxpayers must file a 2013 tax return with the IRS no later than Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

"Many of those who did not file in 2013 may also be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit which could potentially increase their refund," said IRS spokesman David Tucker. "EITC is targeted toward those workers with low-or-moderate incomes." For 2013, the EITC is worth as much as \$6,044.



## School strategizers meet

Richard McBride, superintendent of the North Central Educational Service District 171, leads a discussion on developing a strategic plan for Grand Coulee Dam School District in a Lake Roosevelt school library this week. Composed of both school district personnel and community members, the planning team met Monday and Tuesday to shape a plan that will help the administration and school board tackle issues within the district in the future. District Superintendent Paul Turner helped facilitate the discussions that involved some 20 people. — Roger S. Lucas photo



# NPS offers marina one-year contract extension

## Officials acknowledge public concern over poor communications

The National Park Service is offering Lake Roosevelt Vacations, Inc., a one-year contract extension. If accepted, it will continue to operate the NPS-owned marina complex at Kettle Falls through April 30, 2018.

NPS officials are offering to extend the contract for one year after listening to community and visitor concerns over the announcement of the marina closure.

"It's our hope Lake Roosevelt Vacations will accept this extension offer so reservation holders unaware of a potential closure can enjoy their planned vacation on the lake," said Superintendent Dan Foster. "We are committed over the long term to ensuring Kettle Falls, the launch ramp, and campgrounds continue to be popular summer recreation destinations."

The agency said it will be asking the concessionaire to correct previously identified deficiencies that pose risks to the environment and visitor safety during the extension period.

The Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area announced the planned closure Feb. 6, which prompted a request from Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers, representing Washington's Fifth

District in Congress, to express "deep concerns" and ask for "clarification" two days later.

"We could have done a better job informing the community and stakeholders of the opportunities and challenges surrounding this contract," said Foster. "Moving forward, we will better engage interested parties, beginning with a town hall meeting we will be holding on this issue this spring."

The Park Service is working on a long-term strategy for visitor services at Kettle Falls. This includes maintaining the Park Service campground, boat ramp, parking, restrooms, hiking trails, and day-use areas. To aid its effort, Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area contracted for and is awaiting the results of a visitor-use survey conducted in 2016 that included, among other items, questions on what visitors wanted to do while at the lake, what they actually did, and what they were not able to do.

Federal law requires the agency to only offer business opportunities that would provide an operator a reasonable opportunity to make a profit. The three-month open solicitation last summer to attract bids on a new 10-year contract resulted in one offer. To minimize the financial outlay and make the contract financially viable for a potential operator, the contract prospectus scaled down required services, that included fuel sales, slip rentals, store and sewage pump-out, and made current requirements that the concessionaire offer houseboat rentals optional to attract more offers.

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## Byam

\$59,110.54. The mosquito board had authorized some additional pay for doing work digitizing records.

Auditors had noted that according to board minutes, Byam's pay should have been for 20 hours per month, and that district policy required two signatures on checks, yet Byam was allowed to sign checks using only her signature.

Byam was charged on the two theft issues on Dec. 17, 2016, and had several court postponements leading up to Monday's court appearance.

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## Project at casino taking shape

Workers this week are ripping existing sidewalks up at the entrance to Coulee Dam Casino as they get ready to create a new entrance area. The project includes a new restaurant on the second floor, plus added gaming areas. The upgraded facility is expected to open sometime this spring. The project will also feature outside dining during good weather. — Roger S. Lucas photo

## New

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ily business, travels all of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, and was the contractor for the 2016 Oregon State Fair in Salem, Hoss said.

Last year, chamber did find replacement entertainment with a new attraction that proved to be quite popular — a company that brought several bounce-house type attractions. Those proved popular with younger festival patrons, but less so with teenagers, an age group for which the carnival had become a tradition.

Some of those attractions will also be available for Colorama.

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# Mumps knocking on the community's back door

## And it's not just for kids anymore!

From the desk of Sandy Edwards, CMC's Infection Control:

### What is "Mumps"?

Mumps is a highly contagious viral illness that can have serious complications in young adults.

## Mumps complications are serious in young adults!

**Mumps can cause:**

- Meningitis or swelling of the brain and spinal cord
- Painful swelling of one or both testicles
- Painful swelling of ovaries and breasts
- Pancreatitis
- Permanent deafness
- Spontaneous abortions in the 1st trimester

**ALERT!**

- Adults get the vaccination if needed
- Young Adults get the vaccination
- Get your kids vaccinated.
- It is all about Herd immunity, everyone needs to be vaccinated.

**How do you know if you have the Mumps?**

You might think you have the FLU. You may have a fever, headache, muscle aches, and pains, feel tired and lose your appetite. It then may be followed by painful swelling of one or both of the glands located within your cheek near your jaw line. It may just start as an earache or tenderness along your jaw.

**How do you get the Mumps?**

**It is spread by:**

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- Sneezing
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# OPINION

## It all adds up

It's not easy to get used to driving 10 miles per hour slower on a short stretch of highway you've been traveling daily for decades.

That's a problem many folks face trying, straining, braking to navigate the multi-lane stretch of highway 155 by the Bureau of Reclamation's Grand Coulee Project, which the bureau slowed from 40 to 30 mph because it's building a new fire station across from Pole Park.

Even if traveling more slowly in front of a fire station is warranted, slowing the entire stretch seems a bit much.

Admittedly, that complaint sounds a little silly. It's a short distance and really should not be much of an inconvenience.

But it adds up. The slower speed requirement adds a paltry 26 seconds to traversing that distance. Sounds too tiny to bother talking about — until you do the math.

As someone who lives on one side of the project in Coulee Dam and works on the other side in Grand Coulee, I estimated the extra time it will likely take me to get to and from work and other trips for a year. The slower speed will add five hours to my commute, one of the shortest in the country.

That calculation was an eye opener, and that's for just one person. Factor in the travels of hundreds of other workers in this community alone and you must conclude that the speed adjustment just instituted a productivity loss of thousands of hours a year for one tiny community.

Slowing down near the fire station seems like a reasonable precaution, but at least one driver is going to find it very difficult to adjust to the other 20 seconds on that trip.

Scott Hunter  
editor and publisher

## Letters from Our Readers

### Questions for Rep. Dan Newhouse

On Feb. 23 constituents of the 4th Congressional District of Washington gathered at the Methow Valley Community Center in Twisp to participate in democracy and make our voices heard by you, our elected representative. You were not present. Had you or a member of your staff been able to attend, here are some questions I would like to have asked.

1. Thank you for your recent support of the BRIDGE Act. You stated on your Facebook page that Congress will come together to build "a reasonable and accessible immigration system going forward." What does that mean to you in terms of specific policy and

the effect on the thousands of immigrants who live, work and support economies in your district?

2. On your website you state, "I believe it is important that we preserve our beautiful national parks, forests, recreational areas, and wildlife for our children and grandchildren to enjoy." Your environmental voting record and the bills you have sponsored seem to contradict this statement. Will you clarify your actual position for us?

3. In light of all of the credible suspicion of corruption, conflict of interest and potential tampering with an election by a hostile foreign government combined with the constant lies and erratic

behavior coming from the most powerful office in our country, will you support an independent investigation into the Trump administration's ties with Russia, and will you be a leader in your party who will be vocal and take bold action to maintain our democracy?

I have many more questions for you, and I am certain I am not the only one. We deserve to hear from you and to be heard by you. You will be hearing from us daily. Let's make a town hall meeting happen.

Ian Ross  
Winthrop



## Senior Profile: Olivia Arnold

I sat down with the young lady I call "Live" and learned a bit more about what makes her tick. I have known the Arnold family for a long time and have watched this senior at Lake Roosevelt bloom into an amazing adult, but I heard more than I expected in my sit down chat.

When I asked how her senior year is going she answered with an enthusiastic "Great," followed by, "It is a lot less hectic than I thought it was going to be." She said all this with that bigger-than-life smile she gets. She went on to explain that she had to make up extra credits this year and it was going better than she could have expected. There is a calmness, but fire, under the surface of this lady, and as we talked more and more she revealed where that drive was coming from.

"My dad (Kirk Arnold) has influenced me the most," she said. "He has brought an understanding of God into my life, and without him and God I would be lost. My dad has taught me the most important things."

As she said this, tears filled her eyes but the smile remained. As we talked about the other influences at Lake Roosevelt, she mentioned two staff members who have really meant a lot to her. "Shelly Black has helped me a lot with scheduling and keeping me on track, and Julie Friedlander has really pushed me to stay on top of things and succeed. But everyone at the school has played a part in my success." As we talked more it was evident that she could not pick just one person who most influenced her during her high school career; it has been a team effort.

She is going to need more support like that too. She plans on being a missionary, and anyone that

knows her already knows her heart is huge for those in need of hearing God's truth. "I have applied to a missionary school in Cyprus and, if accepted, I will leave next January," she said.

That schooling would consist of one month of training in Israel, then she would pick a country to go serve for four more months, and then she would come home for one month. She explained that after the rest at home she would repeat the process but it would be much more intense. Whenever she talked about Israel, her words were spoken with a real sincerity and joy.

Her family has spent a lot of time in that country over the last few years, the most recent time for three straight months. "Israel has made me who I am today," she said. "That country opened my eyes to what's important in life." A seriousness had come to her face during this part of our talk,

and I knew the importance of her words. "I found a future there, and I know God is calling me back there." Powerful words from a woman just starting her mission.

Her advice for future seniors is simple and totally reflects her attitude: "Take it serious, but don't stress; it is only one year out of your life." This is coming from someone who has overcome Israel, family issues and running a business as a family. She ended our talk with these words, which I will never forget: "You will get through each day and each day leads you one day closer to where God wants you to be, where I want to be."

Olivia will change lives, and I am glad to know her and cherish her heart. I can't wait to see where God leads her.

Jess,  
shut up!

Jesse Utz



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## Rescuing America's Health Care System

Repealing and replacing "Obamacare" is necessary to prevent Americans from suffering the consequences of this failed and unraveling law. Promises of affordability and lower premiums have turned into the reality of diminishing choices, rising prices, and less competition. Replacement must allow more affordable, more personalized health options. Replacing Obamacare has become a rescue mission to provide relief for American families.

I recently had constituents reach out to me to explain that the situation they face because of this law is unsustainable for their family, whose plan has a \$7,000 deductible despite the cost of \$950 per month for health insurance. While technically "insured," this kind of phantom insurance is simply not affordable. Annual out-of-pocket costs for families under this law have skyrocketed from \$3,700 in 2014 to \$4,300 in 2016. What kind of a choice is that?

In Washington, we have already seen major insurers fleeing the state exchange, leaving fewer options and higher premiums. Some have benefited from the law, but at the cost of canceled plans for others and an increasingly unstable marketplace. While it will not be easy to undo the damage of this

law, we must take the time and a step-by-step approach to transition smoothly to a better system.

Our goal with repeal is to ensure that everyone has access to affordable insurance that fits their individual needs instead of government mandates. That means guaranteeing access for the most vulnerable people, including those

with pre-existing conditions. Republicans are working on a plan to allow health savings accounts, fund high-risk pools, and provide a universal tax credit to assist low-income households purchase health insurance. Tax credits would also be available for dependents up the age of 26.

I have heard from many constituents who are concerned about pre-existing conditions when the law is replaced, which is why I cosponsored H.R.1121, The Pre-existing Conditions Protection Act of 2017. By replacing Obamacare, we will continue to protect the most vulnerable.

The highly regulated system under this health law is destabilizing before our eyes, leaving Americans at risk. Obamacare is failing, and we must transition to a system that increases affordable choices for all Americans.

Guest  
Column

Dan Newhouse

Representative  
Washington  
4th District



### Sixty-eight years ago

Workmen operate prepack grout equipment as they pump grout into prepack areas at the base of the right training wall. Equipment shown here includes, at top, two double-drum grout mixers; center, two F.S. Simplex pumps; and bottom, four triplex grout pumps with hose connections. This work was performed by the Pacific Bridge Company, as part of their contract to repair the spillway bucket section of Grand Coulee Dam. — March 1949 photo

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## Meetings & Notices

### NO CHAMBER THIS WEEK

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will not be meeting this week. Regular meetings will resume next Thursday, March 16, at noon.

### GRAND COULEE LIBRARY MYSTERY PROGRAM

The Grand Coulee Library will be holding a Mystery Program March 21-24. This is for kids of all ages. Clues will be given to solve a mystery. The program is broken down by age groups. Check with the library for more information.

Library hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., and Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### COULEE CREATORS MEET

Coulee Creators will be holding an all day sew-in on Monday, March 13 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Kissed Quilts, 412 Federal Ave., Grand Coulee. Coulee Creators meet every Tuesday 1-4 p.m., except for Monday, March 28 which has been cancelled. Contact Marlene Oddie 509-386-5715 or marlene@kissedquilts.com for details. Enter east end of building, push in door knob to release door latch.

### OKANOGAN COUNTY DEMOS TO MEET

Okanogan County Democrats will meet on Saturday, March 11, at the Oroville Grange Hall. A potluck begins at noon, with meeting to follow.

### AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET

The American Legion Post 157 holds legion meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, at the Vets Center in Electric City.

### CARE AND SHARE FOOD BANK IS OPEN FRIDAYS

The food bank at the Church of the Nazarene has normal operating hours every Friday 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 and Fridays at 6 p.m. at the Vets Center in Electric City. Call Paul at 633-3377 days or 633-3345 evenings. New Hope Group meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Vets Center. These are open and non-smoking.

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

### 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. The SAIL exercise class follows this meeting beginning at 10 a.m. There is no charge. Also, a SAIL exercise class is held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the basement of the Coulee Dam town hall.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY FEATURING SPEAKERS

The Grant County Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 14, at the Ephrata American Legion Post, 276 8th Ave. NW.

A board meeting starts at 11 a.m., lunch is served at noon and a program will begin at 12:30 p.m.

High school senior Kameron Goetz from Coulee City, will give a short talk on his winning entry in the American Legion speech contest, then retired Grant County Sheriff Felix Ramon will talk about his life and service.

Lunch is \$7 and members and guests should register for lunch by calling President Stephanie Sherwood at 509-398-5186.



## Buttercups mean spring, honest

Lexi and Ty Rimpler (right) point to a little yellow bit of proof spring is coming during a walk in the hills near Electric City March 1, when they reported finding the first buttercup. Above, Tom Bruno (left) and Hunter Piccinini kneel beside another one near Electric City's water reservoir the very next day. — submitted photos



## Blood drive planned March 20

Inland Northwest Blood Center along with the Grand Coulee community blood drive volunteers led by Melanie Slatina, are planning a blood drive for Monday, March 20.

Donation hours will be from 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the community room in Coulee Medical Center.

INBC needs an average of 200 blood donors every day to meet the needs of more than 35 hospitals in the Inland Northwest.

A single donation can save the lives of up to three people!

For more information contact Tina Lingo 509-981-7023.

## Free trees from Arbor Day Foundation

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2017 and receive 10 free white pine trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees.

"White pine trees or white flowering dogwoods will add beauty to your home throughout the year," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods are known for their showy spring flowers and red berries that attract songbirds during

winter. White pine trees are fast-growing landscape trees that will break heavy winds, making them an ideal addition to any yard."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

With planting instructions included, the trees will be shipped at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription

to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE WHITE PINE or 10 FREE DOGWOOD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 2017. Or join online at arborday.org/march.

## CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY COUNCIL POSITION VACANCY

The City of Electric City is seeking letters of interest to fill the present vacant City Council Position # 4. All interested persons, who have been a resident of Electric City for at least one year and are registered to vote, are invited to submit a letter of interest to 10 Western Ave. PO Box 130, Electric City, WA 99123. The City will accept letters of interest until 5:00 p.m. March 30, 2017. City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 633-1510 and ask for the City Clerk.

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## Nespalem students of the month for February

Students at Nespalem School selected for February students of the month include, from left - top row: Agnice Campbell, Ema Bearcub, Eddy Cohen, Kyona Edmo, Drake Weed; bottom row: April Bigwolf, Hartlyn Caudell, Sophia Reyes, Anela Somday, Furyus Louie; not shown: Rodger Cate. — submitted photo



From left, Coach Steve Hood, Kaleb Horn, Tony Nichols and Jon Shelley eat lunch with the Rotary Club at The Siam Palace Wednesday. — Scott Hunter photo

## State wrestlers treated

by Scott Hunter

Three student athletes who placed at the state wrestling tournament in Tacoma last month were treated to lunch at The Siam Palace with the Grand Coulee Dam Rotary Club Wednesday.

Lake Roosevelt Raider wres-

ting Coach Steve Hood introduced Kaleb Horn, Tony Nichols and Jon Shelley, all of whom had also just been awarded at a school assembly for high academic marks.

At the state tournament, Horn took first place in the 113-pound division for 2B schools; Nichols

took third at 138 and Shelley took fourth place at 120 pounds.

"These guys, they don't just turn out from November to February," Lake Roosevelt Raider wrestling Coach Steve Hood said, noting they would be wrestling in a freestyle tournament in Spokane that weekend.

# Up north, thawing permafrost causes climate change concerns

### February was a wet and snowy month at home

by Bob Valen

Planet Earth, our little satellite that we all call home, is composed of several broad-ranging geographic regions. Let's add some varying climate types to those regions. Now we see how the complexities of these broad geographic regions grow.

At one time, I lived and worked in the Chihuahuan Desert, a North American desert that spans two nations and is considered to be part of the temperate zone. It was warm in the summer and we had snow in the winter — just like here in the Grand Coulee. The Grand Coulee, regionally, is part of the Columbia Plateau, dominated by a brush-steppe environment.

If we look at the upper northern latitudes, much further north than our location, or, in some cases, at simply higher elevations, we find a unique geology called permafrost. It's unique because permafrost is soil, sediment and rock that is frozen solid. The thin upper layer does thaw seasonally. In some regions where permafrost occurs it can be as deep as 700 meters (2,300 feet). The soils that make up permafrost contain large amounts of organic material. Over the past few decades, some regions of permafrost have been thawing at a rapid rate. Climate change is the culprit of this thaw.

The act of thawing permafrost brings about several reactions. Some of those reactions require further research and likely will create some real concerns. The release of greenhouse gases oc-

curs as microorganisms and bacteria go to work on all that thawing organic material found in permafrost soil. Carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, as well as other gases are released.

There have been other interesting physical scientific finds too. In some areas of Siberia and Canada, scientists are finding long-buried evidence of past plant and animal life as large areas of permafrost slump down creating massive craters. It's cautious work because the craters are getting larger and changing quickly.

Those discoveries are great. Yet, as our global climate changes, this thaw will continue. More greenhouse gases will be released and there are only estimates as to how much will be released. Also, the amount of water released from its frozen state is unknown. Some dynamic stuff

is going on as the systems of our little satellite, Earth, change.

OK, let's take a look at our weather results for February. The month was wet with rain and snow. The home weather station recorded 2.63 inches (our official weather station had 2.67) of precipitation and 13.6 inches (our official station had 9.3) of new snow. The high temperature was 45.7°F on the 17th (all-time high was 61°F in 1995). The low temperature was 9.9°F on the 6th (all-time low was -15°F in 1950). We were below the all-time mean by 4.2°F. My weather station recorded a mean of 28.5°F, while the all-time mean is 32.7°F. In another month I'll provide some totals for the winter of 2016-17.

So, what can we expect in the near future? Here's some information from the Climate Prediction Center (CPC). For the three-month outlook for March, April and May the CPC is showing equal chances of "above normal or below" temperatures. As for precipitation, however, the CPS has come up with, "above average" precipitation for its prediction.

### Weather Watcher

Bob Valen not a meteorologist, just a weather hobbyist!



## Bowling Scores

COLUMBIA LEAGUE 2nd Half			THURSDAY MIX-UPS		
TEAM	W	L	TEAM	W	L
Team 6	22	18	Fry Bread Pwr	63.5	24.5
Strike or Spare	16	24	The Melody	62	34
Solid T Const.	15	25	San Poll Valley	48	48
High Game: Ron Staggs 248			Bob & His		
High Series: Ron Staggs 616			Gutter Girls	44.5	51.5
Previous High Game: High Game: Jason Olson 235			High Game: Melody 742: LJ Stensgar		
High Series: Ron Staggs 596			228: Candy Weed-Butz 192		
Splits: Soy 3-10; Jesse Jackson 4-7-10			High Series: Melody 2034: LJ Stensgar		
			581: Candy Weed-Butz 552		
			Splits: Amber Olsen 3-9-10; Gwen Hilson 5-6-10; Percy Kuehne 2-7; Marvin Bob 4-5; John Stensgar 3-10		
			DAM KEGLERS		
			TEAM	W	L
			#6	104	76
			#5	101.5	78.5
			#4	88.5	91.5
			#3	76	104
			#2	74.5	105.5
			High Game: Ron Staggs 257; Candy Weed-Butz 203		
			High Series: Dale Bjorson 683; Candy Weed-Butz 565		
			Splits: Tiger Atlin Covington 3-4-6-3-10		
			Previous - High Game: Team 5 829; Dale Bjorson 267; Candy Weed-Butz 202		
			High Series: Team 5 2329; Dale Bjorson 696; Candy W-B 202		
			Splits: Bob Gore 3-10; Mae Stensgar 3-6-7-10; Robin Atlin-Covington 5-6-10; Tiger Atlin-Covington 2-10		

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This position will provide high-quality screening mammography services to patients in accordance with physician's orders. Maintain the equipment Quality Assurance program and accompanying documentation to comply with all ACR and FDA regulations. Maintain an accurate record-keeping process for patient follow-up in addition to exercising professional judgment and upholding medical ethics in performance of diagnostic services. Apply knowledge of the principles of growth and development to identify requirements relative to age specific patients. Maintain strict patient and staff confidentiality and support the Radiology team in a manner consistent with the Mission and Vision of Coulee Medical Center.

The Mammography Technologist must be a graduate of an accredited Radiology Technology program, be ARRT registered as a Radiology Technologist with an additional ARRT registration in mammography, and hold a State of Washington certification as a Radiology Technologist. One year of prior experience is required.

**MA, LPN, RN**  
CMC is seeking a MA, LPN, or RN to work in our clinic. This position performs essential tasks, such as patient intake, including vital signs and medication review; performs a variety of patient care tasks, such as EKGs and PFTs. In addition, this position will work as a medical scribe to accurately and thoroughly document medical visits and procedures as they are performed by the provider. Must have good computer skills, a good understanding of medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, diagnostic procedures and excellent customer service skills. Must have current MA, LPN or RN license in Washington state and current BLS training. One-year experience in clinic practice setting preferred. Willing to train the right candidate.

Apply online at: [www.cmccares.org](http://www.cmccares.org)  
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# Jobs

**BARTENDER NEEDED** - Apply in person. Moose Lodge, Grand Coulee. (M3-8-1tc)

**\*\*SIGN-ON BONUS\*\*** Colville Tribal Convalescent Center \$1000 sign-on bonus for NAC, \$2000 for RN, also hiring LPNs. GREAT benefits! Apply at <https://recruiting2.ultipro.com/CON1040> and/or call 509-634-2881 (C2-15-4tpp)

**IN-HOME CAREGIVERS NEEDED** - To serve in the Grand Coulee area. Immediate positions available. Pay rate from \$12.30 - \$15.65 per hr, depending on experience. Contact 509-422-1791 for more information. (R3-1-4tpp)

**HOUSEKEEPER WANTED** - Trail West Motel. Call Sam, 633-3155. (T3-1-tfc)

**PART-TIME POSITION** at Strate Funeral Home in Grand Coulee, WA. This position will perform a variety of tasks to assist with funerals and visitation. Must be flexible with hours, be willing to work nights and weekends and some heavy lifting. Qualifications: High School Education, must hold a valid current driver's license with a good driving record. Knowledge of computers and some software would be an asset or a willingness to learn. Strate Funeral Home is an Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F/D/V. If you are interested, please contact Mike Strite at 509-725-4151. (S3-1-2tc)

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**Pacific Seafood is seeking local FT Maintenance Technician**

General maintenance and repair work. Perform minor plumbing & electrical work. Repair equipment when breakdowns occur to maintain production. Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions and lift 60 lbs. repeatedly.

A valid driver's license is required. Prior boat operating experience preferred.

Pre-employment drug screen and background check required.

For more info or to apply visit [www.pacseafood.com](http://www.pacseafood.com) or in person at 3378 Columbia River Road, Nespelem, WA 99155. EEO Company



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Pay Range: \$16.48 (HUD Determined Wage Rate)

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**Open until filled** - First review March 22, 2017. Applications MUST be received by 3:00 pm PDT.

For a copy of the full job announcement and application please visit: <https://www.colvilletribe.com/indian-housing-authority/> Indian Preference will apply; preference will also be given to honorable discharged veterans who are minimally qualified.

## Card of Thanks

The family of Frank (Bud) Sanford would like to thank our friends and family for their cards, letters and all of the food we received. Your love and support has meant more than you will ever know.

A special thank you to Jaleen Flowers, Marilyn Neumann, Colleen Manley and Danette Childers for the great meals you brought to the house. You are all wonderful.

Also, thanks to everyone who brought food to the dinner following Dad's Service, and to the Ladies of the Eagles Auxiliary for all of the food provided and work you put into our gathering.

Del and Linda Sanford family  
George and Jean Sanford family

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The Eagles thank you in the March 1, 2017 edition of the Star had been submitted with an error. We thanked Ty Tipps for the donation of the LED lights; however, he did not install the lights. Members of the Eagles did the installation and cleaned the fixtures.

# Legal Notices

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF COULEE DAM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Separate sealed bids will be received by the Town of Coulee Dam at the Town Hall, located at 300 Lincoln Ave, Coulee Dam, WA 99116, until 2:00 p.m., March 15, 2017, and publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations.

1. Town of Coulee Dam, 300 Lincoln Ave, Coulee Dam, WA 99116 (509) 633-0320
2. Varela & Associates, Inc., 601 W. Mallon Ave Ste A, Spokane, WA 99201 (509) 328-6066
3. Various plan centers - call Varela & Associates or visit [www.varela-engr.com](http://www.varela-engr.com) for list.

This work is for construction of a new 195,000 gpd extended aeration wastewater treatment plant for the Town of Coulee Dam, WA. Major elements of the work include: earthwork, site improvements, concrete process basins, supply and installation of process equipment, process and operations buildings, sludge dewatering system, electrical, controls, and decommissioning of existing treatment facilities.

The project is located within the Town of Coulee Dam town limits, rights-of-way and easements.

Proposals must be submitted on the forms pro-

vided in the Contract Documents. Bid bonds in an amount not less than 5 percent of the amount bid are to be made payable to the Town of Coulee Dam. 100 percent performance and payment bonds will be required from the successful bidder.

The Town of Coulee Dam is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Disadvantaged, tribal-, minority- and women-owned businesses are encouraged to submit bids. All work performed on this project will be subject to prevailing state wage rates. The project is funded by a grant/loan from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program.

The Town of Coulee Dam reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive technicalities, and in its sole judgement, accept the bid which it deems is in its best interest. Additional bid acceptance and contract award provisions are specified in the Contract Documents.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be purchased at the office of Varela & Associates, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Issuing Agent, for \$60 per set (non-refundable, see address above). For additional information regarding this project, contact Daniel Cowger, P.E., at Varela & Associates, Inc., at (509) 328-6066 or [couleedamwtp@varela-engr.com](mailto:couleedamwtp@varela-engr.com).

(Publish Feb. 15, 22, March 1 and 8, 2017)

## NOTICE OF SMALL WORKS ROSTER OPENING

Grand Coulee Dam School District is updating their small works rosters for general contractors for future construction, alteration, repair or improvement of public works projects. If you are interested in being included on this roster, please email a letter of intent to [suziem@ncesd.org](mailto:suziem@ncesd.org) or to the following address and we will send you a small works roster application:

North Central ESD  
Attn: Suzie Morrison  
P.O. Box 1847  
Wenatchee, WA 98807

Suzie Morrison, CEOE, Accounting Tech  
North Central Educational Service District 171  
(Publish March 8, 2017)

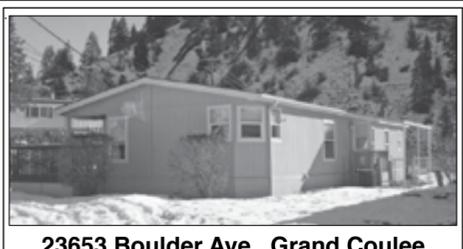
## Town of Coulee Dam Parks and Natural Resources Board Meeting

To the Citizens of the Town of Coulee Dam, notice is hereby given that the Parks and Natural Resources Board of the Town of Coulee Dam will hold regular meetings at Town Hall every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. until further notice.

Stefani Bowden, Clerk/Treasurer  
(Publish March 8, 2017)

## Check Out These Listings!!

A complete listing of our properties can be found at our website [FoisyKennedy.com](http://FoisyKennedy.com)



**23653 Boulder Ave., Grand Coulee**

#23653 Boulder Avenue, Grand Coulee, Here is your chance to rise in the morning and gaze out upon the beauty of Lake Roosevelt. This Man. Home was built in 1993 and has 3 bedrooms - 2 baths and appr 1,500 s.f. of finished living area. Large Living room and conveniently located Dining room take advantage of the view. New kitchen with Maple cabinets, vaulted ceilings, Central H & AC and Super Good Cents construction. There is a detached 2 car garage, fenced yard and huge deck. List price is just \$165,000.



**214 A Street, Grand Grand Coulee**

#214 A Street, Grand Coulee. Here is the perfect little cottage just for you. Home has 750 s.f. on the main level, plus another 750 s.f in the basement. Home has recently been replumbed. It still has the older fuse electrical service. Concrete block construction with Comp 3 tab roof, stucco interior walls, and patio area. Lot is 50' by 120' deep and has 1 car carport. List price is just \$49,500. Owner also has another 50' by 120' building site available next door. If you want the extra property, not a problem, List price for both is \$59,900.

#319 Sunny Drive, Electric City, It is all about location and it is hard to find a better location than this one. Home is appr 2,500 s.f. all on one level and nestled next to federal land overlooking Banks Lake. The home has 4 bedrooms and 3 baths, Living Room with Wood Fireplace, Updated Vinyl 2 pane windows and vinyl siding. Custom built in 1961, it has a huge Family Room with woodstove, an in-ground heated pool and large patio in the backyard. There is an attached 2 car garage and the property is 95' wide by 270 feet deep, or appr .60 of an acre all together. List Price is now just \$269,900 including a \$10,000 roof allowance.

#609 Aspen Street, Coulee Dam, Very nice 3 Bedroom-2 bath Ranch Style Home that is appr 1,250 s.f. in size. Built in 1935, the home has been nicely renovated over the years. Living Room is roomy and has a wood fire place. Kitchen has updated cabinets and counters and includes Stove, Ref, DW, and Dining Room close by. Large UR includes w/d and lots of storage. Master Bedroom has a master bath with shower. The home has vinyl siding, Comp 3 tab roof and a fenced backyard. It's been rewired with 200 amp CB service. Copper & Galv plumbing, BB Heat & Air Conditioning. Property is 60' by 93' in size. List price is just \$117,250 with \$3,500 closing cost credit.

#709 Central Drive, Coulee Dam, Huge 6 Bedroom home with all the room you would ever need. Home has huge renovated kitchen with updated appliances and granite countertops. Some of the features include seamless steel siding, Newer arch tab roof, and Central H & AC with Heat pump. Built in 1964, Home has 1763 sf main, plus another 1763 downstairs. There are 3 wood fireplaces, huge covered patio and the list goes on and on. The property is just over half an acre in town and includes carport and 2 car attached garage. List Price is just \$229,500 and seller will provide a \$3,500 closing cost allowance.

#202 1st Avenue, Elmer City, Built in 1971, this tri-level home has just over 1,650 square feet all together. There are 3 Bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths, however you could make it back into a 4 bedroom home if you wish. It has new carpeting in LR, DR, and Family Room, single pane windows, bb electric heat & wall air conditioning, copper plumbing, and T1-11 vertical siding. Main bath upstairs has been completely renovated. The property is appr. 8,050 sf in size, plus part of a vacated alley, and a 50' wide by 70' deep parcel adjacent to federal land that gives you additional off street parking. Property is conveniently located next to the hiking/biking trail. List price is reduced to \$115,000.

#122 Williams Ave, Electric City, Immaculate 3 bedroom ranch style home in Electric City. Built in 2005, home has 6" exterior walls and was built to super good cents construction standards. Home is 1,530 square feet and all on one level. There is a formal living room, A large Family room with gas fireplace, Arch tab roof, Central H & AC with HP. The property has a fenced yard with auto sprinklers, a huge graveled parking area, and a kennel for the puppy. Attached 420 sf garage. The property is appr. 75 feet wide by 110' deep with alley access. Average monthly electric bill is just \$48. List price is now \$205,000.

#111 Palmer Ave, Electric City, WA, Need a 4 Bedroom Home without the big price? Take a look at this. Built in 1990, this Man home is 1,809 s.f. in size and has huge master bedroom and master bath on one end, and 3 bedrooms and full bath on the far end. Arch tab roof is 14 years old, central Heat and Air, Vinyl lap siding, and fenced yard. Includes stove, ref, dw, w & d, and hot tub. Property is 60' wide by 106' deep or 6,360 sf. List Price is just \$109,500 with a \$6,000 carpet allowance.

#201 Ferry Avenue, Coulee Dam, Very well built home in Historic West Coulee Dam. The home has 2 bedrooms on the main level with 1 bath, plus another bedroom and bath downstairs. The home has just over 1,200 square feet on the main level, plus another 800 square feet downstairs. Built in 1934, it has had a number of updates. It has metal siding, 2 pane vinyl clad Low E gas windows, Updated 200 amp circuit breaker service. The kitchen has several cabinets with glass fronts and all the major appliances are included. Big utility room on main level, Large Rec room downstairs with a pool table. Spacious corner lot that is about 9,100 sf all together. Nice Patio and fenced backyard as well. List Price is now just \$149,500.

124 West Coulee Boulevard, Electric City, Property has over 125 feet of frontage along Highway 155 in Electric City. It is 133.5' along the front and back and 95 feet deep, or approximately 12,675 s.f. all together. There is a 40' by 60' building with 11' or 12' sidewalls. The property has city water, city sewer and Grant County Fiber optic all available, but not presently hooked up. Currently building does have a 200 amp electrical service. The property is zoned Commercial and has a number of allowable uses. List Price is just \$57,500.

431 Ronald Drive, Grand Coulee, Here is a darling 3 Bedroom 2 bath home with new paint inside and out, plus new floorings as well. Home has 950 sf on the main level, plus almost 700 sf downstairs. Built in 1967, home has gas FP in Living Room, Large Family room, Electric BB and wall ac, and comp 3 tab roof. Like new composite deck looking up the river. There is a 1 car built in garage and shop. Property is appr 80 feet wide by 80 feet deep. List price is just \$129,500 and seller will provide a \$2,500 closing cost credit.

21933 NE W Cardinal Road, Grand Coulee, 3 Bedroom 2 bath Man home built in 1994. Home has T1-11 Vertical siding, Vinyl 2 pane windows, Comp 3 tab roof, 6 inch exterior walls with super good cents construction, and Electric F/A Heating. Home does need some work. Master bath needs a new enclosure and the flooring will need replaced soon. Public water system and an on site septic system. Grant County PUD with 12 month average electric of \$77 a month. 2016 taxes were \$34 a month. Lot is 80' by 121'. List Price is just \$52,900

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309 Midway Ave., Grand Coulee

# Coulee Cops

Compiled from police files

## Grand Coulee Police

2/21 - Police checked on a disturbance at a Hill Avenue apartment. Police encountered a woman who refused to stop and went around the corner of the apartment complex, where she fell, breaking her ankle. She had complained that a man had hit her. A woman who said he had not been wanted on a warrant, arrested and taken to Grant County jail. An ambulance was called for the woman with the broken ankle.

- A clerk at Coulee Gas said she wanted an Elmer City man permanently banned from the store after the man tried to leave the store without paying for an item.

- Police recognized a van registered to a wanted man and followed it about a half mile with lights on before the driver would stop. The driver was not the wanted man but was cited for driving with a suspended license and not having an ignition interlock.

- A woman asked for an officer who was in the Grand Coulee city council meeting to step out, then told him that she was wanted on a couple of warrants for her arrest, one in Okanogan County and one in Grant County, and that she wanted to give herself up. The officer confirmed the warrants and took her to Grant County jail.

- A Grand Coulee man told police that when he was walking east on highway 174 a man swerved his pickup and tried to hit him. He gave officers a description of the pickup and where he thought the man lived. Police talked with the owner of the pickup, who denied that he tried to hit the walker. Police told him to stay away from the man who had been walking.

2/22 - A citizen on Hill Avenue reported to police that he thought there was some drug activity nearby. A suspicious car was gone when police arrived.

- A suspected burglary was checked on West Grand Avenue in Electric City. The person was gone when police arrived.

- A business person on Spokane Way reported to police that they had found drug paraphernalia near their business. They gave it to police but were advised not to handle needles.

- A woman told police that she saw a woman walking a Doberman dog near B Street and thought it looked abused. The woman and dog were gone when police arrived.

- Police got another report of alleged drug activity on Dill Avenue. The person had walked away from the residence before police arrived. Later the same day the same man reported suspected drug activity at a house nearby.

- Police stopped a woman on Midway Avenue where he noticed her vehicle tabs had expired. She was issued a ticket on the tabs and for not having insurance.

- Police tried to stop a Cadillac that had only one headlamp; the vehicle took off north on highway 155, reaching a speed of 100 mph. The officer stopped the chase for safety reasons and tribal police were notified.

- USBR Plant Protection advised police that a man was walking on the roadway above the dam. Police told the man to use the sidewalk where one was provided and to stay off the roadway.

2/24 - A Coulee City woman with a suspended license was issued a citation after police found her operating a vehicle.

- A woman was issued a citation for continually interfering and getting in the way when an officer assisting Coulee Dam police tried to question a man, who was in a Cedar Street residence, about a domestic disturbance.

2/25 - A resident who has complained of drug activity at a Hill Avenue location did so again. Police keep checking on the man's reports.

2/26 - A man on Dill Avenue reported again that there was drug activity nearby. Police went to the area but there was no activity in the area.

- A woman on Burdin Boulevard told police that a man had put up a profane sign that told her to mind her own business.

2/27 - Police received a 911 call about domestic violence on Park Avenue in Electric City. The caller said that a couple were arguing and the woman ended up on the ground, but she told police that she had tripped on her dress and fallen to the ground. The cou-

ple stated that it was just a verbal argument.

2/28 - USBR Plant Protection advised police that there was a woman yelling and cussing on the trail by Post 4. An officer contacted the woman, who said she was just walking to her dad's place.

- Police responded to a man with a mental issue on Burdin Boulevard. The man was taken to Coulee Medical Center by ambulance for treatment.

3/1 - Police were advised that a dark, tar-like substance was found at a Continental Heights location. The substance was identified as marijuana resin and was destroyed.

- A citizen found a balloon on Second Street with a white, powdery substance in it and the party thought it was an illegal drug. Police identified it as a "stress ball" and thought it was made of cornstarch and water. The substance was tested and proved negative for a controlled substance.

- Lincoln County asked for assistance on a reported burglary in progress on Spring Canyon Road. Police found a man who had been drinking and was trying to get into a friend's trailer to get out of the cold. It was the wrong trailer, so the man was cited and then delivered to a location on Burdin Boulevard.

3/2 - Police checked on a report of either fireworks being set off or a gunshot on Spokane Way. Police couldn't find anything amiss.

- A report of a man wearing a canvas jacket and shorts walking in front of the Banks Lake Pub in Electric City got the attention of a police officer. He said that he and his brother had been arguing and he was out walking to cool off. He was told to stay off the roadway.

- A Grand Coulee maintenance worker advised police of an intoxicated man on the ground near the police department. An officer gave the man a lift to his sister's resi-

dence.

- A hospital security official advised police that a man was looking into vehicles. Police contacted the man who said he wasn't looking into vehicles. The security official asked that the man be banned from the facilities except for medical care.

- An officer assisted Coulee Dam police in a pursuit of a vehicle that eventually stopped near Elmer City. The male driver left the car and fled. Police asked a passenger who had been driving and she was evasive with her answers. She was taken to Okanogan County jail.

- Police are looking for a man who took a bottle of "Fireball" from Safeway and fled without paying for it. The man was identified through a security camera.

3/3 - A man wanted on a warrant was seen walking on Midway and was taken by an officer to Grant County jail.

- A woman on Sunset Drive was advised that her two dogs were loose. She told the officer that she was sick and couldn't take care of the animals. A plan was worked out for her son to assist her in finding a place for the dogs.

3/4 - Police checked on a reported threat to commit suicide and found that the subject was OK.

- An intoxicated man was found on the ground near Tracy's Glass. He was given a ride to his sister's place.

- USBR Plant Protection reported that a man was staggering up the hill by the dam. Police talked to the man, who was well known to the officer from previous contacts. He said he was staggering because of "athlete's foot" and was singing gospel songs. The man was carrying a gas can.

He was advised to continue on his way home. Plant Protection called again a little later to say that he had crawled over the wall on the hill. Police contacted him again

## Small and quiet

A Northern Saw-whet Owl peers out from a pine perch at Steamboat Rock State Park Jan. 22. The nocturnal birds are small, just 7 or 8 inches long, but are fierce hunters of small mammals. The bird is named for the sound of its call, said to resemble a saw being sharpened on a whetting stone. — Roy Myers photo



and when asked what he was doing, he said, "This is where the sewer comes out." He was advised that he was permanently banned from USBR properties, except on sidewalks. The man continued on his way home.

3/5 - A man who had fallen and injured himself sought help at Center Lodge Motel, and an officer asked for an ambulance to assist him.

- Police checked on a report of a woman yelling and crying on Burdin Boulevard. An officer talked with the woman, who was upset that she was all alone and didn't have a phone. She said she wanted a protection order against a neighbor. The officer told the woman how to get the order and she said she already knew how.

- An officer assisted a man who said he had nowhere to go. He was taken to a motel nearby.



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Wed.	Low 28° - 39° High	Mostly sunny
Thu.	Low 32° - 38° High	Rain / snow mix
Fri.	Low 28° - 43° High	Partly cloudy
Sat.	Low 31° - 42° High	Rain showers likely
Sun.	Low 32° - 43° High	Mostly cloudy
Mon.	Low 34° - 44° High	Rain showers likely
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