

Newsbriefs

School enrollment up

The average enrollment at Lake Roosevelt Schools for December was 714, according to school officials. The district had budgeted for an average of 690 for this school year.

Street carts still being considered

The Grand Coulee City Council is still considering allowing golf carts, ATVs and ORVs to roll on city streets. Some council members are leery of allowing the carts because of highway traffic. The carts wouldn't be allowed to drive on the highways, but could cross only at designated areas. Police Chief John Tufts told the council that Electric City, which allows golf carts, hasn't had any problems. The issue is still being debated.

PCs purchased

The Grand Coulee City Council voted to purchase three computers from Vision Municipal Solutions at a price not to exceed \$6,500 for all three. The price includes setup and data transfers.

Sand to move uphill

The city of Grand Coulee plans to purchase around 3,000 cubic yards of sand from the Bureau of Reclamation's huge sandpile in Coulee Dam for \$300. The sand will be used by the city for its normal winter sanding operation.

Dubious distinctions in crime

Grand Coulee Police Chief John Tufts advised the city council that a recent outside source shows the city in the top 10 places in Grant County for burglaries.

Ambulance, fire numbers reported

Grand Coulee volunteer fire Chief Richard Paris reported 30 ambulance calls during November. Of those, 17 were in Grand Coulee, seven in the Coulee Dam area, one call was uncertain, and there were five transports between medical facilities. One mutual-aid fire call was in Douglas County, and two structure calls were unfounded.

Launch permits available

Annual launch permits for 2017 for the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area are available at Coulee Hardware and Coulee Playland for \$45. You can also purchase them online at <https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/64970644> or by mail with a check or money order along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to 1008 Crest Drive, Coulee Dam, WA 99116.

Final budget hearing tonight

The final budget hearing for Grand Coulee's 2017 budget will be held at 5:30 p.m. tonight, Dec. 28, at the council chambers in city hall.



Some of the cottonwood trees at Banks Lake golf course were eliminated recently because of the damage their roots were causing to the cart paths and greens. Thirteen were toppled, and one of the port commissioners said more need to be cut down. Most of those cut were along the 10th fairway. — Roger S. Lucas photo

Golf course trees down

by Roger S. Lucas

Grant County Port District 7, which runs Banks Lake Golf Course, has cut down a number of cottonwood trees at the course. The decision was made earlier this year because roots from the trees were tearing up the asphalt cart paths and in some cases "roots were growing into some of the greens," port commissioner Jerry Sands stated. Sands said 13 trees were eliminated and several more cottonwood trees need to be

cut down. "When they planted the cottonwoods, I understand," Sands said, "they only planned on leaving them in for 10 years or so." The cottonwoods have been in for over 30 years. Sands called the cottonwoods "ugly," and said as they age the trees rot from the inside out. "The roots that run along the top of the ground are a hazard for our mowers," Sands said. Golfers have long complained about trying to find their golf balls when they roll into the

leaves. And the fallen leaves in the fall are a problem to pick up, with the limited manpower available. The Port District manages the 18-hole course and has for the past three seasons, relying mostly on volunteer labor.

There still are scores of cottonwood trees sprinkled along the 18 fairways.

Most of the remaining trees on the course are evergreens, many planted over 20 years ago by the Rotary Club.

Fire department pay change

by Roger S. Lucas

The city of Grand Coulee is changing the way it pays for training for its volunteer fire department personnel.

The council has agreed to pay the fire department a fixed monthly fee instead of payment on the number of members who show up for training sessions.

The change was made a week ago, based on a request by fire department Chief Richard Paris.

Paris said the change would satisfy concerns of auditors on the way training payments were paid by

the city.

The fire chief told the council that the former payment method had been in place for 36 years.

While Paris proposed a payment now of \$500, he indicated a firm payment plan would have to be negotiated between the fire department and the city.

The chief said that he would continue to provide the city with documentation for fire and emergency response training, and for managing, maintaining and coordinating the repair and replacement of the city's resources assigned to the fire department.

2016 Year in Review of the GCD area and beyond**A look back at some of the best stories we followed in the year that wraps up at midnight Saturday**

by Jacob Wagner

Here's a list of some of the major stories we've followed in 2016. Which ones were your favorites?

January 6

An overhead covering that had shaded rodeo fans for decades at the Ridge Riders Rodeo Grounds collapsed under a heavy snow load, leading the organization to make extensive repairs of its wooden grandstands, but which has not so far included a new covering.

January 13

Electric City calls a meeting on a trail that would reach from Sunbanks Lake Resort entrance to Grand Coulee and beyond. The controversial plan would go on to make headlines throughout the year.

January 20

Recreational marijuana store B-Street Bud opens on Burdin Boulevard following a lengthy application process.

The Colville Tribes announce plans to build a restaurant, lounge, and gaming area over the Coulee Dam Casino. The restaurant is currently set to open in spring, 2017.

February 3

Don Richer bowls a perfect 300 game at Riverview Lanes.

A total of 52 pronghorn antelope are helicoptered onto the Colville Indian Reservation after the tribe made it a priority to bring the animal back to the area after decades without.

February 10

An after-school program at Lake Roosevelt Schools, The Cultural Enrichment Early Out Monday program, wins a multi-state award as director Kim Stanger is in Washington D.C. to encourage more funding from Congress.

Lake Roosevelt Elementary Vice Principal Nate Piturachsatit, 37, is arrested at the school for inappropriate contact with a 14-year-old girl from Wisconsin

over Instagram, a social media app used to send photos and videos.

February 24

The bowling alley is broken into a third time, and a house is burglarized a third time, in what will be a bad year for local crimes, including gas siphoning at the school bus garage as well as thefts from local homes. A community watch organization is in the works.

March 2

Glo Carroll is selected as The

City contracts out to clean up books

by Roger S. Lucas

Grand Coulee is hiring an outside source to help the city reconcile its finances.

The city council approved the hiring of an outside contractor to do the "reconciliation of city financial software system to city bank accounts to assure accuracy of financial data being reported to the council and State Auditor's office," according to a contract for services.

Hired was Toni Nelson of Government Financial Services, at a cost to the city of \$110 an hour. The estimated time period for the work is 25-30 hours, part of the time on-site and part away from the city.

Mayor Paul Townsend said that "running city government is getting more complicated as time goes by," and "this will help our people get up to speed."

City financial records haven't

been reconciled for several years, "maybe four years," Townsend stated.

The State Auditor's Office had suggested "reconciliation" several years ago. "And we just went through another audit where auditor's asked for certain information, and we couldn't find it," Townsend stated.

In the city's audit for the years 2011-13, Grand Coulee received a "finding" from the state in which auditors had stated the city did not have "adequate controls over financial operations, placing public resources at risk of loss or misappropriation."

The city has had several computer programming problems in the past, and the council recently voted to purchase three new computers at a cost of \$6,500, including setup and data transfer.

"When we get the financial reconciliation finished we should be in good shape," Townsend stated.

Game bird program ending

by Roger S. Lucas

The POWER program to feed game birds in the winter will soon end.

Lack of "manpower" is finally catching up to the longtime program by POWER (Promoters of Wildlife and Environmental Resources).

Carl Russell, longtime president of the organization, said that when the final sacks of feed are distributed, the program will end.

Some 59 small backyard feeders are scattered around the community along with 15 large feeders, and have been a food refuge for quail and other game birds for over 20 years, Russell stated.

Russell recently resigned as president of the organization after being in charge of both the winter game bird feeding program and the fish pen operation in Electric City.

Succeeding him are two people, Greg Anderson and Bob Meeker, who are working together as leaders of the group.

Originally, the local Bureau of Reclamation provided feed for the program; more recently, the BOR operation in Ephrata has provided the feed.

POWER uses about 10,000 pounds of feed during the winter, and one year it grew to 12,000 pounds.

"We don't have enough help," Russell stated. "The people that have been helping are getting older and are unable to do it anymore. We have needed an infusion of younger workers for some time."

The POWER group has some feed at Russell's barn, past 127 Sunset Drive. When that is gone, the game bird feeding program will end.

federal government for underfunded federal contract work.

March 16

The Grand Coulee Dam Yacht Club tears out its old docks at Eden Harbor to make room for used docks purchased in Idaho.

April 13

NBA hall-of-famer Gary Payton comes to the area to host a basketball workshop entitled "Rise Above." About 200 boys and girls of all ages attended, performing basketball drills, playing

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A fire truck is parked just above the west side of Coulee Dam during a "back burn" to protect the town during September's wildfires.



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Big inflatable toys, including these bubbles, were a big hit at the 60th annual Colorama Festival.

games, and listening to Payton speak.

April 27

Hundreds attend the seventh annual Earth Day Celebration in Nespelem at the powwow grounds. The event was organized by the Earth Day Committee, which consists of Joaquin Bustamante, Kathy Moses, Shelly Clark, Shelly Jackson, Crystal Marchand, and Justus Caudell.

May 11

A huge project is proposed to build a pump-generating plant near Crescent Bay with 30-foot-diameter pipes connecting Banks Lake from North Dam to Lake Roosevelt to generate hydroelectricity. The project could cost as much as a billion dollars and bring in 2,500 jobs, with a completion date of 2025.

Colorama replaces its traditional carnival with large inflatable Fun Zone slide and jump attractions, which is a big success with children.

June 1

Edward Kerns of Odessa, Washington, a former dam laborer who started work on the Grand Coulee Dam project in 1935, visits the dam for his 100th birthday. Kerns would pass away later in the year.

June 8

Some 37 students graduate from Lake Roosevelt High School. The class is honored for numerous academic and athletic achievements, including 2,863 hours of volunteer community service. As a group, the class garnered scholarship offers totaling \$215,411.

June 15

The Colville Tribes launch a dugout canoe from the Spring Canyon boat launch on a mission to revive an old tradition in support of exploring a new possibility: bringing salmon back to the upper Columbia River. The cedar canoe and its crew headed to a

rendezvous at Kettle Falls, where tribes from across the Northwest once gathered annually to harvest salmon before Grand Coulee Dam was built.

June 29

Jim Boyd, leader of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and renowned musician and recording artist, dies unexpectedly at the age of 60.

July 6

About 2,000 fireworks rockets are launched off the dam for the Fourth of July. Crowds enjoyed the Independence Day festival put on by the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce, despite a treefall in Coulee Dam that shut down power to the laser light show. The crowd cheered with approval through the nearly 20-minute fireworks spectacle, especially when the biggest explosions lit the sky.

July 13

The school board approves a girls' soccer program at Lake Roosevelt High School, the first in the area.

August 10

A survey conducted by the chamber of commerce about con-



Hospital employees and tribal members meet in a "circle" dance during a new "Gathering of Wellness" powwow at Coulee Medical Center, a centerpiece of an outreach to tribal patients.

solidation of the towns in the community receives a strong response in support of the idea, with 76 percent of respondents either strongly in favor or somewhat in favor, although those against are passionate about their views.

August 17

Care Net, an organization dedicated to "serving people facing un-

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A community guide for prevention and care

From the desk of Infection Control
Sandy Edwards, RN

Vaccination is the best protection against the Flu. The U.S. Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention recommend that everyone age 6 months and older has an annual flu vaccine. A nasal-spray vaccine is an option for healthy children ages 2 and up, as well as for healthy nonpregnant adults through age 49. Talk with your healthcare provider.

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OPINION

Our goals for 2017 involve you

A small-town newspaper must be more these days, and over the last decade-plus, we've been learning, along with the rest of the industry, just what that means. In 2017, our goals at The Star involve a better implementation of what we've learned in ways that will benefit our readers and advertisers, making The Star a better value and stronger paper.

Be prepared to talk; we're going to ask questions. We need to be better listeners and askers. We need to know how you think various topics should be explored. What are we not covering now that we should? Or what do we cover too much?

We need to add value, and we need to pay for it. The Star's online readership is significant, including a strong local audience. This year, we will do a better job of making that known, with market packaging to

allow advertisers to take advantage of that presence. And we'll start encouraging online subscriptions with models similar to what most news outlets all over the country now use. To go along with that, look for more online features, such as video, polls and social media integration. Print subscribers can look forward to continued complete access online, too.

Some of this is on a path yet to be cut. Other aspects only require more consistency from us.

We hope our readers and advertisers will find value in these directions. Never hesitate to let us know your thoughts.

Scott Hunter
editor and publisher

Looking back, marching forward

As 2016 is wrapping up and we prepare for what lies ahead in 2017, it is always good to glance back at the last year and remember the events that affected us most. Now, I could go global for this column, but I decided to keep it personal because I found myself over the holidays looking at the faces of family members around me and thinking about them.

How have I affected them? Have I left anything undone? How can I help them in the future year and in years to come? How have they affected me in my life, good and bad? How can we all change?

Looking forward, I see a wedding coming. Looking back, I see an amazing young lady being added to the family. Her honesty and integrity is unshakable. A perfect match for a rowdy, big-hearted man that has matured so much this year. A handpicked mate from God and a foundation being laid today that will hold them up for the rest of their lifetime, through good times and the rough. You know how diamonds are made: Pressure, years of it, and then a beautiful, priceless gem is formed. These two are diamonds that will shine together in the future. Sappy? Maybe, but it is what my heart is telling me. I look forward to their future and a dance in 2017 and beyond.

Looking back, I see a matriarch of the family in a hospital bed, in pain. Over the holidays I saw a renewed strength in a lady who loves her family and the people around that family. Her smile was back, her hope and her peace returned. Her eyes danced in the joy of watching grandkids and kids opening presents and seeing the smiles on their faces. She has battled some things too, but here she is with a

smile and a glow of love filling the room wherever she goes. Her future is wide open again. God has strengthened her in every aspect. Look out 2017, here she comes.

I saw a healing of a land and people last year. I see that continuing in 2017. Prayer is a powerful thing. I know firsthand. I saw darkness forced off its strongholds in Nespelem, Grand Coulee, Electric City and Coulee Dam. I saw people healed and the hurting stop. I saw Christ come into lives and transform the lost into kings and queens in a powerful kingdom. I know that 2017 brings more of that, and that we as a nation, but more importantly as a community, will see more and more healing, miracles and wonders. Big things are about to happen, and it revolves around individual hearts and battles against an already-beaten enemy. Theft, drug use and loneliness will reduce. Marriages that are under attack will be restored and become light-houses of love in our communities. The attack in all areas will be weakened as we get back to our roots as a community and nation. Get ready; we are about to have our worlds rocked. In a good way.

So, here is to an outstanding 2017. Filled with dreams, wonders and hope, it has nothing to do with a president, government or status, but has everything to do with heart condition, reconciliation and a King. The pressure is on. Will we crack or become diamonds?

May your 2017 be filled with a renewing of love, joy and healing.

Jess,
shut up!

Jesse Utz



Washingtonians serving one another

The great philosopher Bob Hope once said, "My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

He has a point. This time of year, Christians celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the true 'reason for the season,' as we say, and the Christmas season reminds us to serve our neighbors. Part of what makes this season so special, beyond families traveling long distance to gather together, or the music of Bing Crosby in the background while enjoying a roaring fire, is the love that people in Central Washington show one another in their communities. There are so many recent examples in our cities and towns that I wanted to share a few.

In Kennewick, a school bus driver and veteran from the U.S. Army noticed a little boy on his route who did not have gloves or a hat in freezing temperatures. The driver contacted a school administrator to find the little boy's classroom and gave him a new pair of gloves and a hat to keep him warm.

In Ritzville and several cities in the Mid-Columbia, local law enforcement participated in a community service effort called "Shop with a Cop." The officers accompanied children to shop for Christmas presents, in the process giving the children the opportunity for a positive interaction that builds trust with law enforcement.

This year, the Union Gospel Mission in Yakima has provided 45,000 'bed nights' this year in

addition to more than 155,000 meals.

In Moses Lake, local firefighters executed "Operation Warm" to give 120 winter coats to children in need at local elementary schools.

Okanogan Middle School students collected food, gift certificates, and donations to give meals to 14 local families as part of a "Thanks and Giving" project.

In my hometown of Sunnyside, a local church recently prepared turkey dinners to feed 100 hungry and homeless people in the community.

One of the best parts of representing the Fourth Congressional District is the opportunity to highlight positive stories about our community that inspire people from Oroville in Okanogan County all the way to Touchet, Walla Walla County.

If you have a story about some-

one you know in our community who deserves recognition, I invite you to send it to my Yakima office at 402 E. Yakima Avenue, Suite #445, Yakima, WA 98901.

We remember the men and women in the Armed Forces who are stationed around the world and unable to spend the holidays with their families. We are grateful for their service, which allows us to celebrate the blessing of freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

In Scripture, Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." That is the true Christmas spirit. Our community thrives when we serve each other as these local examples attest, and we do not have to wait for the holidays. I hope you enjoy this blessed season with your loved ones, and that you look forward to a joyous new year.

Guest
Column

Dan Newhouse

Representative
Washington
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Want to govern effectively, Mr. Trump?

As Mario Cuomo said, politicians campaign in poetry but have to govern in prose. Now we have a president-elect who campaigned in tweets ... but still will have to govern in prose.

Donald Trump showed great skill as a campaigner, steering his campaign past a slew of professional politicians who underestimated him at every turn. Now the test is whether he can govern — that is, whether he can run the United States government, conduct foreign policy in treacherous times, and reshape domestic policy to fit his goals. This requires a very different set of skills from those he showed before the election.

So, like a few thousand other Americans, I'd like to give him some advice. Not on the substance of policy itself — that he'll handle himself — but on how to be effective at achieving what he'd like to achieve.

First, he has to set priorities. During the course of the campaign, according to The Washington Post, Donald Trump made 282 promises. He is not going to be able to deliver on them all.

So he'll need to set out his priorities with clarity and force. As the head of a vast federal establishment, clarity of objectives is crucially important in policy implementation. He cannot afford to sow confusion. Though this president-elect prides himself on unpredictability, conducting policy in an unpredictable way is the mark of a rogue state.

Unpredictability creates doubt about what he wants to achieve — both on Capitol Hill and among the vast number of people and agencies charged with carrying out his policies — which in turn produces a race by elected officials to fill the clarity vacuum with their own agendas and prevents front-line agencies from planning. Many Americans and foreign governments have already been unnerved by the unexpected Twitter messages coming from President-Elect Trump; this will only make his job harder once he takes office.

Second, the president-elect must fix his conflict-of-interest challenge. Because of the extraordinary extent of his business interests, he has an unprecedented number of potential conflicts for a U.S. president. He will be negotiating policy with many people, agencies and countries where he or his business partners have a bottom-line stake in what happens.

If he does not fix this before he takes office, conflict-of-interest charges will dog him throughout his presidency and weaken, if not cripple, his effective-

ness. He has to protect himself from charges that his actions as president are influenced by his personal financial interests. It won't be enough to put everything in a blind trust controlled by his children. As Newsweek recently pointed out, "every nation on Earth will know that doing business with the Trump Organization will one day benefit the family."

Third, President Trump will need to keep his majorities united. Given Republican dominance of Capitol Hill, he's in a strong position to get things done. But he'll have to keep his fellow Republicans on his side. Some Republican leaders are already separating themselves from his attack on the CIA analysis of Russian interference in the election. Showing respect for, and reaching out to, GOP lawmakers will matter.

So will considering a variety of different views and treating them with respect — which is how a pluralist democracy works. Knowing how to work cooperatively and accessibly with potential allies on Capitol Hill and throughout the D.C. power structure will be crucial to making his priorities a reality.

Finally, in order to do this, it's not enough simply to say, "I want this." He has to take seriously the role of facts in the deliberative process. Members of Congress and others need to be able to defend their support for politically difficult proposals — and they cannot do this without factually based arguments.

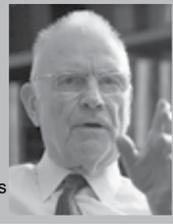
Accurate information is necessary to make sound judgments about policy. Trump's decision not to regularly hear information from intelligence officials is worrisome. For a president to succeed, he needs to interact in a measured, sensible, reassuring way, and supply his allies with solid analysis and information, not guesses, instincts, opinions, and debunkable theories.

A president who sets clear priorities, removes all doubt about potential conflicts of interest, and works responsibly with his allies on fact-driven policies can make good progress and achieve his goals.

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Guest
Column

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U.S. House of
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Seventy-six years ago

Winter work of the Government camp maintenance crew. — January 12, 1940 photo



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Obituaries

Jerry Blain Sharr

Jerry Blain Sharr, 37, of Golconda, Nevada, passed away at Turquoise Ridge on November 25, 2016. Services for Jerry will be at The Nazarene Church of Grand Coulee on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 11 a.m. Officiating will be Dr. Ron Hunter who knows the family. A dinner will immediately follow at the Eagles Lodge. There will be a no-host bar available. A complete obituary was in the December 21 issue of the Star.

Meetings

NO CHAMBER THIS WEEK

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will not meet this Thursday. Happy New Year!

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, January 10, at the Vet 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.

Review

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planned pregnancy and related sexual issues," opens an office in Grand Coulee.

September 14

Two wildfires on either side of the river threaten the towns of Elmer City, Coulee Dam, and Grand Coulee.

September 21

Coulee Medical Center holds their first Gathering of Wellness Powwow in Grand Coulee. Dancers from all over the Colville Reservation and beyond attended, plus participants from a Salish language school in Spokane, whose first- through fifth-graders played the "host drum." The effort is part of a larger realization at the hospital of the need to offer some spiritual help for its medical patients at times when it's most needed.

October 5

Local woman Jaci Gross, or Miss G as she is known by students at Lake Roosevelt Schools, recounts a 500-mile trek during the summer on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail across Spain.

October 12

Coulee Medical Center Guild's "Color Me Pink and Purple Fun Run" for breast cancer awareness is held, in which 91 people participate.

October 19

A 69-year-old man spends over 10 hours shivering in Banks Lake after his boat capsized before being rescued by police, who responded to a tip from an Electric City man.

October 26

A homeless veteran receives help from members of the community. Clarence Jared, 84, is later relocated to an assisted living home in Omak.

November 9

The Lake Roosevelt Raiders football team defeats the DeSales Irish in an incredible comeback victory to move on to the first round of state playoffs. The victory in Coulee Dam marks the first time the Raiders have gone on to state since 2001.

About 14 law enforcement and emergency response agencies from around the region descend on Coulee Medical Center for a regional-first, "active shooter," in-hospital drill.

December 7

About 45 people turned out to discuss a rash of burglaries and car prowls that have occurred in the region and form a community watch.

Tribal veterans join thousands at an oil pipeline protest and victory in Standing Rock, North Dakota.

December 14

Local cowboy champ Shane Proctor sets another record, this time as 2016 Wrangler National Finals rodeo "average champion" after 10 days of competition in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Trees of Sharing wrapped up for 2016

Some of the delivery teams were getting ready to hit the Santa trail Saturday morning, Dec. 17, when the temperature was hovering around zero degrees.

The group wants to thank those in the community who made it possible for more than 30 Christmases to bless kiddos in our area.



Top photo: Sharon and Bob Hollingsworth with Jean Sanford, who organized each of the teams.

Left: Karen Depew, Rich Black, Sherry Hunner, Judy and Greg Behrens



Senior Menu

- Wed., Dec. 28 - Dinner**
Ham and Bean Soup, Green Salad, Homemade Bread, Mixed Fruit, Pie
- Thurs., Dec. 29 - Dinner**
German Sausage, Sauerkraut, Buttered Potatoes, Fruit Slices, Cinnamon Rolls
- Fri., Dec. 30 - Breakfast**
Sausage Patties, Eggs, Potato Cakes, Fruit Bowl, Orange Juice

Star Obituary Policy

There is a \$50 charge for obituaries published in the Star. This includes a photo and up to 500 words. Reminders for Celebrations of Life and Death Notices are \$25.

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.

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Raiders defeat Raiders in alumni vs. alumni games

by Jacob Wagner

The Lake Roosevelt Raiders alumni vs. alumni basketball game was a big success, with good turnout and close games, according to Miranda Salas, who helped organize the event.

Two games were played, one between the guys and one between the girls.

In the men's game, the white team defeated the crimson team by less than 10 (official scores unavailable), and in the women's game the crimson team won by four points.

In the women's game, "the

white team had the first half, but then we got kind of tired," said Salas, who played on the white team. "Then the crimson team started utilizing their three-point shooters and sinking those three-point shots."

Salas said that the players and the crowd of spectators had a great time. "We all wanted to play again," she said. "We're really hoping to do it again next year."

On the winning white team for the guys were Lake Roosevelt graduates Jake Palmer, Scott Rosco, Trey Nicholson, Charly Joseph, Edward Wolfe, Gus Smith, Nick Barnaby, Brian Nissen, and

Coby Dick. The crimson team consisted of Matthew Pleasants, Kyle Holt, Taren Redstar, Merle Picard, Neil Johnson, Austin Rosenbaum, Ronald Salas, and Steve Hansen.

For the girls, the winning crimson team included LR graduates Brenna Salque, Jocelyn Moore, Brianna Salas, Alanna Epperson, Janessa Morin, Moyatat Bell-Bart, Val Vargas, and Dominique Pleasants. The white team was made up of Miranda Salas, Rowena St. Pierre, Tiffany Adkins, Casey Moore, Riley Epperson, Keya Fasthorse, Kim Vargas, Melissa Mesa, and Lachelle Bearcub.

Raider wrestlers attend Banks Lake Brawl

by Jacob Wagner

The Lake Roosevelt Raider wrestlers headed south to Coulee City last Wednesday for the Banks Lake Brawl, where each of the seven Raiders placed.

Kaleb Horn, Jon Shelley, Tony Nichols, and Ida Sue all received first-place spots. Ryan Moon and Steven Flowers each took second place in their weight categories, and Gabe Moses took third.

After a bye-round, Horn won first place in the 120-pound division by defeating two Hanford boys. Horn won by technical fall, 16-1, against Dax Cummings, then beat Breaden Nalle 9-2.

Shelley took first place at 126. After defeating Hanford's Carter Murphey, Shelley faced off against Almira-Coulee-Hartline's Wyatt Zielinski, who had placed fifth in state last year. A reversal and a near fall in the first period gave Shelley five points, enough to win the match, 5-4.

"Anyone who has gone to state or placed at state is a higher level wrestler, so if you beat one of them it's great," Raider Head Coach Steve Hood said.

Nichols, after a bye-round, dominated Davenport's Alex Diviney, winning 19-4 with a series of takedowns, reversals, and near falls. Nichols then won 3-1 against Republic-Curlew's Gunner Hildebrandt to get the first-place spot at 145.

Moon got second place and Gabe Moses third in the busy 138 division. Moon, tied 8-8 with Ephrata's Christopher Steward, got a takedown in overtime to win 10-8. Moon then lost to Republic-Curlew's JJ Walker.

Moses, after defeating Ephrata's Will Anderson 11-0, narrowly lost to Republic-Curlew's Danny Phillips 4-3. A first-period takedown gave Moses the two points needed to defeat Ephrata's Jayden Lopez. Then Moses defeated Davenport's Justin Chapman to secure the third-place spot.

In the 195 division, Flowers defeated Republic-Curlew's Damon Hoyt with a first-period takedown and near fall, winning the match 5-0. An escape and a takedown was enough to defeat Ephrata's Jeremy Reyes 3-2. But Flowers lost 4-0 to Luke Peebles of Kittitas, a state participant last year.

Flowers took second place in the division.

Freshman Ida Sue defeated Lind-Ritzville's Chelsey Waters twice, winning 2-0 with a takedown and 4-1 with a takedown and a reversal to secure first place.

"Ida works hard in practice and is improving every day," Hood said. "It's not always easy to find matches for her, but we are finding some. It will be interesting to see what she can do in the post-season."

"The kids we have out are doing really well, they're working hard and their skill level is continuously improving," Hood said. "We're very competitive against other schools and we'll just keep working toward our post-season goals."

World champion bull rider and Raider wrestler alum Shane Proctor attended practice the day before the brawl, as well as the

event. "Shane was in and showed some of his favorite wrestling techniques, which some of our guys used on Wednesday," Hood noted.

The Raider wrestlers are hosting their 14th annual Powerhouse Tournament today, starting at 10 a.m. in the Raider gym in Coulee Dam.

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- A man who is banned from a property at Continental Heights told police that he was only returning his sister's car. He was advised if he did this again he would be arrested.

- A resident on Dill Avenue requested more patrols in the area because he believed there was drug activity in the facility.

- Police responded to a call to Boulder Avenue, where officers found a man who had stabbed himself in the arm with a knife. The man resisted help, but EMTs responded and took him to Coulee Medical Center. While being treated there, he allegedly kicked an officer on the side of the head. After treatment, he was arrested for assaulting a police officer and taken to Grant County jail. Jailers were advised that the man needed to be seen by mental health.

12/20 - Police checked on a burglar alarm at a residence on Loma Lane in Grand Coulee. The officer found that all the doors were secure. The owner was notified and said he would go home and check the house out.

12/21 - An official at the Variety Store told police that a plastic bag with a crystal-like material was found in the store. It was turned over to police.

- Three fishermen were asked to leave the North Dam area after dark.

- Washington State Patrol pursued a vehicle from Omak and asked that a spike strip be placed on the roadway near Highway Tire. The vehicle being pursued used the River Road and bypassed the area. Later, the pursuit was ended and the vehicle in question was located, unmanned at Central Drive in Coulee Dam. The report didn't state what occurred after that.

12/22 - A Butler Square woman was cited for not having insurance and for following another vehicle too closely after she ran into the back of another car near Federal and Main. Damage to one vehicle was estimated at \$1,000, and to the vehicle that struck it, \$2,500.

- Two men were cited for attempting to siphon gas from a vehicle parked near NAPA Auto Parts. They were chased away by the owner of the car and later apprehended in Coulee Dam near the Columbia River Inn. One of the men, from Keller, had a number of warrants for his arrest. He was booked. The other man, from Nespelem, was cited.

12/23 - USBR Plant Protection advised police that a man was fishing near the canal gates after dark. The man was advised that the area was closed after dark and left.

- An woman living on Goodfellow Avenue in Electric City was stopped when an officer noticed that a small child was not in a restraint seat. The officer noted that another small child in the back and also not in a restraint seat. The woman was cited for failing to use child restraints, having no insurance and not carrying her registration in the vehicle.

- One woman was cited after failing to yield to another vehicle at Spokane Way and Main Street. She tried to avoid another vehicle but ended up hitting it.

- Police checked on a report of an assault at a Hill Avenue apartment, where an officer was advised by a woman that a man staying with her had been assaulted by a group of men who

had entered the apartment. None of the people involved were still around when police arrived.

- A Grand Coulee man was cited for failure to obey an officer's demand in two instances, rendering criminal assistance to his wife, and being in possession of heroin, after the officer noticed his wife who was wanted on a warrant. The officer saw the wanted woman in the car in Coulee Dam and ordered the man to stop. He got ahead of the officer and the woman jumped out, avoiding contact with police. The officer looked for the woman but couldn't find her. The report is being sent to the Okanogan County Prosecutor's Office. The officer was in Coulee Dam on another call when the incident occurred.

- Police are asking the prosecutor to file criminal trespass charges against an Electric City man who was on the Center Lodge Motel property after having been banned from it.

12/24 - Police arrested a woman in the Pleasant Valley area. She was known to have a Department of Corrections warrant for her arrest. A search of her coat pocket disclosed she had what she acknowledged as "heroin" in her possession, along with a smoking pipe. She will be charged on that issue, and for giving false information to a police officer. She was taken to Grant County jail on the warrant.

- An officer assisted in traffic control when a vehicle that had lost a tire was blocking one lane on the Coulee Dam Bridge. The officer tried to put the tire back on but the lug bolts were stripped. A wrecker came to remove the vehicle.

- A woman on Weil Place reported her vehicle had been stolen. Later the vehicle was impounded in Spokane. There was no information on who had taken the vehicle.

- A Grand Coulee woman advised police that her vehicle was struck by another on the highway near the Visitor Center and that when she confronted the driver, he sped away. Police took a picture of the damage but could not

Winter wonderland

Grand Coulee resident Nick Heilman enjoys the recent snowfall by sledding down the road to Eden Harbor last week.

— Jacob Wagner photo



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| Wed. | Low 22° - 31° High | Partly sunny changing to cloudy |
| Thu. | Low 23° - 30° High | Chance of snow |
| Fri. | Low 18° - 28° High | Partly cloudy |
| Sat. | Low 19° - 27° High | Partly sunny, possible late evening snow |
| Sun. | Low 14° - 28° High | Chance of snow |
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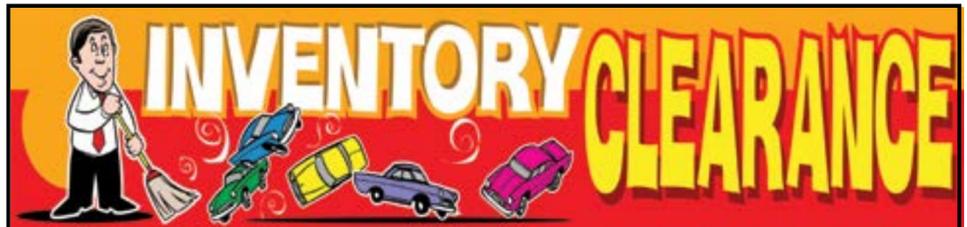
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| 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 - 13k miles, 4WD, loaded! | \$36,999 |
| 2008 Chevy Tahoe - 4WD, third row seat, under 100K miles! | \$20,999 |
| 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD - diesel, under 80K, 4WD, short box | \$24,999 |
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| 2001 Chrysler 300M - great car, leather, sunroof | \$3,799 |
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| 2008 Dodge Dakota - 1-owner, 4WD, crew cab, 51k miles! | \$16,500 |
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| 2007 Ford Focus - sedan, runs great! 80k miles! | \$5,499 |
| 2000 Ford Ranger - 4WD, manual, CLEAN! | \$7,499 |
| 1997 Ford Ranger - 2WD, manual, work truck | \$2,999 |
| 2012 Ford Edge - AWD, 65K miles, Bluetooth, power all, heated seats | \$17,799 |
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| 2014 GMC Savana - AWD, 8 seater, lots of cargo room! | \$23,500 |
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