

This Sunday Daylight Savings Time Begins



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Energy-saving project proposed for schools

by Roger S. Lucas

Local schools could see a boost in energy efficiency under a proposed project.

Grand Coulee Dam School District Superintendent Dennis Carlson was instructed by the board at its late February meeting to work with McKinstry, an energy company, to pursue incentives and a grant to improve lighting and controls in its three schools.

Jayson Schmidt and Mike James, from McKinstry, made presentations at the board meeting about a grant from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to bring energy savings to the district.

The project could result in replacing outdated and energy-excessive light fixtures and controls and save the district enough money to at least partially pay for the cost.

OSPI has set aside \$20 million for special needs districts and already 30 districts have submitted applications for a grant.

The Grand Coulee Dam School District had indicated at an earlier meeting its interest in submitting a grant request for about \$600,000.

Schmidt stated to the board

that it might want to cut the amount it is asking for because there were so many districts seeking the funds.

Carlson will work with McKinstry to investigate any possible incentives awarded by Bonneville Power Administration in energy savings projects.

The school district's Lake Roosevelt High School is served by the town of Coulee Dam, which brokers power from BPA. The district's other two schools, Center Elementary and the Grand Coulee Dam Middle School are served by Grant County PUD.

Special emphasis will be placed on facilities that will remain if and when the district builds new schools.

The board asked that the industrial arts building be left out of the equation except for that portion where welding is done. The ventilation system near that activity will be included in the project.

District officials hope that through the combination of incentives, the grant and non-voter approved funds voted by the board would be enough to do a major part of the project.

The estimate of cost was a little over \$1 million, according to the McKinstry report.



Spring must be on its way!

Kaylee Landeros, 7, a second-grader at Center Elementary, and resident of Coulee Dam, brought in the first notable buttercup over the weekend. Kaylee found the buttercups behind the water tanks off Pearl Avenue in Electric City while on a hike. She is the daughter of Victor and Ashlee Landeros. — Roger S. Lucas photo

Ridge Riders will offer clinic

by Roger S. Lucas



Tara Johnson, of Mossyrock, Wash., explains one of the exercises she teaches during a riding clinic at the local rodeo grounds last year. She will return again this year to instruct riders of all skills in the Ridge Rider riding clinic March 31-April 3. — submitted photo

and people just respond."

This year, she anticipates clinic riders from Ritzville, Okanogan, Omak, Coulee City, Ephrata, Wilbur and some from the Goldendale area. "We've had riders from Oregon," Doughty noted.

"People come from outside the area and some stay for all four days, using campgrounds and motels and eating in our restau-

rants," Doughty said.

Persons interested in signing up for the clinic can call Doughty at 633-1263.

Cost for the riding clinic is \$100 for all four days, or \$20 a day if you decide to only ride part of the time. Beginners get a little off the price at \$70 for all four days or \$20 per day.

World-class bull rider coming for event

by Roger S. Lucas

Shane Proctor, last year's world champion bull rider will be on hand for the Ridge Riders' dinner and auction April 2, organizers said this week.

The event scheduled for the Vet's Center in Electric City, will raise funds to support events planned this season.

George Kohout, president of the Ridge Riders, said Monday that there may be several world renowned bull riders at the event.

Tickets for the affair are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple, and are available through Kohout (631-0018) or Monty Fields (633-3319).

The event will begin with a social hour from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30. The auction will begin at 7:15.

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Port calls meeting on golf course fate

by Roger S. Lucas

Port District commissioners will host a meeting of golfers and those interested in keeping Banks Lake Golf and Country Club open this Thursday, March 8, at 5 p.m. at Pepper Jack's Bar & Grill in Grand Coulee.

Speaking for the commissioners, Larry Maier stated that golfers who have prepaid memberships and golf cart storage are particularly invited.

Maier said Port District attorney Chris Ries would be there to help answer questions.

The community found out in late February that majority shareholders Russ and Ida Horn planned to turn the course back to the Port District March 31, "if not sooner." The course was scheduled to open March 1, but the doors to the clubhouse are locked.

The notice stirred the community and Thursday's meeting is scheduled to let golfers and inter-

ested parties know the particulars of the announcement.

Thirty-nine golfers have already prepaid this year's golf membership and many have also paid cart storage fees in advance. That money apparently was used to pay up left-over bills from last season.

In a letter to the port, the Horns had asked that if the port operates the course this season, it honor those memberships that were paid in advance.

The Port District, which owns the golf course, had leased it to the Horns and other shareholders and their board of directors.

Port District commissioners Orville Scharbach and Larry Maier have not shown any interest in operating the course and had stated that they needed to find another operator or sell the course.

A third commissioner, Stan Conklin, is in Arizona for the winter.

The public is invited to attend Thursday's meeting.

State taking name suggestions for new ferry

by Roger S. Lucas

The public is going to be able to take part in naming a new Keller Ferry that will replace the Martha S. next year.

The state Department of Transportation is asking the public to submit names for the 116-foot ferry now under construction in Rainier, Ore.

A DOT spokesperson stated that the name of the ferry should carry "statewide significance and represent our state's image and culture."

Specifically, the DOT announcement stated the name should represent state adopted symbols, tribal names, names of bodies of water, geographic locations, cities, counties, or be relate to nautical heritage.

Consideration will be given to the consistency with existing fleet names. All but three ferries in the state — the Evergreen State, the Rhododendron, and the Martha S. — have tribal names.

Persons wanting to submit names for the ferry may do so by visiting the DOT website at dot.wa.gov and filling out a form provided. The deadline to submit a name is March 31.

Names with commercial overtones or names honoring or com-

memorating individuals should be avoided, "but will be considered upon very careful review. In these cases, the following guidelines will apply: The individual must be deceased for at least 20 years, and they must have enduring fame and have played a significant historical role in the region or state."

The current ferry, "Martha S," has been in service since 1948, and carries a capacity of 12 cars.

The new ferry, being built by Foss Maritime Company, has a capacity of 22 standard autos and 149 walk-on passengers.

Funding for the \$9.6 million ferry comes from the federal government, plus \$361,000 in state funds and \$2 million from the Colville Confederated Tribes.

The new ferry will be shipped to Grand Coulee in three pieces and assembled at the Crescent Bay boat launch, according to state Transportation Secretary Paula Hammond.

Rainier shipyard manager Mark Houghton, said the firm has advertised for two Colville Tribal members who, when hired, will follow the vessel through construction and assembly. Nine new employees have been hired to work on the Rainier site to 33.

About 20 from the plant will ac-

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Tribal council seeks member input on "18 money" policies

The Colville Business Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation will seek opinions of tribal members 13 and older on the release of "Minor Trust Account" payments, CBC Chairman Michael O. Finley said.

"The Council will issue a survey to our membership, asking for their help in addressing the issue of lump-sum trust account payments to our young people when they reach 18," Finley said in a

press release. "The lump-sum payments to 18-year-olds have been a cause for concern among some of our CBC. We are considering ways we might improve this system, providing incentives to our youth to stay in school and lead healthy lifestyles."

Finley said the survey, which will be printed in the Colville Tribal Tribune, available on its website, and sent to the member-

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New towers require a lot of concrete

by Roger S. Lucas

It could be the largest concrete pour since the Third Powerhouse project in the 1970s.

An official from Wilson Construction, Gerald Turner, said that pours in late spring on the six towers in the Bonneville Power Administration powerline replacement project will require continuous pours on each footing under the new 300-350-foot towers.

Turner said each leg of each tower will require a hole eight feet across and from 46 to 50 feet deep, filled with steel and concrete to support the tower. Once the pour is started on a hole, the pour will be continuous until finished. Turner said each leg of the foundation will require 150-200 cubic yards of concrete, or a total in the entire project of approximately 2,640 cubic yards.

City hires engineers for new plant

by Roger S. Lucas

Electric City accepted a contract with its engineering firm for design of a new plant to treat drinking water for arsenic.

City council members OK'd the contract with Gray & Osborne last Tuesday night for \$176,119. Another \$34,352 was approved by council for specialty services associated with G&O.

Mayor Jerry Sands advised the council that officials from Clearwater Construction, the successful

bidder on the project, will be in town March 8, to review details of the job.

Clearwater submitted the lowest bid of 14 companies hoping for the project, at \$1,310,985.

Electric City water users now pay \$26 a month for services. This will go up \$6 a month each July until it tops off at \$44 a month. The rate increases will help pay off the city's 20-year low-interest loan from the state's Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

Electric City was shoved into the project by the Department

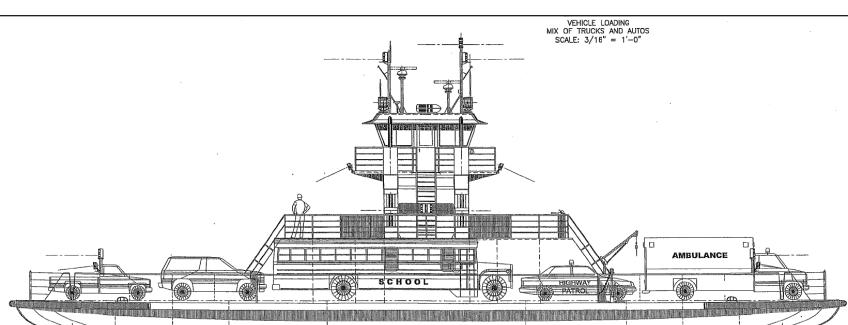
"It will take a lot of concrete trucks running continuously to fill a hole that size," Turner stated.

Workers drilled test holes last summer to determine what type of soil and rock is below the surface where the towers will be located.

"They took three-inch bore samples from the various places and determined that they were dealing with dirt, sand, clay and fractured rock," Turner stated.

"I don't think the concrete trucks will be fully loaded due to the makeup of the road and how steep it will be," Turner added. He expected trucks will be partially loaded with six to eight cubic yards.

The six new towers will require the construction company to locate some 750 tons of steel on site.



Ferry

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company the ferry to Grand Coulee where they will help assemble the three pieces. Houghton also stated that Foss Maritime will advertise for a security guard to work at the Crescent Bay site while assembly occurs.

Money

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ship through a variety of other media, may be completed by any Colville member 13 or older.

"It's important to give tribal young people a voice in this process," he said. "They are going to be affected by any decision we might make, and we want to hear from them as well as from tribal adults."

The survey poses a number of options for linking the release of payments — sometimes called "18 Money" because tribal members receive it at age 18 — to scholastic achievement, successful completion of financial literacy training, and having no criminal record.

Finley said some other tribes have placed restrictions on the release of similar payments, such as delaying the issuance of the full amount until age 25 if the recipient does not have a high school diploma or GED.

"This is a matter of concern to tribal leaders across the country," he said. "We are asking for guidance from our membership to make the best decisions for our tribal youth."

The deadline for return of the

Houghton said a ceremony is planned when the keel is laid late in March. He said the firm is waiting for some equipment before construction begins.

The vessel should arrive in Grand Coulee by November.

surveys is May 31. After that, the results will be compiled and the CBC will discuss the issue, likely with the help of a workgroup.

"This is an issue that affects the entire membership, and we want to assure that every member interested in assisting the CBC has the opportunity to participate in the process," Finley said.

The interested party sent two postal money orders for \$950.25 each to Leishman with the instruction to cash both, keep his \$200 for payment of the snow blower, and send the remaining funds (\$1700.50) to a Missouri address.

"Everything seemed strange to me," Leishman stated.

Leishman ended up turning over all the postal money order forms and email exchanges to the postal service.

Victims of such sleights of hand eventually find the money orders were counterfeit, after the con-artists have cashed their checks.

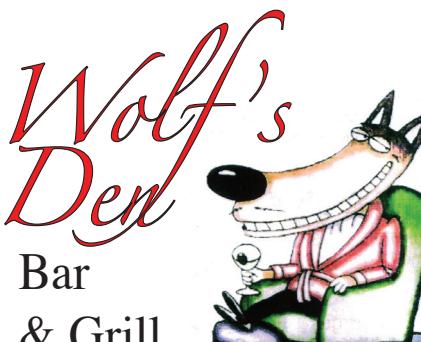
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Group gave more than \$9,000 last year

by Roger S. Lucas

presented Second Harvest with a check for \$2,350.

Thrivent Financial, working through the Zion Lutheran Church, gave over \$9,000 to local charities in 2011, church officials reported.

The Care & Share Food Bank received a cash donation of \$3,120 last December in addition to food items. The senior Meals on Wheels was also the recipient of a check, this one for \$2,512.

Partnering with Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank program, enough fresh produce, bread, beverages and beef (nearly 3.5 tons) was brought in to help feed 148 households. Thrivent also

to help others.

In all, the Zion Lutheran/Thrivent program raised \$9,330 for local causes and a total of \$33,000 for Grant County projects.

"Thrivent Financial provides its members and other interested volunteers the opportunity to join in service and use the financial resources of Thrivent to serve people and organizations here in our local community," President of Grant County Chapter of Thrivent Financial Evelyn Russell stated.

Anyone can join in volunteer and educational activities hosted by Thrivent Financial by calling 509-633-0648 or emailing cer@fibertv.com.

City OKs FD requests

by Roger S. Lucas

Two other projects were OK'd by council, but Paris was told to hold up the start on these until he had a firm cost figured out.

The other projects were the parking lot and apron next to the pole building recently constructed to house the city's new ambulance. Paris figured the cost for this would be about \$3,000, Paris stated.

The fire chief said he hoped to have all the work finished by the end of June.

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CMC Cares About...

Proctor

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Some of the auction items may be seen in a window display at Loeppe Furniture in Grand Coulee.

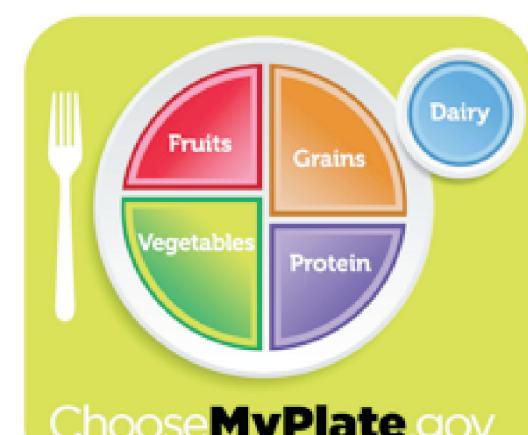
Prime rib is on the menu for the evening, and the ticket includes two drink tickets. There will be a no-host bar.

Events planned this year include the Colorama Rodeo, the Cleatis Lacy Memorial Bull Ride, and two Ranch Rodeos.

March is National Nutrition Month (NNM)! Coulee Medical Center would like to challenge everyone to "Get Your Plate in Shape." National Nutrition Month is sponsored by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to encourage Americans to make informed food choices, and develop sound eating and physical activity habits.

Over this past year, the USDA has done away with the food guide pyramid and has adopted the Choose My Plate method (pictured below). This sample meal gives an idea of how much of your plate should be made up of each food group. Have as much variety within each food group as possible!

Mark Oswalt is CMC's registered dietitian and is here every Wednesday. He graduated from WSU Spokane with his bachelor's degree in Exercise Physiology and Metabolism, and will earn his master's degree in Nutrition and Exercise Physiology this spring.



Here are some of his healthy eating tips:

- Eat naturally. Have a lot of vegetables and fruit, and work on getting rid of processed food; candy, soda, and other prepared foods are a great place to start.
- Stay hydrated. Thirst can often be mistaken for hunger. Choose drinks that have little to no caloric content (water is a great choice).
- Listen to your body, and eat because you are hungry. Eating too much is common when we are stressed, bored, excited, or happy.

Make sure to attend this month's Healthy Eating Class on March 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the CMC public dining room. The class will be providing information about protein and will feature a Mexican dish! \$5 donations will be accepted to assist with the cost of food. Please RSVP by calling the CMC Clinic at 509-633-1911.

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OPINION

Musing on Morgan

For the last quarter century or so, Reg Morgan has managed to turn out a column in The Star just about every week.

That's a lot of "musings" to scratch out into a collection of observations that folks want to read as part of their weekly routine.

Morgan's Musings has morphed over the years from a column primarily about hunting and fishing in the region to just about anything that fired up the neurons of its author, from flag protocol to federal

finances to the ambulations of his cat.

This week, Reg decided to give the keyboard a rest, more or less permanently, save for the occasional contribution just to stir things up.

We look forward to those occasions, and recall fondly a lot of good reading.

*Scott Hunter
editor and publisher*

Letters From Our Readers

Re: "Town to hire records manager"

Given the recent decisions of the Coulee Dam Town Council, I must admit that I'm feeling empowered! That I could almost single-handedly force the Town of Coulee Dam to create a new position to deal with their legal and ethical responsibility is, well, entertaining if not downright laughable. The mayor, some of the Town Council, and the Town Clerk would like you to believe that my involvement, my probing, my research, is the cause of their own inability to get their day-to-day work done. Of course it is not!

The Public Records Act in Washington has been around since 1972 (a full quarter century before Snow became mayor) and it is true, some jurisdictions do complain about the "burden" of it, particularly those that do not conduct themselves in a way that is transparent to the public. Snow and his ilk should remember that the legislative intent was driven by these words: "The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies that serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may maintain control over the instruments they have created. The public records subdivision of this chapter shall be liberally construed and its exemptions narrowly construed to promote this public policy." Just five years ago, these same statutes were changed in order to clarify and redefine "records" in/of the digital age, provide guidance for the "model rules" under the Washington Administrative Code, and strengthened the "better good" rights for disclosure. Furthermore, in 2007, the statutory intent was further reinforced by this legislative inclusion: "The legislature intends to clarify that the public's interest in open, accountable government includes an accounting of any expenditure of public resources..."

In a recent telephonic Town Hall meeting with Sen. Linda Evans Parlette, Mayor Snow was heard to complain about the requirements for public records disclosure and to request that the Washington State Senate water down the effectiveness of this "people's rights" legislation! Why would any agency discourage transparency? The reasons are

clear, compelling, and obvious and they have nothing to do with the fact that Greg Wilder is requesting too many public records, and everything to do with the disclosure of the record's content.

Does the town need a new position of "records manager?" This depends a whole lot on the efficiency and "service acumen" of the existing clerk. According to Councilmember Hjorten, the town needs the position because the clerk already has "three busy functions right now and doesn't need Wilder as a fourth."

Let's look at that statement. Starting with the Wastewater Treatment Project Administration Hjorten mentions as one of the clerk's pressing responsibilities, I see that \$2,000 has been budgeted for local "administration." The clerk's salary is well over \$62,000 per year so, as a percentage, about 2 percent (not 33 percent or even 25 percent) were anticipated for the "administration" of the sewer project. As a footnote, the town will be paying its engineer some \$1.2 million for their engineering and "administration." As to/for the "BPA Project" also mentioned, Hjorten would have you believe that the town clerk is practically building the project herself with her own bare hands! Administering permits and agreements is one of the duties and responsibilities typical to the clerk's position - it's day-to-day stuff, and when or if more help is needed because of an unusual or demanding project, you sometimes train, delegate, or hire a project manager for the duration of the overload ... you don't use it as an excuse to grow your fiefdom with another employee! Oh, I almost forgot the third "other thing" that Hjorten credits the clerk with doing - "her own all-consuming job!"

I can assure you I don't make redundant requests for records. "If" the clerk releases the right and full record in the first place, additional requests are not necessary. One way to insure we are "honestly" represented is to ask for that which is claimed to have been done. As an example, Mayor Snow claims to have written untold letters and emails to our legislators, practically begging for financial assistance to help with the new \$6.2 million sewer project. I asked to see them ... sorta like the 1984 Wendy's commercial metaphor, "where's the beef?" They

still haven't been disclosed; but the good news is, in the face of this unnecessary sewer plant, overspending for a water treatment plant, super high utility rates, and taking time out to fill our swimming pool with sand, the mayor is "working with a Cajun band!"

You may still wonder why it is that I find the need to review public records. For one thing, to understand "perspective." As stewards of the public's trust and treasury, how do "our" employees perform? How do we compare to others and to our own history without access to records? And from this discovery and disclosure - can we do better? It's not enough, as an example to know that out town clerk is one of the highest paid clerks for a town/city our size in the state. At the end of the Mayor Hartman Administration (in 1993) the position was paid about \$32,000 per year with basic benefits. That person then was busy, too, with the same "all-consuming job to do." Today (in 2012), under Mayor Snow and this town council, the position pays \$62,754 with enhanced benefits. That's a 94-percent increase far, far outpacing the Consumer Price Index! But maybe with all those additional responsibilities for the BPA project, the sewer plant, and the clerk's "regular duties," there may be a point and purpose for the enhanced salary - as encouragement for her to do the job! There is, however, no point, purpose, or reason to hire a "records clerk" as yet another minion for Snow and expense for us.

As a footnote, I recently needed information from the town's ordinance documents. Rather than strain the clerk's work program, I sorted through those documents myself. I spent from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. doing that — under the watchful eye of our police chief! Personally, I think his time is better spent elsewhere and his unnecessary presence cost us all upwards of over \$150. I'm sure now that the mayor (or more likely, the clerk) will advise a compliant council that it needs to hire yet another police officer just because of "Wilder!" Then, not only will I have my own records clerk, I might even get to have my own police officer!

Greg "Wilder"

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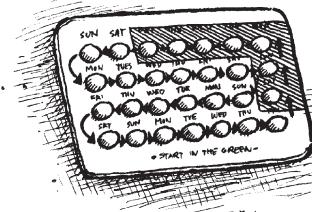
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Wash. voters pass \$2.6 billion in taxes for education

Voters overwhelmingly supported their local schools and voted for \$2.6 billion in taxes to support education.

You may have read reports about levies in a particular district or county, but there was precious little attention paid to what happened all across the state. What happened was that voters overwhelmingly supported their local schools and voted for \$2.6 billion in taxes to support education.

Out of 295 school districts, 157 went to their local communities seeking support to the tune of over \$2.7 billion dollars in property taxes. Out of the 157 school districts that put levies on the ballot, 152 of them passed. In a time where we hear that voters will not support revenue, the local election results stand in stark contrast to that narrative.

In most cases, local dollars make up around 25% of the total operating costs of a school district. We are a far cry from local levies being about the "extras" they were originally designed to provide. As the economic crises drags on, the importance of local levies has increased. Local communities have responded to that crisis with overwhelming support for their schools.

Simple majority, the gift that keeps on giving. It seems odd, but Washington state has a fondness for requiring super majorities when it comes to rev-

enue. It used to be that local schools had to receive more than 60% of the vote to secure a local operating levy. Thanks to Simple Majority (also known as I-4204, passed in 2007) we returned to the most basic of democratic principles, majority rules. That means that 51 levies representing \$1.2 billion have passed because of Simple Majority. That is \$1.2 billion to support the students in those districts that they otherwise would not have received.

Our support for majority rule extends to the state Legislature, where the law currently requires two-thirds majority to raise revenue. The I-1053 lawsuit, which we filed along with the Washington Education Association and other plaintiffs in October, will have its first hearing in March. We hope that the combination of the McCleary ruling and the eventual ruling on I-1053 will clear the way to fund our schools at the level they need, and local voters seem prepared to support.

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Coulee Recollections

Ten Years Ago

Two Coulee Dam residents have worked hard for the last nine years to convert what was the Ponderosa Motel into the technologically state-of-the-art Columbia River Inn. Three weeks ago, Ron and Diane LeMay took a large technological leap forward with the installation of fiber optics in every room and even in the laundry room.

Last Saturday could mark the final time an annual children's theater will come to the Grand Coulee Dam area. The cost of offering the Missoula Children's Theater locally started at a manageable level. Co-coordinator Julie Rehn said. But each year it increases \$100, leading to a \$2,300 cost for this year's run.

People in the Grand Coulee Dam area who are concerned about at-risk kids in the community now have a way to help. The Grand Coulee Dam Area Mentoring Program wants community leaders over the age of 25 to be mentors, Lesa Eiffert said at the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce meeting last Thursday.

After months of lessons, local sixth graders were allowed to demonstrate their math knowledge against their peers last Friday with impressive results. The sixth grade students from the Grand Coulee Dam Middle School placed third in a "Math is Cool" competition with 20 other students, said teacher's aid Janice Archer, who coaches the team.

Twenty Years Ago

Remodeling a garage or building a new home could be more

nior High School included Patty Michaud, Benjie Antonio, Charlene Boucher, Scott Bailey, Kris Graybill and Gary Rice.

Forty Years Ago

The Federal Women's Club will meet March 2 at Smitty's Pancake House in Grand Coulee at 1 p.m. Mrs. Anne Vehrs will be in charge of the program. Hostesses are Sue Olsen, Betty Akers and Marie Newkirk.

L.F. Carlson, owner of Carlson Motors, has been recognized for his commitment to "excellence in customer satisfaction" in a personal letter from Henry Ford II, chairman of the board of the Ford Motor Company.

Rhonda Magee, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Dale Magee of Coulee Grande, has been named Lake Roosevelt High School's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Fifty Years Ago

The Order of Eastern Star social club will meet at the home of Dessie Koontz today at 1 p.m. There will be a dessert luncheon. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Roscoe Gray and Mrs. John MacLeod.

Mrs. Claribel Gander was hostess for the Do Little Club of Coulee City on Thursday.

Sixty Years Ago

In a matter of days, the old store building that for 15 years housed all the stores of Coulee Dam will be no more. The dismantling of the building and removing old debris from the site is in the hands of Wayne Copeps of Mansfield.

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Obituaries

Velma Mae French

Velma Mae French 84, passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, following an extended valiant fight against cancer.

She was born July 12, 1927, in Sturgis, S.D., to Roy and Blanche Ness. Velma married Marshall (Marty) French Oct. 19, 1947, in the Presbyterian Church in Sturgis. They later moved to Washington state with their expanding family and finally settled in Electric City. Velma was active in Eagles and the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed traveling but always enjoyed returning home to her favorite occupation of being wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Velma loved working in the yard with her flowers, bowling, playing pool, singing, playing her guitar, accordion or piano, knitting, crocheting, tending to her koi goldfish and being with her family.

Velma was preceded in death by her loving husband of 44 years Marty (1992) and her son Larry (2011).

Velma is survived by her children Vel Etta Walker residing



in Electric City, Terry French of Federal Way, Gary French of Electric City and Marilyn McDowell of Spokane. Her in-laws include Dale Walker, Diann French, Jeannie French, Wayne McDowell and Nancy French (married to Larry), 12 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

At Velma's request, her remains will be laid to rest with her husband Marty (Marshall) in the

Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis at a date to be determined later.

A joint celebration of life will be held for Velma and her son Larry, March 17, from 2-4 p.m., at the Banks Lake Bible Church, 25 School Street, Electric City, and is open to all friends and family.

Velma's family requests that any donations be made in her name to the Grand Coulee Senior Center or Cancer Center Northwest in Spokane. Strate Funeral Home of Grand Coulee, is honored to be serving Velma and Larry's Family.

Larry Neal French

Larry Neal French, 62, passed away at his home Aug. 19, 2011, in the presence of his family. He was born January 28, 1949, to

Marty and Velma French in Sturgis, S.D. Larry married Nancy Epperson in Grand Coulee, Wash., in 1972 and moved to Port Orchard, Wash., in 1979 with two of their to-be three children. It was there he started his new career working mostly as a Nuclear Certified Rigger. Larry retired from the Bremerton Naval Shipyard after 28 years of service in Oct. 2007. After retiring, he and Nancy moved into a house they designed and had built on the Little Deschutes River in Bend, Ore. Larry was always happy and enjoyed life, especially anything outdoors. Growing up in Grand Coulee, he loved hunting, fishing and spending as much time as possible on Banks Lake.

Larry is survived by his wife Nancy of 39 years, two daughters,



Heather Handlin, 36, from Billings Mont., Jolene French Burnam, 33, from Bend Ore., and his son Ryan

French, 31, from Pasco, Wash. He also has two sisters; Marilyn McDowell, Spokane, Vel Etta Walker, Grand Coulee, and two brothers Terry French, Federal Way, and Gary French, Grand Coulee.

He was the best grandfather there was to his three grandchildren Trenton Handlin, 16, Billings, Mont.; Kayla

French Burnam, 8, Bend, Ore.; and Casey French, 2, from Pasco.

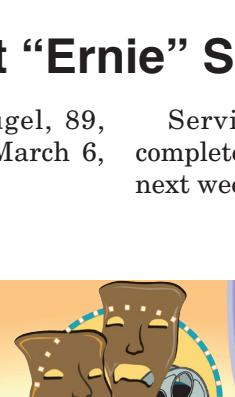
He was preceded in death by his father, Marty A French, January, 1992.

Memorial services for Larry and his mother Velma French, who passed away February, 23, 2012, will be held from 2-4 p.m., at the Banks Lake Bible Church, 25 School Street, Electric City, Saturday, March 17, 2012. Donations may be made to the Cancer Society of your choice.

David Doppler

Services for David Doppler will be held Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 11 a.m. at St. Dunstan's Church in Grand Coulee.

Doppler, the son of Alice Doppler, passed away Dec. 23, 2011.



**GENERAL MEETING
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New speed limit signs on SR 155 change the speed limit earlier for drivers approaching Electric City from the south. This 50 mph sign will slow down motorists who will also find a 35 mph limit coming up earlier than it has been. — Scott Hunter photo

Meetings & Notices

CHAMBER TO MEET

The Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon on Thursday, March 8, at Pepper Jack's Bar and Grille.

FREE TAX HELP

Income tax time is here!! Free tax preparation is once again being offered at the senior center in Grand Coulee every Tuesday now through April 10 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers trained in cooperation with the IRS will offer free help to taxpayers with low to middle incomes in preparing their federal income taxes. Special attention is given to those 60 and older. Free e-filing is also available.

Taxpayers should bring with them: a copy of last year's tax return; Social Security cards or other official documentation showing social security numbers for themselves and all dependents and proofs of salary, interest, pen-

sions, Social Security, or any other sources of income. For a faster refund, bring a sample check so a refund can be direct deposited into your bank account.

STORY TIME

AT THE LIBRARY

The Grand Coulee Library Story time is every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Regular library hours are Mondays and Thursdays 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays 12:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For information concerning library programs or services call 633-0972.

EAGLES #2577 MEETINGS

The Eagles #2577 Aerie meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. The Auxiliary meets the first and third Tuesday of every month. Next meeting is scheduled for March 20.

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What's cookin' at the seniors?

WED., MARCH 7 - DINNER
Pork Roast, Rice Pilaf, Buttered Carrots, Cinnamon Applesauce, Watergate Dessert.

THURS., MARCH 8 - DINNER
Mexi-Chicken Casserole, Green Salad, Corn, Chips, Salsa, Fruited Jello with Whipped Cream. (Grocery Shopping & Errands With Sara).

FRI., MARCH 9 - BREAKFAST

Biscuit and Sausage Gravy, Eggs, Peaches, Orange Juice. (Senior Center General Meeting, 10 a.m.)

MON., MARCH 12 - BREAKFAST

Bacon and Eggs, Hashbrowns and

Toast, Fruit Bowl, Orange Juice.

TUES., MARCH 13 - DINNER
Chicken Chow Mein, over a Bed of Noodles, Tempura Veggies, Ice Cream with Fruit Topping.

WED., MARCH 14 - DINNER
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Coulee City Worship 9:00 a.m.

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Raiders two and out at state

by John R. McNeil II

The Raiders dropped two state tournament games in Spokane last week to end a two-month winning streak and leave the tournament without a trophy for the fourth time in five years.

In the opening game against Northwest Christian Thursday night, Keith Rosenbaum opened the scoring with a steal for a layup early and went on to score eight of the 12 Raider points in the first quarter.

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Ty Egbert scrambles with Wahkiakum player for the ball.

Raiders errors extended NWVC's lead, and with less than a minute left, LR Head Coach Brad Wilson emptied the bench to give next year's team some playing time, when Kendall Piccolo scored the last Raider points in the game at 46-46.

Egbert and Keith Rosenbaum each scored 16 points for the Raiders. NWC's K. Hanson scored the game-high 32.

With that loss, the Raiders moved into the consolation bracket and had to return to the Spokane Arena the next day for a 2 p.m. contest with the Wahkiakum Mules.

Wahkiakum did not have Northwest Christian's tall men, but the Mules were not afraid to get their hands dirty and play rough. For the Raiders, the game was a must-win if they wanted to return with a trophy for the second year in a row.



Tyler Garvin receives the sportsmanship award from Athletic Director Rich Black after the Wahkiakum game.

In the first quarter, Egbert was an offensive presence early on and scored the first six Raider points.

The Raiders soon fell behind a Mule lead. Wahkiakum mistakes allowed the Raiders to stay in the game, with the score at the end of the first, 16-14 Mules.

In the second, the Mules began firing off threes, which the Raiders answered only with a three by Kramer Carlson early on.

The Mules also returned the Raiders' rough play, which shook up LR. Wahkiakum double- and triple-teamed Egbert, slowing down his offensive contribution, and putting the score at the half 36-29 for the Mules.

The Raiders halftime adjustments took time to show; early in the third the Mules opened the Raider defense to give the whole key for an easy Mule basket.

The Mules continued hitting threes, which accounted for 30 points in the game for Wahkiakum.

The Raiders, facing all these factors and being down for almost the entire game, began to reassert themselves and were making an honest comeback, which was stalled by a technical on the Raider bench.

At the end of three quarters, the score was Wahkiakum 48-Raiders 39. With the score still close, LR applied a full-court press to try and snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat.

But the Mules were still hitting threes, and Egbert picked up his fourth foul after knocking a Mule to the floor.

The Raiders faced the adversity with strength and took a slim lead with less than two minutes left. Then Wahkiakum hit a three and

the momentum was the Mules' to keep, for a 65-60 victory.

Egbert scored the game-high 28 points for the Raiders, with Rosenbaum pumping in 15.

"Unfortunately, we did not play our very best, but showed resiliency in battling back in both of our games," Raider Head Coach Brad Wilson commented.

The Raiders finished the season 20 wins and six losses, overall.

Next year, LR will have five new starters and several question marks about how next year's team will fare.

"A productive off season will be a key to challenging for the league title next year," Wilson said.

NWC 64 - LR 46

Raider scoring: Adkins 26, Black 0, Boutain 0, Carlson 3, DeWinkler 0, Egbert 16, Garvin 2, LaPlante 0, Piccolo 2, Rosenbaum 16, Saxon 0, Williams 5.

NWC Scoring: Beltz 0, Clark 12, Eisenrich 0, Friedy 6, Hanson 32, Kersinar 0, Kilpatrick 0, Kiourkas 0, Sander 0, Shannon 5, Stephens 1, Winward 8.

More game stats at <http://ow.ly/9uWGs>

Wahkiakum 65 - LR 60

Raider scoring: Williams 4, Garvin 0, Adkins 2, Rosenbaum 15, Black 0, DeWinkler 0, Saxon 0, Carlson 11, Egbert 28, Boutain 0, Piccolo 0.

Wahkiakum scoring: Souvenir 0, Doumit 0, Biligic 0, Blix 11, Weiler 18, Weddahl, 0, Chambers 13, Kreutter 0, S. Doumit 0, Parker 21, McElroy 2, Chaput 0.

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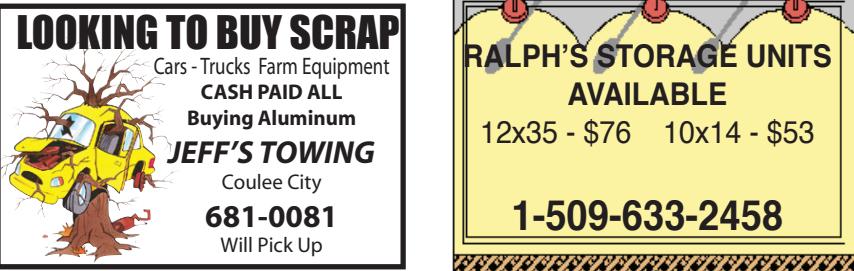
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The family of Mark Chandler would like to thank the ambulance crew for their fast response to Pepper Jack's. You saved Mark's life - Cory Allman, Randy Hagen, Rick Paris and Ryan Fish.

Also to Pepper Jack's Bar & Grille, especially Norm and Carlene for their support and help with Mark and for having the benefit dinner for him.

Also to Gina Schilling who donated her tips to Mark, to Courtney Kennedy, Gwen Hilson and to the rest of the Pepper Jack Crew for taking up the slack in Mark's absence. And last, but not least, all the people in the Coulee area that came to Mark's benefit and to those who donated money. We can't thank you enough.

Jacob Swogger & family
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Happy Birthday Mom Shirley (Jean) March 12

Legal Notices

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES PASSED OF THE CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY, WASHINGTON

On the 28th day of February, 2012, the City Council of Electric City passed the following ordinances. A summary of the content of said ordinances, consisting of the title, provides as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 454-2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY, AS ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 449

ORDINANCE NO. 455-2012

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ELECTRIC CITY MUNICIPAL CODE 17.67 ENTITLED "LOT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS"

ORDINANCE NO. 456-2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ELECTRIC CITY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 1.05 BY CREATING A NEW SECTION PROVIDING FOR REFERENCES TO "TOWN" TO MEAN "CITY"

Full and complete copies of the above ordinances are available at City Hall, 10 Western Avenue, Electric City, WA during normal working hours.

Jacqueline M. Perman, Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish March 7, 2012)

Grant County Port Dist. 7 NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

"Port of Grand Coulee" will hold a Special Public Meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 5 p.m., or soon after as possible at Pepper Jack's Restaurant, 113 Midway Ave., Grand Coulee, WA 99133, to consider Banks Lake Golf & Country Club's proposed relinquishment of the golf course.

(Publish March 7, 2012)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Noxious Weed Consultants of the Noxious Weed Control Board of Grant County will begin inspecting properties on March 19, 2012, in accordance with RCW 17.10.160, for the purposes of general inspection, the taking of specimens of weeds, and the performance of eradication or control work. If there is any landowner who objects to these inspections, please notify the Noxious Weed Control Board of Grant County at (509) 754-2011, Ext. 375, or (800) 572-0119, Ext. 375, by March 19, 2012.

Signed: Ron Tebow, Chairman
Rich Callahan, Vice-Chairman
Larry Duffner, Director
Wes Sieg, Director
Rollin Toya, Director

(Publish March 7, 2012)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Grant County roadside spray program will begin approximately March 19, 2012. The roadside spray contractor is ASAP Spray LLC of Ephrata, Washington. An applicator of the Noxious Weed Control Board of Grant County will spot spray as necessary. For questions, please contact the Noxious Weed Control Board of Grant County at (509) 754-2011, Ext. 375, or (800) 572-0119, Ext. 375.

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Town of Elmer City Small Works/Vendor Roster

The Town of Elmer City is accepting applications from interested contractors and vendors wishing to be placed on the Small Works Roster and Vendor Roster.

Whenever the Town seeks to construct any public work or improvement with an estimated cost of \$200,000 or less, the small works roster may be utilized. The Vendor Roster may be utilized when purchasing materials, supplies, or equipment not connected to a public works project with an estimated cost of \$15,000 or less. All interested contractors and vendors are invited to submit an application. Interested parties can request application forms at Elmer City Town Hall, 505 Seaton Ave., Elmer City, WA. 99124. Phone: 509 633-2872.

Renee Tillman Clerk/Treasurer
(Publish Feb. 29 & March 7, 2012)

Town of Elmer City Vacant Council Position

The Town of Elmer is accepting letters of interest from Elmer City residents interested in filling vacant Council position #5. All interested persons should submit a letter of interest to the Town of Elmer City, P.O. Box 267, Elmer City, WA. 99124 or deliver to Elmer City Hall, 505 Seaton Ave., Elmer City, WA. during business hours; Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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#209 Columbia Ave, Coulee Dam. A truly one of a kind home located in historic West Coulee Dam along the Columbia River. As you walk through the front door, the spaciousness and elegance are readily apparent. The 22 foot vaulted ceilings, the floor to ceiling windows, the hardwood flooring, and the huge gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. The home has 3+ bedrooms and 4 bathrooms and over 3,600 square feet of finished living area, plus another 600+ square feet downstairs. The home has two Central FA with HP systems, Copper Plumbing, 400 amp electrical service, gas fireplace with antique mantle and a 10 person hot tub. The property is just over 20,000 s.f. in size and the grounds have mature landscaping, a huge deck, as well as a gazebo overlooking Grand Coulee Dam. The home has been operated as a very successful B&B in the past. List price is just \$395,000.

#5575 NE Lake View Lane, Electric City. You have always wanted your very own little slice of heaven. Here is your chance. Built in 2004, this Marlette Manufactured home has appr. 2,300 square feet and is located next to Federal Land on 4.71 acres. It has 3 Bedrooms and 2 baths including a 15'6" by 13' Master Bedroom. The kitchen is spacious and includes a large walk in pantry and eating nook. The home has two covered decks, Hardi-board lap siding, Central Heat & Air Conditioning and vaulted ceilings. The detached garage/shop building is just over 26' x 39' and has a three quarter bath and a 525 s.f. covered parking area. List Price is now just \$269,000.

1110 Tilmus St, Coulee Dam. 5 Bedroom home that's ready for you to move in. The home has a large living room, updated kitchen with lots of oak cabinets and lots and lots of storage. There are 2 bedrooms and 1 bath on the main level, plus 3 more bedrooms upstairs with another full bath. The finished basement has a rec room, office, TV room and Utility room. Built in 1965, the home has almost 3,000 s.f. of finished living area all together as well as vinyl siding and windows, large deck and garden spot. The garage is just over 10,000 s.f. and has an auto sprinkler system. List price is just over \$197,500 with the seller paying up to \$2,500 of Buyer's closing costs.

#1126 Central Drive, Coulee Dam. Overall condition of this 4 bedroom home is great. Home was built in 1940, but it has been completely renovated and feels like new. It has 1,260 s.f. on the main level plus just over 700 s.f. in the finished basement. The home has clapboard siding, metal roof, Central Heat & Air Conditioning with HP and exterior was recently painted. The garage has room for 2 cars plus a shop & storage area. Lot is appr. 66' x 120' deep w/a large fenced yard with auto sprinklers. The deck lets you enjoy the great outdoors. List Price is just \$162,500.

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PERFECT RANCHER at 11 SE Columbia St. Recently upgraded with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great living area, fireplace, landscaping, auto sprinklers, central heat and air, all together with a fantastic view. Close to school on great lot and priced for quick sale at only \$159,900.

GORGEOUS VICTORIAN IN WILBUR. This amazing property at 106 SW Regent is unlike any you have seen. Large rooms, hardwood floors throughout, 5 bdrms, 3 baths, formal dining, family room, huge modern kitchen - it's all here and you MUST see it! Call for an appointment. Terms to qualified buyers.

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ACREAGE FOR SALE. 110 acres north of Wilbur/Creston. Undeveloped, pristine, beautiful. Perfect for getaway cabin, hunting or rv spot. Power close. Put a well and septic in and you have a gorgeous residential home site. \$2,000/acre.

Coulee Cops

Compiled from police files

Grand Coulee Police

2/27 - Safeway asked that a man be banned from the store for a year.

- An Electric City man told police that he wanted to add to a list of things missing from a residence there. He said missing were VCR tapes, some antique bottles, two vases, a glass globe with a dancing girl, three pictures from Germany, a bamboo picture, a vibrating recliner rocker, and a Play Station with several games. He said more items were piled up by the door.

- Police caught a woman in a small, black sports car from Paterson inside the fence at the 230 KV switchyard. When asked how she got inside the fence she said she didn't know, she was "trying to preach about Jesus" and would look at her Bible. She was told if caught inside the fence again she would be arrested.

- A man from Seattle who was known to police here was arrested at a house on Burdin Boulevard on a warrant. The man was irritated and charged that the department never "arrests white people." He was taken to the police station where he was placed in a belly chain and then taken to Dry Falls State Park, transferred to a county sheriff's deputy's custody and taken to Grant County Jail.

2/28 - A Coulee Dam resident stopped an officer to tell him that his vehicle had been sideswiped sometime earlier. He didn't know where the accident happened.

- An officer was called to assist with a combative prisoner being processed for driving while under the influence.

- An Electric City woman was confronted for making a 911 call and then hanging up. She told an officer that she and another person had been having an argument. Police asked to see the woman but she refused to let them see her.

2/29 - Police told a man living on Electric Boulevard in Electric City to turn down his music because it was disturbing the neighbors. He asked if there was a time when he could turn the music up as loud as he wanted and the officer told him, "no." The man was advised that the fine for disturbing the peace was progressive, raising \$50 each offense and that he was up to \$350.

3/1 - A woman reported that someone had hacked into her son's Facebook account and posted inappropriate comments to his friend's account. She said they had tried to cancel the password but were unable to do so.

- A woman told police that a dog was running loose on Dill Avenue and she thought it had been killing rabbits.

- A woman was stopped near the top of the dam because her center brake light wasn't working. The woman didn't have any of her documents with her, and police found she had a suspended license and two warrants out for her arrest. Police cited her for no proof of insurance, driving while license was suspended, and expired license tabs.

- A driver from Wilbur was stopped because his brake light was not working and admitted he didn't have a driver's license.

He was wanted on warrants from Spokane and Grant counties for driving with his license suspended. He was arrested and taken to Grant County Jail, and his vehicle was towed.

3/2 - A woman staying at a local motel told police that while she was in the shower someone had come in and taken some pills, a vehicle key, a bank card, a pair of gloves and pair of shoes. Later she called police again, saying that she was being followed and had items taken from the room and that the persons responsible were in the rooms adjacent. Police found that the rooms adjacent to hers were vacant and that she needed to take her anti-psychotic medication.

- A man from Rathdrum, Idaho, ignored a no-trespass sign at the Bureau of Reclamation. When stopped he said he had been listening to his GPS and looking for Yucca Street.

3/3 - A woman told police that someone had made fraudulent charges on her Mastercard account. She had been alerted by her credit card company and needed a police report before they would move forward on the incident.

- An Electric City woman seen walking along the highway was stopped because the officer knew she was wanted on a warrant. The officer found two pills of a legend drug in her possession. She was taken to Grant County Jail.

3/4 - Police responded to Coulee Medical Center where a woman had a cut hand. The woman told police that her hand was cut when she grabbed at a knife held by her boyfriend, who told her he planned to use it to gain entry into an apartment next door, but she didn't think he would have done so.

- A woman on Hill Avenue told police that someone had tried to get into her residence. She stated that someone had kicked in her front door, but nothing was taken.

Coulee Dam Police

2/28 - An officer noticed a car parked near the fire station with its lights on and a driver hunched

over the steering wheel. The officer tapped on the window and got no response so opened the door and tapped on the driver's arm. After about 30 seconds, she raised her head and told the officer that she wasn't driving the car. The officer could smell a strong odor of alcohol, but the woman contended that she hadn't been drinking. She was arrested on an existing warrant taken to Okanogan County Jail.

- Police saw a man on foot near Green Field with insufficient clothes for the cold weather. Talking with the man, the officer determined he was intoxicated. He said his girlfriend had kicked him out and that he wanted a ride to Omak. Tribal police gave the man a ride to Omak.

- An officer chased a car that sped through residential streets until it was finally boxed in by two Tribal Police units. He was identified by Tribal Police as a felon and an officer safety risk. A field test determined him intoxicated. While being transferred he tried to kick his way out of the patrol car. He ended up at Okanogan County Jail.

2/29 - A man was stopped for speeding after the officer got a reading of 39 mph in a 30 mph zone. The driver kept yelling at the officer just write me a ticket. He got twice his wish as the officer wrote him a ticket for speeding and not having insurance.

3/1 - A woman in Elmer City had advised police that her son was banging on her door and that she had the day before gotten a court order to keep him off the premises. He wasn't there when officers arrived and they found out that the court order hadn't yet been served. Later the son returned and officers served the court order and saw that he left the premises.

3/2 - A man on Spruce Street advised a security guard at the dam that he heard someone banging on the door but when he went out, there wasn't anyone there. The security guard contacted police who responded. The man said that the next time it happened he was going to go to the door with his gun. He was advised to call 911 if the banging occurred again.

One of the highlights of my years in The Star were the yearly

This has been a good ride. When I approached former editor and publisher Jim Black in 1987 and asked him if The Star would be interested in local weekly hunting and fishing information, he told me he was "game." On July 9, 1987, the "Coulee Country Outdoor Report" hit the stands preceded earlier by a five-minute time slot a few days a week for radio station KEYG.

After five tie breaking races

This is the final Morgan's Musings

"Morgan's Musings," originally known as "Coulee Country Outdoor Report," first came to being on July 9, 1987. The final Musings will be with this issue, capping some 24 years, seven months of fiction and fact from the outdoor scene.

After spending many an hour combining outdoor verbiage, it has made as much sense in its completion

as those before it. Even though every published word you read was proof-read by my lovely wife Linda.

Katherine Rosman, a syndicated journalist for the Sunday Edition of the Wall Street Journal, wrote in this week's issue — her last, by the way — a column which has appeared in "seven million Sunday issues." If The Star published anywhere near this number of issues a week, with appropriate remuneration, of course, I probably would have been able to squeeze out a few more columns.

Pack 24 had its annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Feb. 28, at the Coulee Community Church.

Seven Cub Scouts, ages 8 to 10 (Tigers, Wolves, and Bears)

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trips from the Coulee to the Canadian Princess salmon fishing resort on the west coast of Vancouver Island prior to Memorial Day. On most occasions, this included one charter boat (14 rods), but on one occasion, two boats were filled.

We would leave Four Corners at O-dark-30 and, arriving at Ucluelet about 3 p.m.

We would fish hard for three days and catch salmon and halibut. After fishing hard the last morning, we would fly back to Vancouver, B.C.

The last day was long, but we were much younger then. We would drive straight home from Vancouver, arriving as the coulee was

welcoming the new day. In later years fishermen brought their wives, who called for a mandatory overnight stay in a motel near I-5, before heading east the next morning. Why hadn't we thought of this before?

As the Coulee Crew became older or passed on (Bill Thurston, Ted Jenn RIP), or found eating difficult on the bounding main, no one has stepped forward to continue the Coulee Cruises to Canada.

The writing of these weekly columns has become time consuming. Today, for them to make any sense, we're talking hours.

Your thoughts and comments over the past quarter-century are what has kept Musings alive. I would like to thank Gwen Hilson, who has typed all the columns for all these years, wife Linda for reviewing numerous drafts and Editor Scott for his constructive criticism.

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