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## Newsbriefs

### Proctor still in lead

Grand Coulee original Shane Proctor maintained his lead in the PBR Built Ford Tough Series by just 53.96 points, despite going just one for three last weekend. Proctor has 3,414.120 points and has earned \$116,960.80 so far this season. Silvano Alves is chasing him with 3,360.160 points and earnings of \$128,357.02.

### Recycling goal exceeded

Demolition material from A.E. Wright Elementary was 81 percent recycled, School Superintendent Dennis Carlson said. The goal had been 75 percent.

### Friends of Rachel Club meet Monday

Friends of Rachel Club members will be sharing their message of positivity with the community at a family event on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Village Cinema.

Members of FoR from Lake Roosevelt High School and Grand Coulee Dam Middle School will discuss their projects and the impact Rachel's Challenge is having on their schools.

The presentations will be followed by a movie shown for attendees of the family event. Village Cinema, which is donating use of the theater for the student program, will waive the cost of admission to the movie for those families donating canned goods for the benefit of the local food bank.

Rachel's Challenge is "a series of student empowering programs and strategies that equip students and adults to combat bullying and allay feelings of isolation and despair by creating a culture of kindness and compassion," the organization's website states.

### Guild seeks volunteers

The Coulee Medical Center Guild is looking for volunteers, candy strippers and books sales help. The group meets in the medical center's volunteer training room on the third Thursday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon. A business lunch follows from noon to 1 p.m., with the meal provided by the hospital.

Guild dues are \$5 a year.

### Fire Dept. gains two

Two nominees were named to the Coulee Dam Volunteer Fire Department last Wednesday night by the town council. Named to the fire department were Benjamin Rislou and Samuel Thomas.

### Vote of support

The Electric City Council voted at its meeting last Tuesday night to support Grant County's Emergency Management program with a \$68 donation. The city has voted the same amount for the past five years.

### Thespians on the loose

At least two local residents will take the stage at Masquers Theatre in Soap Lake when it presents "Sin, Sex and the CIA" beginning March 1. Jeremy Hansen plays a preacher always caught in compromising positions. Carol Boyce plays a ranger in the comedy.



# Bureau cuts eagle roosting trees on lake

by Roger S. Lucas

A 100-year-old cottonwood tree on Banks Lake whose branches attracted as many as 10 eagles at a time is no more, cut down by the Bureau of Reclamation a couple of weeks ago.

While Bureau employees said the tree was rotten, the stump, at least five feet across, shows no sign of rot. Several other nearby trees also cut down had rotted in the center.

"We would watch the eagles fly from the tree to scoop up fish in the lake by the hour," said Lela Haydock, who lives nearby and had enjoyed the shade of the huge tree.

The Bureau rolled in and cut several huge trees down and put up a pole fence that winds its way around the fish pen area in Electric City.

Efforts to reach Bureau of Reclamation officials in Ephrata were unsuccessful. Calls were referred to Stephanie Utter who was said to be out of town for a meeting. The bureau crew operated out of its Ephrata office, which is in charge of the Columbia Basin Project, including Banks Lake.

"The poplar trees and the huge cottonwood tree were there when our family moved to the spot, (which) it still enjoys on the banks of the lake, back in 1941," Haydock stated.

## Tribes to receive hero award

The Colville Tribes will receive the Sierra Club's "Watershed Hero Award" in special ceremonies Saturday, Feb. 23, in Spokane.

The award is for the Tribes' cleanup efforts in the upper Columbia River of hazardous wastes deposited by slag from Teck Metals, LTD, a mining company in British Columbia.

Slag deposits contain mercury, cadmium, zinc, copper, arsenic and lead.

Teck, in 2012, admitted that its Trail, B.C., smelter had disposed of 9.7 million tons of contaminants into the Columbia River system. Officials of Teck acknowledged that it had been treating Lake Roosevelt as a "free" convenient disposal system for its wastes.

A decision issued on Dec. 14, 2012, found Teck liable under the Superfund law (CERCLA) for its actions.

John Osborn, of the Sierra Club, said the club would also award its first Environmental Justice Award to former Quincy mayor Patty Martin, for her work to protect public health at risk from an influx of data centers.

"If it wasn't for the Colville Tribes there wouldn't be any

## Mayor: town will pursue new study on wastewater plant

by Roger S. Lucas

Mayor Quincy Snow assured those attending a town council meeting last Wednesday night that the town would follow through on a "value engineering" study of its \$4.92 million wastewater treatment plant project.

He made the announcement after a long presentation by David Dunn, an engineer from the state Department of Ecology, who came to the meeting to explain the value engineering process.

At the end of the presentation, Snow asked if the town should have gone through this process earlier.

"It is late in the process for major changes to be made," Dunn said.

There has been a drive for the



Kevin Heeb stands on the stump left after the Bureau of Reclamation cut down a 100-year-old tree in which American Bald Eagles used to roost. — Roger S. Lucas photos

stated.

Renter Kevin Heeb also had concerns about the fence and tree cutting. Heeb lives in an old trailer beside Haydock's home and rents from her.

Bureau property, he says — and Haydock agrees — goes right through the old trailer. "From the kitchen on," Heeb said, "the trailer is on Bureau property."

"We were given permission to

put the trailer there a long time ago," Haydock explained, "and I think the bureau decided to put the fence in because Kevin had collected a lot of driftwood and stuff around the trailer."

If the bureau were to place its makeshift fence on its property line, it would likely wipe out the road that people who live in that area use to get to their houses. Most of the residents there live in small trailers.

"No one came by to talk to me about the fence or trees," Haydock said.

She recalls one winter when a bunch of mud hens got frozen in the ice on the lake and an eagle would swoop down for a meal, leaving only the smaller birds' feet still in the ice.

Heeb, whose trailer has a waterfront location, said the next step probably will be that the trailer will have to be moved. He has rented from Haydock for about a year and a half.

The bureau cut down at least three poplar trees, the cottonwood, and some fruit trees.

Haydock said her family came to the area from Oklahoma when it was chased out by the "dust bowl" storms and the Great Depression.

"We headed here with charged groceries and eight in an old car," she said.

She takes no issue with the bureau, but wonders why someone from the bureau crew didn't come by and notify her.

The massive cottonwood tree had supplied afternoon shade for

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## Document request cut off after news report

by Roger S. Lucas

A public disclosure request for information from police documents made a few weeks ago by police officer Sean Cook has been discontinued at his own request, The Star learned this week.

A request the Grand Coulee officer made recently had the police administration and officers pouring through some 13,000 reports looking for any evidence of force used by officers and a variety of other things.

Cook asked that the search of documents be at least temporarily discontinued. The request came a day after the newspaper reported on the search that had the department on its heels and consuming scores of hours of time. Police Chief Mel Hunt had personally put in over 40 hours of time prior to Feb. 1.

The search became complicated when officers going through boxes of reports ran into mold. Several officers got sick and union representatives advised the city that they would no longer search through moldy reports.

Mold was due to a leaky roof over the records area.

This required the city to hire a firm equipped to handle contamination to get involved in dealing with the moldy reports.

Because of the nature of the document request, it would be necessary for members of the police department to look through some eight years of reports. Police said they routinely handle about 1,700 reports a year.

Cook's requests also covered requests from any state or federal agency for information on his pay or hours worked and requests for information on his K-9 bomb dog.

Morale in the department has been on a steady decline and Mayor Chris Christopherson has involved himself. He ordered Hunt to change his shift schedule and has ordered Sgt. John Tufts back on patrol.

Since 2000, as a city department head, Hunt had worked four 10-hour shifts a week, the same as the city clerk.

Tufts had, until the mayor's order, been in charge

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## The thrill of championship

Orrin Gross leaps onto Coach Steve Hood after taking the state championship at 145 pounds in class 2B high school wrestling at the state meet in the Tacoma Dome Saturday. Mike Gross, Orrin's father, enjoys the moment at right. Hood took seven Lake Roosevelt High School Raiders to state, of which four medaled. The story is on page 5.

— Brittany Cozza photo

"value engineering" study to be made by local citizens and officials at Elmer City, which accounts for about 25 percent of the flow into the present Coulee Dam plant.

Coulee Dam resident Greg Wilder, who has been the eye of the storm of opposition to the scale of the plant, said he thought the study would cost about \$18,000. Dunn said his experience with value engineering studies was that it would cost more like \$35,000.

Yet Dunn reiterated that the process normally returns about 20 times benefit to cost.

Snow said the town would start looking for funding for the study.

Wilder said a study of the

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both Heeb and Haydock. Now there's nothing to protect their homes from the hot summer sun. "They cut the trees down and then brought in three loads of poles to build the fence," Heeb stated. Heeb counted the annual growth rings in the cottonwood stump and claims about 106 rings. A neighbor in the area said it took the bureau crew of eight or nine workers three days to do the work.



**A pole fence erected in the three-day project skirts by Heeb's rented trailer but would probably cut through the window if it followed the actual property line.**

# New study Continued from front page

Coulee Dam process so far clearly showed that there hadn't been enough effort by Gray & Osborne, the town's engineering firm, to consider alternative plans, both on the size of the plant and its location.

Town officials in Elmer City now have advertised for their own engineer to help them consider building their own plant.

Elmer City officials have long contended that they were left out of the early planning for the revamping of the wastewater treatment plant, although Coulee Dam's meetings on the subject have gone on nearly 10 years and meetings have been open and reported on a regular basis.

Elmer City is in its 37th year of a 50-year agreement with Coulee Dam to receive its sewage. Wilder noted the smaller town could decide to not continue with the arrangement and build a smaller plant that may be cheaper for its citizens.

Dunn explained to the council and those attending that value engineering is a creative and brainstorming time when a variety of engineers and professionals go through plans with a fine-toothed comb in an effort to make the project better, and ideally cheaper.

Such studies, he said, are designed "not to tear down" but to "make projects better," he encouraged the town to do the study.

"The studies don't always mean that the project can be built cheaper, but rather better," he said. "There's a hundred different ways to build that plant."

Dunn also explained that the DOE was a funding partner offering the town a loan, but it is not a regulator in this case because the plant lies within federal jurisdiction. He also explained that the current loan for the project is not in jeopardy.

The town of Coulee Dam received a letter from Colville Business Council Chairman John Sirois, who stated: "On behalf of the Community Development Committee of the Colville Business Council I would like to formally renew an offer to partner with the Town of Coulee Dam in their effort to construct an adequate and cost effective sewage treatment plant. ... The Tribes is in a unique position to request funding from the Indian Health Service (IHS) to assist in completing this task. In order to make that request, the Tribes feel that it would be best to establish a panel to review the project concept and scope ..."

Sirois suggested representatives from the Tribes, IHS, the Town of Coulee Dam, Town of Elmer City, and members of the community participate in the review.

A meeting was held at IHS in Spokane Feb. 6 including the Colville Tribes, IHS, Elmer City, Dept. of Ecology and Wilder. Coulee Dam did not attend. Participants were there all day, reported Frank Friedlander of the tribes' Public Works department.

The service area for the proposed plant is made up of 32 percent tribal members from Coulee

Dam and 47 percent tribal members from Elmer City.

# Food service truck has been recovered

by Roger S. Lucas

A food service truck stolen from the Grand Coulee Dam School District has been recovered.

Two district employees traveled to the Seattle area last Wednesday

# Tribal ceremonial locker explained

Tribal members have been asking questions regarding the Tribes' Ceremonial Locker such as how it's used, when it began and who can benefit from it, the Colville Fish and Wildlife department state last week.

The department seeks to manage the big game population for the benefit of the membership for subsistence and cultural needs.

"One of the things that the tribe recognizes is the need to give the animals a rest in the winter months, to survive and reproduce in the spring," said Randy Friedlander, interim Fish and Wildlife director.

The "Ceremonial Locker" was developed with the idea in mind that animals and fish could be collected during the appropriate harvest periods, then stored during the winter and spring months.

The Ceremonial Locker is in its second year. Last year, the locker

# Calendar alignment an issue for districts

by Roger S. Lucas

The boards from the Nespelem and Grand Coulee Dam school districts met jointly last week, in another of what have become quarterly meetings.

Concerns were shared about the two districts' school calendars for next school year. Efforts have been made in the past to get the two calendars as closely aligned as possible.

In this instance, Nespelem Director Jolene Marchand stated, Coulee Dam passed its calendar without Nespelem getting to look at it.

At its last meeting, Grand Coulee Dam School District passed a calendar that scheduled school on Columbus Day and did away with a two-day, mid-winter break that has been slated during the state basketball tournament for last few years.

The Columbus Day schedule now would require

that the district pay certificated staff time and a half.

The mid-winter break had been approved by teachers prior to the calendar reaching the board.

Board members will have an opportunity to revisit their decision when they meet next Monday at 6 p.m. at the district office in their regular monthly meeting.

Interest in aligning the two district calendars is to make the school schedule more convenient for students and families. Some families have students in both districts and have students home at separate times. A perfect alignment would solve that issue.

Marchand said it was her understanding that the two teacher unions would work together and try to get the schedule synchronized.

and brought the 1994 Ford truck truck in an impound lot and stated back to the bus garage for repairs. that the steering column had been

The truck went missing sometime peeled so the vehicle could be during the weekend of Feb. 9-11, and started.

When the door was opened, the 5 near Seattle by the Washington front seat had been filled with State Patrol. plastic toys, and a screwdriver was

District employees found the jammed into the seat. The screw-

driver had been used to turn the ignition on.

After securing a new battery, the truck was driven back to the district bus garage.

Thieves used the truck to haul a number of scrap metal items, apparently to a salvage yard.

Missing from the truck was a food heating oven, used to keep food warm while it was delivered to schools here. Value of the oven was estimated at \$3,500. It was first reported that the oven was still in the truck when it was found by the WSP.

The toys came from a locked Head Start enclosure at Center School.

Police are still investigating the theft.

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of records and of the day-by-day activity of the various officers.

The chief has been ordered to not schedule himself in the police department's contracted Bureau of Reclamation coverage, and now mans the department office and handles the reporting function. Mayor Christopherson is also budget director at the Bureau of Reclamation's Grand Coulee Dam.

Also, The Star has learned that any concerns expressed about Chief Hunt or officers Adam Hunt or Cook are to be referred to Mayor Pro-tem Paul Townsend. The mayor and Cook have been close friends for a number of years.

Some of the police relationships became a topic in closed executive session at the council's last meeting, Feb. 5. The city had its attorneys from the Wenatchee

firm of Ogden, Murphy, and Wallace attend. The executive session was scheduled to last 45 minutes, but three 30-minute extensions were added.

The city and Chief Hunt have each engaged legal counsel to help in dealing with the conflicts between the city and the police department.



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# OPINION

## Time to take a stand against stumps

Enough is enough. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has apparently adopted a reckless and callous attitude toward community assets not made of concrete or steel, assets that make living easier in this semi-arid desert, assets that often take much longer to build than a dam.

Trees are a treasure in this region, but becoming more rare thanks to decisions to cut them down at every opportunity.

To be fair to the USBR, it's not the only agency that finds trees easier to deal with as potential firewood. Trees are messy, in the way, their roots are often destructive and a potential liability if they fall over. Facilities managers and city superintendents often find it much easier to just cut them down rather than fix sidewalks or rake leaves, or worry about correct pruning. From the perspective of someone managing the man hours it takes to care for trees, they just may not be worth it.

But we as citizens know better, and it's up to us to speak up about it.

Monumental dams and majestic granite and basalt make for great backdrops to our lives, but up close, trees and their shade provide the contrast, the lush relief from that harsh austerity.

Stop cutting them down. Two years ago, bureau crews took out old trees along the public pathway above Crescent Bay Lake and Lake Roosevelt in Grand Coulee. A good deal of the dead branches now grace the sidehill above the lake waiting to feed a fire. There is no more shade left for relief in hot summer along that asphalt path. They also destroyed decades-old sagebrush that had made it possible to walk up close along a paved walkway to a part of nature we often misunderstand as we drive by it at 60 mph. The pathway still looks like a war zone.

Several years ago someone made the horrible decision to cut down the sycamores in front of the USBR office building on SR155. Still looks naked.

Bureau workers did a good job of cleaning up North Dam Park a couple years ago when they at least left the most important trees, but even then had to be extolled not to top the largest cottonwood there. (Note to property managers: Topping trees is bad for them and dangerous.)

After about 60 years, the Bonneville Power Administration last year suddenly decided that a half dozen pine trees in North Dam Park were a hazard to the powerline towers and ordered them cut down.

And recently, bureau workers took out several large old trees along Banks Lake near the fish pens in Electric City. A couple were obviously rotten and needed to go. One can imagine that someone was reasonably worried about the safety of nearby residents if rotten trees had fallen on homes. That doesn't mean they all needed to go, especially the huge cottonwood five or six feet across the trunk (now stump) that had been there for 100 years, was quite healthy and often hosted roosting eagles.

I would like our readers' help in fulfilling this pledge: From now on, this newspaper will become a regular locust thorn in the side of any government agency that cuts down a tree in this area. If they want to do it, they can, of course. But they should be prepared to defend the decision.

Readers, please alert us if you see this happening. And don't be shy about picking up the phone and complaining, yourself.

As the poet said, "only God can make a tree." We should care about what happens to them.

Scott Hunter  
editor and publisher



## January generally normal

Reviewing data from the past four Januarys shows we didn't have any changes from the normal. We had good, measurable snowfall this year (2013, 7.3 inches) and last (2012, 9.9 inches). Here's how it broke down for 2013 and showing all-time records in parenthesis. High temperature 46.0°F (record is 61°F), low 12.7°F (record -17°F), mean 26.5°F (record 36.1°F), total precipitation 0.60 inches (2.25 inches) and snowfall 7.3 inches (21.6 inches). January was nothing to write home about. Given the "neutral" rating from the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) for January, I'd say they were correct. The sidebar chart provides the high, low and mean temperatures for 2012.

The CPC is showing lower temperatures from now into April and an "equal" chance of precipitation, meaning, above, normal or below. That's tough to decipher, I know. So, as they say, we'll have to wait and see.

As I write this, we're beginning to see an upward trend in our daily high temperatures. Here at the home weather station, I'm seeing a lot of highs in the lower 40-degree mark. It's time to start thinking about the tasks needed

in the yard. Actually, I really don't want to think about those tasks just yet!

Speaking of the home weather station, I've added a new sensor to mine that measures solar radiation. That measurement is in watts per square meter. The basic graph, obviously, shows how many hours of sunlight daylight and at what intensity.

Hope you're enjoying the ever increasing daylight we are experiencing. Sunrise and sunsets are changing about a minute every day now as our planet begins to tilt our little

geographic area in the northern hemisphere more and more toward the sun.

Stop and take a look at Saturn before the sun rises in the morning. It's quite visible on the western horizon. Jupiter, Mars and Mercury are also visible in the night sky.

Feb. 25 is a full moon and may interfere with some of the fainter meteors. February lends itself well for meteor showers. There is only one recognized meteor shower, and it's the minor Alpha Centaurids in the southern sky. Rates for sporadic meteors are about 5 and 10 per hour. Given the very recent fiery atmospheric entry episodes in the Urals of Russia and in the San Francisco Bay Area, we might see something that will make the headlines - keep an eye to the sky.

### Weather Watcher

Bob Valen  
not a meteorologist, just a weather hobbyist!



## Letters to the Editor

### Sleight of hand and food for thought

The town of Coulee Dam began increasing our sewer rate about a year ago. In December, 2011 we were paying a reasonable \$37 a month - one month later, our rates were increased by 33 percent! Thinking that there must have been a good reason, we grumbled a bit and accepted it. Then, later that same year, the town sent us a notice that they were going to bump it up another \$11... and here we are, now paying \$59 a month! Now, that's an increase of over 60 percent in fewer than 14 months!

Having had enough, petitions began circulating and soon virtually all of us informed Mayor Snow and the town council that we don't believe in the reasons for the need and we don't believe the higher rates are justified. We asked to see some "alternatives" to their project and we asked that the rates be rolled back until we do. In reaction to the petition, the Town Council "appeared" concerned and sympathetic, and to demonstrate that they decided to discuss the matter in depth - at their next meeting. Did they?

They invited the Department of Ecology (DOE) to discuss a "value analysis" of the project. The DOE did just that and focused on "alternatives" - or rather the lack of them. Just a week earlier, the Indian Health Service hosted a project review meeting in Spokane (Elmer City, the DOE, and the Tribes attended - Coulee Dam did not) and the consensus was also that a review of "alternatives" was crucial. Mayor Snow, in a rare moment of capitulation, commented, "Well, it looks like we got the cart before the horse."

These issues were raised a year ago and the obvious was ignored... those of us pushing the issue were defined by the mayor, council, and their engineer as uninformed malcontents. In the meantime, the engineer ran up another \$150,000 in fees designing a project that may not even be the right project! And now the town will need to spend an additional \$50,000 to look at alternatives, something they should have done two (or more) years ago, something their engineer should have done during the planning process!

Then there is the matter of rolling back the rates. Not likely...

the mayor and council pronounced that they need the money, in part to pay for work their engineer should have done two or three years ago. In addition to "no roll-back," it is clear they have already decided that another increase will be imposed instead. In less than a year from now, we will be paying \$70 per month. What "appeared" to be the town council's concern about the high rate, was actually nothing more than an orchestrated pretense. As a further consequence, since Coulee Dam considers Elmer City to be "just another customer," that customer is now looking for alternatives of its own; they won't be able to afford the increased charges any more than we can. If we lose that "customer," the rest of us will just have to make up the difference and our sewer charge will likely climb to over \$100 per household every month!

Combined, these increases virtually double our sewer bills in just over two years! Mayor Snow tells us we need that money to pay for over \$5,200,000 for "improvements and repairs" to the aging sewer treatment plant. That's interesting since the Town has already identified another project that will solve the "problems" for about \$2 million! And if you look at comparable facilities, they could actually build a completely new plant (that would last twice as long and cost less than half as much to operate) for that same \$5 million!

Now, back to the matter of rates; the Town's thinking and logic was that if they begin the process early and "incrementally," we will get accustomed to the cost. Another way put, they will avoid the public reaction from "sticker shock!" Now, there "may" be good and sound accounting reasons for these rate increases, but I doubt that any of us are duped by the "incremental" sticker shock argument. It's sorta like paying for a new car five years before you actually take delivery and three years before you even know what make or model!

Some would argue that it's just wise and prudent to save a bit of money first... to build a nest-egg for the anticipated "down payment." Others might want to save some extra money to make future car payments in the event of some unexpected family emergency. Yet others might say that they want

to save more now so that they can buy a Cadillac later - instead of a perfectly good Chevrolet. Since the town still has not even considered "alternatives," we can't know how or for what the money might be spent... we don't know what we're buying.

Typically, if you collect funds for a future "anticipated use," a special fund is set up into which you deposit and track the "extra" fees you are collecting. That way there is accountability, transparency, and a surety of purpose. If I'm told that my government needs the money to pay for a treatment plant, I want to know that I'm paying for that treatment plant! So I asked the mayor and council if the money was being deposited into a special fund, a metaphorical "saving account," if you will. The answer was a surprising, "Nope, it's just going into the sewer fund," which, by the way, is actually only a "partial truth."

If we (customers) are all being treated equally and fairly, each of us should now be paying that "extra" \$22 per month. Last year the town should have collected (and saved) about \$110,000. This year they should take in about twice that, or \$220,000. Next year another \$330,000 - bringing the total "saved," over the three years, to about \$660,000.

Now, what did I mean by a "partial truth?" The town siphons off 18 percent of our sewer fees and transfers that money into the general fund "black hole" for current (non-sewer) expenses. So actually \$120,000 (of the \$660,000) will not be saved or otherwise available for the project! The rest of the new money is just being deposited into the sewer fund - where it could be spent on a new truck, administrative fees, another project, or other such things the mayor and council may want.

So how much of the new rates will "actually" be spent on the new treatment plant? Although I should know, would like to know, thanks to the town's sleight-of-hand accounting, I don't have a "dam" clue! Ask your mayor; ask your councilman... demand an accounting.

Just more food for thought... more reasons for change.

Greg Wilder

### An open letter to the tribal council

Sin...redemption--being right or wrong. Are you so righteously "right" that you allow yourself to stoop down, in servitude to evil... instead of being true to yourself... true to your reservation, and, most importantly, true to your own Colville tribal peoples: The Colville Confederated Tribes.

Never before in all my 49 years of Colville tribal political participation through simply voting in annual tribal elections have I seen

such outright evil, retaliatory bitterness, such mean and ugliness as is currently being delivered by what we now know as our Colville Tribal Council. In selfish personal agenda and without conscience to wrongdoing, council is methodically destroying the Colville Confederated Tribes: fiscally, administratively and perhaps even as a people, a tribe.

It is my sincere opinion and most passionate belief that it is

NOW time for the membership to become informed... become involved: sign sign sign at a "recall all" petition rally near you!!!

YES, Colville tribal peoples, the very sustainability of our tribe and our tribal reservation is truly at risk... sign petitions NOW.

Truman V. Covington  
Spokane

## Coulee Recollections

### Ten Years Ago

The bald eagle became the focus of hundreds of tourists last weekend as they flocked to the Grand Coulee Dam area to look at the national bird during the "Balde" Eagle Festival. "We doubled what we had last year," said Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce Pres. Tim Alling. The festival was "very much a success in that manner."

Several indicators of tourism show that people returned to the area last year after a very bad 2001 tourism season, but they are spending less than in 2000. Figures from the state Dept. of Revenue indicate tourists spent \$776,350 to stay in the area last year, a 13 percent increase from 2001's \$687,600.

A federal agency can't afford the cost of following federal rules, the Coulee Dam Town Council heard last week. As a result, the National Park Service will allow some of its lawn to go brown next summer due to the new, higher water rates in Coulee Dam. The new rates were recently adopted to pay off a \$1.35 million loan to pay for the town's water filtration plant, required by the federal government to comply with the federal Surface Water Treatment Rule.

Donkey basketball returned to Lake Roosevelt High School last Wednesday. Winner of the game was the Raider track team, who

also sponsored the event.

### Twenty Years Ago

USBR officials are looking for ways to plug a \$2.75 million dollar hole in this year's Grand Coulee Dam Project budget. Several possibilities exist, including not contracting work on facilities, cutting back on supplies and laying off or transferring workers.

The owner of a Coulee Dam service station wants to treat gasoline contaminated soil on-site, but city officials would prefer he use another, less unsightly option to solve his problem. Jim Dale Ray, co-owner of the Coulee Express Mini Mart, attempting to start the clean up last Wednesday but Mayor Rod Hartman halted the work.

The entire Grand Coulee Dam area could be included in a Grant

County regional mass transit system now under discussion.

Planet Earth Players are off and running for their spring musical comedy, Cole Porter's "Anything Goes."

Junior Mike Murray is Lake Roosevelt's lone entry to Mat Classic V this weekend. The 122-pounder earned a regional title, contrasting with his six teammate's fortunes.

Lake Roosevelt High School students earned a 4.0 GPA for the second quarter included: Emily King, Sara Romero, Jamie White, Laura Day, Elizabeth Avey, Sara Lockenvitz, Greg Evans, Jeremy Hansen and Shane Moore.

Coulee Community Hospital's nursing home passed and unexpected annual state survey with flying colors, hospital officials said this week.

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## Obituaries

### Flora Elizabeth, "Lally" Dunlap, née Brim

Flora Elizabeth, "Lally" Dunlap, née Brim (83), passed away peacefully in the company of her loving family the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013. She died after suffering strokes and seizures in the same Elmer City, Washington home she helped her father construct in 1947.



Born August 23, 1929, in Kirkland, Wash., to Charles Richard and Flora Harriet Brim, she graduated from Mason City High School in 1947. Lally attended Washington State University for two years. On May 29, 1949, she married Harold Eugene Dunlap (Gene).

A passionate woman with a strong faith in reason, Lally pursued knowledge and encouraged others to do the same. She enjoyed discussing philosophy, playing piano, listening to classical music and watching old movies. Lally loved the family ranch, a passion her children carry on to this day. Gardening, camping and horse activities at the ranch were among her chief pleasures. Lally knitted, sewed and adventurously



tried many international dishes. Most of all, she considered caring for her family her primary role.

Preceded in death by her sister, Barbara Long and brother, Frederick Brim. Lally is survived by her husband of 64 years; their children: Flora Long (Kenneth), William Dunlap (Cathleen), Philip Dunlap, Kitty Phillips (Steve) and Pamela Dunlap-Shohl (Pete); ten grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; brother, C. Robert Brim; sister, Jo Ayers and numerous nephews and nieces.

A celebration of life for Lally is being planned. Please sign her online register book at [www.](http://www.)

### Jesse G. Storey

Jesse G. Storey, Grand Coulee, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 15, 2013, at Valley Care Center in Okanogan. Jesse was the second son of Harold V. and Mary Seresun Storey, born August 9, 1929, in Seattle, Wash. He grew up in Seattle and moved to Grand Coulee to live with his uncle and aunt during his high school years. He graduated from Grand Coulee High School in 1949.

He was a school bus driver and did maintenance for the Grand

Coulee Dam School District for much of his career. He was a volunteer fireman until he retired and was also an auxiliary policeman. Jesse was an avid hunter, fisherman and photographer.

He is survived by his son Teven Storey, Thailand; daughters: Sandie Averson and her husband Arch, Spokane and Shawna Shaw and husband Alan, Bellingham; son-in-law Jack Drummond of West Richland; sister Gwendolyn Stanford of Beaverton, Ore.,

and sister-in-law Mary Storey of Altadena Calif.; grandchildren: Michael, Chris, Tracey, Connie, Justin, Kimberly and Jake. He also leaves four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Harold Storey and his daughter Susan Drummond.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Spring Canyon Cemetery at 1 p.m. with a lunch following at Grand Coulee United Methodist Church.

### Francis Lee Swan

Francis "Franco" Lee Swan, age 59, a lifelong resident of Inchelium, Wash., passed away on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, in Inchelium at his home. Franco was born on July 20, 1953, in Inchelium with the son of Corbett and Mildred (Meusy) Swan Sr.



He began school at St. Mary's Mission School in Omak and after two years transferred to Inchelium where he completed his education. Franco graduated from Inchelium High School in 1971. He then entered the U.S. Marines and served for three years before returning to Inchelium. Franco attended I.A.T. and became a journeyman carpenter. During his many years as a carpenter, Franco helped to construct the Inchelium High School, Post and Pole Plant and the Inchelium Clinic. He also worked at the Post and Pole Plant following its construction through its closure. Franco then worked for the Colville Confederated Tribe Range Department for three years. His most recent employment was working with the Inchelium Community Center. Franco had been

diagnosed with colon cancer in April of 2009 of which he fought into remission. During the summer of 2012, he began to fight cancer again, this time in his liver. Franco fought well and led with the hope of a miracle.

From the time of his youth, Franco was quite athletic. He enjoyed playing basketball, softball, boxing and was an exceptional at pool. He shared many great times riding his Harley with his "Bros", which included several trips to Sturgis. Franco also enjoyed starting his morning with episodes of the old westerns. He had a broad sense of humor and was willing to offer a hand to family and friends when in need.

Franco was preceded in death by his brothers: Jimmy and Donnie Swan; son Loren Charette; granddaughter Katie Leadercharge; sister Jackie Williams; "bros": Bob Louie and Tony Desautel.

Franco is survived by his lifelong love, Cheryl Williams, at the home; children: Anna Sandvig, Neil Swan, Stacy Swan, Brandi Swan and Michael Swan; siblings: Rich

Swan, Georgia Simpson of Inchelium, Kathy Swan of Seattle, Joe Bear Swan and Cindy Thomas, of Spokane, Christine Scott of Inchelium, Connie George, Hector Mendoza of Spokane, Carrie and Mathew Pakootas of Nespelem; parents Mildred and Corby Swan of Inchelium; grandsons: Brenton Swan, Nick and Stan Sandvig, Gabe Watson Jr.; granddaughters: Tamara Watson, Sequoia and Josephine Swan; godsons, Michael Finley, Tony Louie and Clint Desautel, numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and his dogs; Sugar, Roxy and Shadow.

Services for Mr. Francis "Franco" Lee Swan began with a Rosary and Vigil at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013, followed by the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 15, 2013, both at the Inchelium Community Center in Inchelium. The graveside service followed at Hall Creek Cemetery, Inchelium. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society. Please visit the on-line memorial and sign the guestbook at [www.danekasfuneralchapel.com](http://www.danekasfuneralchapel.com). Danekas Funeral Chapel and Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements.

### Michael Wade Rounds I

Michael Wade Rounds I (68) met his Savior Jesus Christ face to face at 10:59 p.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 when he left this world from Spokane's Deaconess Hospital. Michael's beloved wife Rachel and their family were by his side to witness Michael's Home-going.



The only son of Edwin Bud & Josephine Louise (Landergreen) Rounds, Michael was born September 24, 1944, in Seattle, Washington. Twenty-two years to the day that he entered this world, Michael received his best-ever birthday gift, when he wed lovely young Rachel Antioquia, on September 24, 1968. About which he would jokingly warn others, "don't get married on your birthday, for you will never again get to celebrate your birthday."

Always proud of his heritage as a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes, Michael enjoyed dancing at pow-wows and especially teaching children to dance. He worked for the Seattle School District where he specialized in Native American Education and as a Home School Coordinator. Following his retirement, Michael and his family moved to Elmer City, Washington, soon becoming a favorite of the Sunday School children whom he lovingly taught

at Electric City's Faith Community Church. Eager to continue positively influencing the next generation, Michael returned to sharing Native American Culture and Traditions within schools, only now it was in the middle schools of his own beloved Colville Reservation.

Founder and president of the "Boys Club of Loomis" and avid football fan, Michael was the honorary 12th man on the Lake Roosevelt High School squad, well known by all for his chant of "HIT SOMEBODY!" Also a fan who attended many games of the former Seattle Sonics basketball team, Michael was known for his great sense of humor and loved fishing, hunting, camping and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

Predeceased by both his parents and his sister Cheryl Smith; Michael's legacy lives on through his God-Given partner of forty-four years Rachel Rounds; children: Patricia Lynn Rounds, Corina Marie Valdez (Christopher), Ramona Jo Rounds, Katrina Rae Rounds, Shannon Ahona Rounds, and Michael Wade Rounds II; grandchildren: Tiana, Tristan, Trey & Trinity Valdez and S'Noviah, Michael Ray, Lillian, Joseph & Gabriel Rounds; sister Patricia Antioquia and too many nephews and nieces to list.

An account has been established to help Michael's family defray the costs of his medical expenses. Contributions may be made to the Michael Rounds Fund Account at any Bank of America branch.

A celebration of Michael's life was held Sunday January 10, 2013, at Faith Community Church in Electric City, Washington. Burial took place in Loomis Cemetery.

An on-line register book is available at [www.stratefuneralhome.com](http://www.stratefuneralhome.com). Strate Funeral Home of Grand Coulee is honored to be serving Michael's family.



## Nice day

Brad Thoma jogs through the parking lot of the Visitor Center at Grand Coulee Dam Tuesday with partly sunny skies in the 40 degrees. The forecast calls for a 30-60 percent chance of snow Thursday and Friday with highs in the 40s and lows in the 20s. — Scott Hunter photo

## Meetings & Notices

### CHAMBER TO MEET AT PEPPER JACK'S

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting Thursday, Feb. 21, at noon at Pepper Jack's Bar & Grille in Grand Coulee.

### FREE PINOCHLE AT THE SENIORS

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

the senior center. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 20.

### CARE AND SHARE FOOD BANK OPEN

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

### THEM DAM WRITERS MEET

Them Dam Writers meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The meetings are held from 1-3:30 p.m. in the art room at

### LIONS TO MEET

GCD Lions will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Siam Palace in Grand Coulee.

### GRANT COUNTY FIRE DIST. 14 TO MEET

Grant County Fire District 14 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., at the Electric City Fire Department.

### AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET

The American Legion will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the Vets Center in Electric. All veterans are welcome.

### TOPS MEETINGS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 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.

TOPS#WA1490, Coulee Dam meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., meeting following weigh in downstairs in the ground level fellowship hall in the Coulee Dam Community Presbyterian Church, 509 Central Ave., across from the Colville Tribal Museum. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit weight loss organization.

### EAGLES #2577 MEETINGS

The Eagles #2577 Aerie meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. The Auxiliary meets the first and third Tuesday of every month. Next meeting is scheduled for March 5.



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Prayer ..... Wed., 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... Wed., noon

### Laurel G. "Gerry" Beck

A memorial celebration of life for Laurel G. "Gerry" Beck will take place at Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Coulee at 11 a.m., on Sat-

urday, February 23, 2013. Gerry passed away the third weekend of January, 2013.

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# Raiders wrestlers take second in state

## Four medals include gold for Gross

by John R. McNeil II

The Raider wrestlers took home their highest placing trophy ever Saturday, placing second in the state in the B classification.

Liberty Bell took home the championship, scoring 112 team points to the Raiders' 79.

LR edged out Pomeroy for second by 13 points, 79-66.

The Raiders had left the Tacoma Dome on Friday night in fourth place.

"We talked it over at the hotel about how to remedy the situation and put ourselves back into position to challenge for second," Head Coach Steve Hood said.

"That is what the guys did on Saturday."

Orrin Gross, who graced the cover of the Mat Classic program, led the way for the Raiders by making good on his season goal of being a two-time state champion. Gross on Friday made easy work of his first two opponents, pinning Wyatt Ginter of Pateros and Walter Harris of Northwest Christian to set up a championship match with Milo Holston of Liberty Bell Saturday night.

The match was hard fought but Gross began to pile on points and came away with his second gold medal, beating Holston 13-5.

Gross joins Shane Innes as the only back-to-back state champions from Lake Roosevelt High School.

This year's was Gross' third appearance in the finals in three years. He finished second his sophomore season.

Sean Waters came home with a silver medal after dominating the 182 pounders Friday, beating Jeb Jewell of Adna in a second-round

pin and making mincemeat of Lane Monteith of Darrington with a pin in 55 seconds. Gareth Sax of Selkirk lost to Hunter Borden of Raymond so Waters would not have a chance to win a rematch of the Regional championship. Waters hung with Borden in the close match but Borden beat Waters 6-3 in the championship match.

Oscar Pakootas, in his first state appearance at 120, brought home a bronze medal. Pakootas won his first match over Connor Maben of Ocosta in a second-round pin Friday, but fell to Taylor Woodruff of Liberty Bell 7-3. Pakootas rebounded quickly against Darrington's Colton Anderson, whom he pinned in 28 seconds. That set up Saturday's 3rd-4th match between Pakootas and Jose Kike Marin of Kittitas. Pakootas made the right moves and racked up a second-round pin to win third place and take home the bronze.

Kodie Horn, at 138, started off with a win over Bryan Gibbons of Napavine in a second-round pin. Horn then lost in a rematch with Jon Walling of Kittitas in a close match, 6-4. In his next match Horn rebounded by beating Elijah Towery of North Beach, 8-6. Then, in Saturday's 3rd-4th match, Horn met Mason Mackey of Wahkiakum and pinned him early in the second round to take home the bronze medal.

Octavio Alejandre, in his first Mat Classic and coming off a knee injury that nearly took away his season, came home with a fourth-place medal at 285. In his first match against Daniel Fruth of North Beach, Alejandre forced the match to the third round when Fruth won by pin. Alejandre was not down for long and beat Daniel Helman of Ocosta 7-3, then set himself with a placing match by pinning William Ziemantz of LaConner in the first round.

In the 3rd-4th match on Saturday, Alejandre met up with the old foe Mark Diturri of Mary Walker (Springdale) who got the advantage and pinned Alejandre right before the end of the second round.

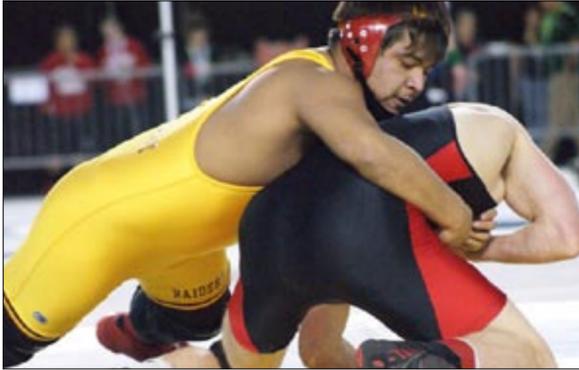
Freshman James Monaghan, at 120 in his first Mat Classic, took on top-seeded Tyler Osborn of Mary Walker. Osborn's experience showed as he pinned Monaghan in 22 seconds. Monaghan looked to rebound against Colton Anderson and did make it through all three rounds but Anderson won 13-4.

"Sometimes in the Dome for the first time the experience is overwhelming," Hood commented. "This experience does set James up with a goal for next year."

Senior Andrew McClure at 220 faced off against Austin Reisdorph of Pomeroy, the eventual state champion, who won by pin in the first round. McClure then faced off against Steven Broom of Adna in a well fought match. Broom beat McClure in overtime 4-2. This being his first season wrestling, McClure exceeded all Hood's expectations.

"Andrew has been an inspiration for the whole team," Hood said. "Some of the others have been wrestling since kindergarten or first grade and understand the process one has to go through to be a great competitor, and Andrew did that in one season."

McClure was named the 220-pound Academic State Champion for State B, the first time since 2005 that a Raider has received such recognition.



Sean Waters wrestles Hunter Borden of Raymond.



Kodie Horn pressures Mason Mackey of Wahkiakum at 138.



Oscar Pakootas cradles Connor Maben of Ocosta at 120 pounds.



Orrin Gross dominates Milo Holston of Liberty Bell for the championship at 145 pounds.

— Brittany Cozza photos



Octavio Alejandre grapples with Daniel Helman of Ocosta.



Andrew McClure locks on to Steven Broom of Adna at 220.



James Monaghan wrestles Colton Anderson of Darrington.

# Lady Raiders move on to regionals

by John R. McNeil II

The Lady Raiders came away with third place at last week's District 5-6 basketball tournament at Wenatchee High School.

Lake Roosevelt will move on to the regional tournament this Friday at Mt. Spokane High School when they will take on Northwest Christian starting at 6 p.m.

"It will be another tough game," Head Coach Wallace Pleasants said.

If the Lady Raiders win, then they will move on to the state 2B tournament in the Spokane Arena for the second time in three years.

Coming in to the District tournament Tuesday, the Lady Raiders faced the Riverside Christian Crusaders who had easily dispatched LR in their regular-season matchup.

At Wenatchee High School the Lady Raiders challenged the Crusaders at every turn in the first quarter. After falling behind to three consecutive three pointers, LR rallied to keep the score within one point and looked to take the lead toward the end of the first quarter, with the score 12-11. But Riverside Christian's six-point scoring streak close out the quarter in their favor, 18-11.

The Lady Raiders continued to score in the second, but the Riverside Christian guards and forwards continued to be hot. At the half, it was still anyone's game at 35-25, Riverside.

The Crusaders pulled away, expanding their lead to as much as 17 points in the second half. The Lady Raiders were not stymied on the offensive end, just could not stop the Crusader quadruple



Katelynn Schilling goes for the layin Thursday at districts in Wenatchee against Oroville. — Roger Harnack, Omak Chronicle photo

threat.

"When we would take out the guards, it just opened up the posts and vice versa," Pleasants said. At 54-39 going into the fourth, the Crusaders continued in to hit the long shots, which frustrated the Lady Raiders' defensive efforts even more.

In the end the Crusaders hit cruise control and ran out the clock defeating the Lady Raiders 69-49.

Katelynn Schilling racked up another double-double, scoring 11 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Keya Fasthorse hit several threes and led the team in scoring with 13 points.

Even in the loss, Coach Pleasants said he was pleased with the team's rebounding against the big forwards and the solid all-around effort the girls put out.

The Lady Raiders returned home and practiced Wednesday to get ready for Thursday night against the Oroville Hornets who had outlasted the Lady Raiders at home on the Feb. 5.

Coach Pleasants was confident. He said the LR girls were "not ready for the season to end, and I think we will get the same intensity we had Tuesday against the Crusaders."

Schilling scored seven of LR's 11 first-quarter points as the defense held the Hornets to only four points. As their deficit grew, the Hornets became frazzled over the course of the second quarter. Oroville did not make it easy for the Lady Raiders to score. Pleasants told his team to, "Fight through the physical play."

At half the Lady Raiders led 22-12.

The game tightened early in the third as both offenses turned on the heat. With the LR defense throwing the Hornets out of their groove, the score stood at LR 35, Oroville 24 after three quarters.

But the Lady Raiders went cold in the fourth and allowed the Hornets back in the game. With only a minute left, the lead had been cut to four points and the Hornets were driving the ball when Ricknya Sam stole it. Sam passed it to Hailey Chaney who drove in for a shot and was hacked.

At the line, Chaney made her free throws, which put the LR lead back to six. Both actions proved critical as it burned precious seconds off the clock. The Hornets quickly made a lay in but could do nothing to change the outcome of the game. The final was LR 40, Oroville 36. Katelynn Schilling scored half LR's total points and grabbed eight rebounds.

The Lady Raiders now look ahead to their next opponent, the Northwest Christian Crusaders. The Crusaders are 19-6 and placed second at the District 7-9 2B tournament after losing to defending state champion Reardan Indians 53-41.

This will be the first meeting of LR and NWC since the mid 2000s.

vs. Riverside Christian  
Stanczak 0, Laramie 7, Schilling 11, Sam 11, Chaney 2, Fasthorse 13, McCraigie 3, R. Epperson 1

vs. Oroville  
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(Publish February 13 and 20, 2013)

## CITY OF GRAND COULEE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The City of Grand Coulee is seeking letters of interest for vacant commissioner positions on the City's Civil Service Commission. The Civil Service Commission provides for the administration of city's civil service process in accordance with RCW 41.12 and the city ordinance. Initial length of term will be 2, 4 or 6 years dependent on the number of positions required. Requirements for the position are as follows:

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- Please submit letters of interest to the attention of Mayor Chris Christopherson, 306 Midway Avenue, PO Box 180, Grand Coulee, WA 99133-0180

(Publish February 13 and 20, 2013)

## SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE PASSED OF THE CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY, WASHINGTON

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013 the City Council of Electric City passed the following ordinance. A summary of the content of said ordinance, consisting of the title, provides as follows:

### ORDINANCE NO. 471-2013 AN ORDINANCE CREATING ELECTRIC CITY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6.15 TITLED "CHICKENS"

A full and complete copy of the above ordinance is available at City Hall, 10 Western Avenue, Electric City, WA during normal working hours.

Jacqueline M. Perman, Clerk/Treasurer  
(February 20, 2013)

# Check Out These Listings!!

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

**807 Birch Street, Coulee Dam**  
807 Birch Street, Coulee Dam. Very Cute 2 bedroom home that is just over 900 s.f. in size on the main level, plus a 1 car garage and work shop with extra storage that is approximately 580 square feet in size. The home has a new kitchen and bathroom, new floor coverings, new paint, new electric bb heaters, and updated 2 pane vinyl windows. Both bedrooms are good sized. The lot is 60' x 80' and has a covered patio and a terraced backyard area that is ready to be developed however you wish, whether it's flowerbeds or a small garden. **List Price is just \$99,000.**

**#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 now just \$375,000.**

**19994 Coulee View Rd NE, Electric City.** The joys of a custom home without the hassles or the wait. The home is 2,550 s.f. and is all on one level. It was designed specifically for this property to take full advantage of the high ground and is full of low maintenance features. The home has three bedrooms and two and a half baths. It has vinyl siding and 2 pane windows, Central H & AC with HP. Large composite decks front & back. Cathedral ceilings, granite countertops, the list goes on and on. The property is 2.83 acres and completely irrigated and fenced. There is a 2 horse stable and shop & an oversized two car garage. **List Price is just \$337,000 with a \$7,500 closing cost credit**

**604 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Coulee.** Looking for a spacious newer home with a view? You're in luck. This home was just built in 2004 and has just over 2,000 s.f. of finished living area on the main level as well as a full 2,000 s.f. daylight basement that is partially finished. It has 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms all together. With vinyl siding, vinyl windows, 1,145 s.f. composite deck with vinyl railing, you can spend more time doing the things you want to do! Beautiful oak cabinets and Corian countertops. Spacious living room with gas fireplace and a dining room that can handle large family gatherings. Overlooking Lake Roosevelt on 1.35 acres, it has a perimeter security fence, Lots & Lots of flower beds, and a very private setting. **List Price is now just \$295,000.**

**810 Walnut Street, Coulee Dam.** You will find spacious rooms throughout this ranch style home in East Coulee Dam. The home has appr 2,050 square feet on the main level, plus another appr. 575 s.f. downstairs. There are updated floorings and hardwood. There are 3 bedrooms and 1 3/4 baths all together, a living room with a wood FP, plus a Family Room and a Rec Room downstairs with an airtight woodstove. If you need storage, not a problem, this home has tons of storage space. The property is appr 10,750 s.f. and includes a 2 car garage. There is a fenced backyard, a large deck for barbecues, and garden spot. There's even a place for an RV. **List price is just \$185,000.**

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**#1123 River Drive, Coulee Dam**  
#1123 River Drive, Coulee Dam. Custom built home is Just Right. Built in 1975-76. It has 1,915 s.f. on the main level, plus 1,915 s.f. downstairs of which part is finished. It has an 18' by 22' sunken living room with a wood fireplace & insert, and a 16' by 16' Master Bedroom. The home has metal siding, Central Heat and a new Air Conditioning system, and a brand new 30 year dimensional comp roof. The property is appr 151 feet wide by 118' deep or appr 15,525 s.f. all together. There is a 12' by 20' deck for enjoying the sunshine, and a large fenced backyard with an in ground auto sprinkler system. Attached garage is 800 s.f., plus a detached 1 car garage. **List Price is just \$224,900.** Or if you want the small house next door at 1121 River Drive, not a problem, **List price is \$244,400 for both.**

**#531 Butler Square, Grand Coulee.** Wonderful View from this 3 bedroom 2 bath Rancher. The home is just over 1,500 s.f. of finished living area. Large Living room with slider out to the covered deck. Oak kitchen cabinets, Vinyl 2 pane windows, Central H & AC with a HP, and dimensional composition roof. Home was built in 1998 to Super Good Cents construction standards. There is an oversized 1 car garage, plus a storage shed and additional off street parking on the North side. The lot is 80' by 100' and had a fenced front yard with low maintenance landscaping. **List Price is just \$164,000.**

**#53 N Williams Street, Elmer City.** Large 3 Bedroom - 1 1/2 bath Home that has 1,740 s.f. on the main level plus a 1,285 square foot unfinished basement. The home has a large Living Room with Fireplace, Hardwood Floors, and Big Country Style Kitchen. It has vinyl 2 pane windows throughout the main level, copper plumbing, electric BB heat and wall Air Conditioning. Large Covered Patio gives you a place to enjoy the outdoors. There is an attached 450 s.f. garage & workshop. The property is 112' wide by 193' deep or just under one half acre, so a pony is possible. Irrigation water system for summertime watering. **List Price is now \$99,900.**

**46538 Sunny Hill Lane N, Grand Coulee.** Located just 7 miles from Grand Coulee is this 3 Bedroom - 2 bath Manufactured home on 6.18 acres overlooking Lake Roosevelt. The home is just under 1,050 s.f. in size and was built in 1982 by Skyline. It has Central Heat and Air conditioning, copper plumbing, 200 amp circuit breaker service and medium sized deck. But the best part is the wonderful view of Lake Roosevelt. **List price is just \$99,500 and the seller will pay up to \$5,000 of buyer's closing costs.**

**414 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Coulee.** Take a look at this property. The building is appr. 2,075 s.f. in size and has a number of recent renovations, so overall condition is very good. The building has been used as a religious hall, but the zoning is Residential 1, so there is the potential to convert to a home or duplex. It has vinyl lap siding, Dimensional Comp Roof, updated insulation, and Central Heat & Air Conditioning. The property is appr. 75' by 120' all together. **List price is just \$69,500**

**310 Highland Ave, Elmer City.** Looking for a fishing cabin or rental property or maybe just a reasonable place to hang your hat? Take a look at this property. Home was built back in the 1930's but has updated insulation, copper plumbing and updated electrical. There is a place for a woodstove in the living room and there are 2 bedrooms and 1 full bath. There is a one car built in garage with storage. **List price is just \$39,000**

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Colville Indian Housing Authority (CIHA), the tribally designated housing entity for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, invites qualified Indian organizations and Indian-owned economic enterprises to submit Sealed Bids for its Administration Addition and Renovation, Project No. WA 97B043026. All Sealed Bids submitted in response to this Invitation for Bids must conform to the requirements and specifications outlined in this document in its entirety.

Sealed Bids submitted in response to this Invitation for Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., local time, on Thursday, March 14, 2013, at the office of the Colville Indian Housing Authority, Post Office Box 528, 42 Convalescent Center Boulevard, Nespelem, Washington 99155, at which time and place all Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

CIHA is a tribal entity formed by the Colville Confederated Tribes to provide federally subsidized housing and housing assistance to low-income Indian families, located on the Colville Confederated Tribes Reservation with headquarters located in Nespelem, Washington. CIHA manages and operates the housing program in accordance to the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), and applicable Tribal law.

This Invitation for Bids is limited to qualified Indian organizations and Indian-owned economic enterprises. General and Subcontractors may obtain contract documents, hard copy or CD Rom, from Architects West, 210 E. Lakeside Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. Plan deposits will be returned to actual General and Subcontractor bidders upon return of all contract documents; PROVIDED documents are returned in good, unmarked, and unutilized condition within ten (10) days after the time set for receiving bids.

Hard copies may be obtained by depositing Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per set plus a non-refundable fee of \$15.00 per set for handling, to be submitted in separate checks, made out to Architects West. A CD Rom is available for a non-refundable fee of \$15.00 each. A complete set of contract documents will also be filed with:

- Colville Indian Housing Authority, Nespelem, WA, phone 509-634-2160, (limited quantities available)
- Architects West, 210 E. Lakeside Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
- Spokane Regional Plan Center, 209 N. Havana Street, Spokane, WA 99201
- McGraw-Hill Plan Center 200 SW Michigan Street, Suite 100B, Seattle WA 98106
- Wenatchee Plan Center, 34 N. Chelan, Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801
- Associated General Contractors, E. 4935 Trent, Spokane, WA 99210
- Associated Builders & Contractors, 12310 E. Mirabeau Pkwy # 100, Spokane Valley, WA 99216
- Tri-City Construction Council, 20 E. Kennewick Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336

A bid guarantee from each Bidder in the form of a certified check or bank draft, payable to the Colville Indian Housing Authority, U.S. Government bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the Bidder and acceptable sureties (Treasury listed), in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the Sealed Bid price, is required to be submitted with each Sealed Bid, as assurance that the Bidder will, upon acceptance of the

bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified. Should the successful Bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the specification, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to CIHA. The bid guarantee submitted by non-successful Bidders will be returned.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish and pay a satisfactory performance and payment bond in accordance with 24 CFR 1000.85.36(h), to secure the faithful performance of all of the contractor's obligations under the contract and the payment of all persons, firms or corporations to whom the contractor may become legally indebted for labor, materials, tools, equipment, or services, of any nature, employed or used in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

A non-mandatory, Pre-Bid Conference will be held at CIHA Office at 10:00 a.m., local time, on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. All Bidders are encouraged to attend this Pre-Bid Conference to review and discuss the existing building and site conditions.

This project is subject to the Indian Preference provisions of Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e (b)). Indian Preference is applicable to all subcontractors. In addition, the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) shall apply for job training, employment and contracting opportunities for low-income individuals. All labor furnished for the work provided in the contract shall be at or above the current prevailing wage rate in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. Applicable wage rates are included in the Contract Documents. Additional information and requirements for the Sealed Bid and Contract are outlined in the SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

## AWARD OF CONTRACT

The CIHA reserves the right to reject any and all Sealed Bids, whether within the maximum total Contract price or not, and to waive any informality in the Sealed Bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of the CIHA.

The CIHA is prohibited from making any awards to contractors, or accepting as subcontractors, any individuals or firms that are on lists of contractors ineligible to receive awards from the United States, as furnished from time to time by HUD, such as the Excluded Parties List System, [www.epls.gov](http://www.epls.gov).

The CIHA also reserves the right to reject the Sealed Bid of any Bidder who has previously failed to perform properly, or to complete on time, contracts of a similar nature; who is not in a position to perform the Contract, or who has habitually and without just cause neglected the payment of bills or otherwise disregarded his obligations to subcontractors, material suppliers or employees.

No Sealed Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days, subsequent to the opening of the Sealed Bids, without the consent of the CIHA.

**COLVILLE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
BY: Brook B. Kristovich, Executive Director

(Publish February 13 and 20, 2013)

# Celebrating the movies

Growing up in Los Angeles, Academy Award night was a citywide celebration. By the time my brother and I would tumble inside, ready for our afternoon snack, the glamorous stars were already pulling up in their shiny limousines to strut down the red carpet. My mom would prepare special dishes and drinks, and family and friends would crowd around the TV together. Mostly we would gossip about the stars' choice of wardrobe, but we would also root for our favorite movies and argue the merits of each one.

Going to the movies has always been something I enjoy. Seeing any movie is like a stolen chunk of time where we get to travel to other worlds and experience others' lives, leaving our own lives and worries behind, if only for a couple of hours.

As I've grown, my mother and I still make the effort to watch the award show together. As silly as it may seem to some, one of us will travel to the other and make a special night out of it, eating and drinking and enjoying the display before us.

At times I have agreed that Oscar night is far out of touch with the rest of America. Especially in times of hardship or tragedy, a night devoted to glitz and glamour seems unnecessarily excessive. But instead of looking at it as a night where the rich and famous pat each other on the back, I think of it as a night to celebrate a classic American art form.

Technically speaking, the only true American art forms are jazz, comic books, musical theater and modern dance. And while the history of motion pictures is long and complicated, the United States, along with Britain and France, were early pioneers.

But with the advent of World War I, European countries couldn't devote time, men, technology, or imagination to the movies. And by the time the war was over, American technology and innovation had catapulted us far beyond any other country. When movie houses finally reopened in Europe, they ended up showing primarily imported American films. Ever

since, for better or worse, American movies are known throughout the world.

One constant throughout the history of the movies is the challenge to overcome obstacles. In an industry founded and maintained on technological advances, the introduction of the next best thing is immediately seen as a threat to the way things are. I'm sure if you work in the industry this is frustrating. But as a fan, I find the push to be ever better to be to our benefit. Feature length films threatened the original short film. Talkies threatened, and eventually eradicated, silent films.

Television shut down a fair share of movie houses across the world. Computer-generated animation threatened traditional animated movies. And now, the industry is challenged by the availability of free digital media.

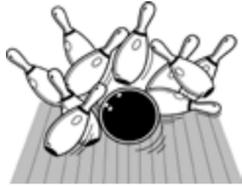
It should be no surprise that in the past decade domestic movie theater admissions are down almost 20 percent. Why pay to go to the movies when you can stream it online for a fraction of the price?

As a fan, the details behind the movies are interesting, but not essential to know. I loved Toy Story without knowing the monumental effort it took to make a feature length computer animated film. I was awed by Avatar without getting caught up in the technology that got it to that point. Knowing it is, at its core, a business that is subject to bottom lines doesn't concern me as much as being transported into a different world for a couple of hours after a long day.

So when Oscar night arrives next weekend, I will gossip about the stars' fashion choices and applaud those amazing new technological advances that make my movie-going experience that much better. But mostly, I will be cheering for an iconic American art form and tradition. I will celebrate the passion it took to get an idea from a piece of paper to the big screen so it can transport me into another world. If only for a few short hours.

## In Other Words

Danielle Vick



COLUMBIA LEAGUE	W	L
TEAM		
Galaxy Smokes	13.5	6.5
The Olds	12	8
Riverview Lanes	12	8
Don't No's	10	10
Redthunder Consulting	5	15
High Game: Riverview Lanes 688; Pat Zlateff 209; Sharey Redthunder 171		
High Series: Riverview Lanes 2024; Pat Zlateff 577; JoAnn Medina 495		
Splits: JoAnn Medina 4-5		

MIXUPS	W	L
TEAM		
Fighting Chipmunks	55	33
Flyin W	53.5	34.5
Team III	53.5	34.5
Fry Bread Power II	39.5	48.5
Ed's Meat Market	34	54
Star Publishing	28.5	59.5
High Game: Team III 709; Briana Bob 215; Pat Zlateff 215		
High Series: Team III 2001; Briana Bob 617; Pat Zlateff 564		
Frank Quinton 4-5-10		

DAM KEGLERS	W	L
TEAM		
Vaagen Bros.	89	71
Wreckin' Crew	88.5	71.5
Flyin W	79.5	80.5
Moose Lodge	77	83
Native Spirit	73	87
Team 2	69.5	90.5
Spring Canyon Alpacas	68	92
High Game: Team 2 775; Ron Toulou 248; Briana Bob 196		
High Series: Spring Canyon Alpacas 2201; Ron Toulou 602; Briana Bob 522		
Splits: Percy Kuehne 3-7/3-7/7-8; Flint Bjorson 5-10; Darren Stanger 5-7-10		

TUESDAY HI LO'S	W	L
TEAM		
Riverview Lanes	17.5	2.5
Pepsi	11	9
Karl's Site Dev.	10.5	9.5
Sunflower Graphics	10	10
Fullers	7	13
KEYG 1490	4	16
High Game: Riverview Lanes 446; Winnie 181		
High Series: Riverview Lanes 1233; Winnie 480		
Splits: Barbara 5-7; Rose 3-10		

SENIORS	W	L
TEAM		
Bob 196/545; Leo 162/482; Merle 135/345; Orville 146/397; Pat 234/521		

(Publish February 20, 2013)

# Coulee Cops

Compiled from police files

## Grand Coulee Police

2/12 - An official with the Head Start program at Center School told police that someone had taken the lock off a storage shed where games and toys are stored. Nothing was taken, the report stated. It was thought that the entry was at the same time as a number of metal items was taken from a fenced-in area near the kitchen.

- USBR Plant Protection asked police to check on a vehicle on Bureau of Reclamation property near the fish pens in Electric City. Police checked on the vehicle but couldn't connect with the owner.

- A 10-year-old girl told officials at the Grand Coulee Dam Middle School that she had been assaulted by another student. Another girl was suspended for three days and police are forwarding a report to Grant County juvenile authorities.

- The owner of CJ's Storage reported to police that someone had cut locks on two units. Nothing was reported taken.

2/14 - A woman on Burdin Boulevard told police that her 13-year-old daughter was a runaway. She said the girl left home with a friend the day before. The missing girl is 5 feet, 1 inch tall and weighs 140 pounds, the woman told police.

- A woman on Second Street in Electric City told police that a person they had a no-contact order against was texting them. Police found that there was a glitch and the no-contact order had never been issued. The party was told how to pursue a no-contact order.

2/16 - A man was told to move his vehicle from a handicapped parking stall in front of the Electric City Pub because he didn't have a handicapped card.

- A woman wanted on a felony warrant was arrested at a home on Burdin Boulevard and taken to Grant County Jail.

2/17 - A woman at the Wolf's Den told police that a woman with purple hair had called her a "skin-head" and dug her fingernails into her wrist. Police are looking for the woman with purple hair.

- A homeless man was seen walking in the vicinity of Park and Jackson in Electric City and was carrying a knife. An officer told him to drop the knife and he complied. Later the same day the man was found lying under a bush near the entrance to Coulee Playland. He told the officer that he was just taking a break.

2/18 - A man walked into the police station and asked if there were any warrants for him. He did, and he was whisked off to jail.

- Police checked on a reported disturbance on Federal Avenue and found a couple chasing two dogs that had gotten loose.

- A man on Third Street reported to police that he had found the head and hide of a female deer and thought it might have been poached. A report was made to the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife.

## Coulee Dam Police

2/11 - A Coulee Dam woman told police that she had opened a bank account eight months ago and gave a friend permission to use the account to cash payroll checks. She said the friend lived in Brooklyn and she met him on a dating website. She said she went to use her debit card and was referred to the fraud department. She said she had never spoken

to the male friend in person. The woman said that no money is missing from her account. The bank is investigating.

- A woman on River Drive told police that two males and a female walked by her home yelling curse words. She said she didn't know if an assault had taken place. Police couldn't find them.

2/12 - A woman was stopped near Riley Point for having a faulty headlamp. It was found that the woman's license had been suspended. She was cited for that and for driving without a valid license. A person with a valid license came to take charge of the car.

2/14 - A person on Central Drive told police of a suspicious bag near his driveway. He explained that he and his neighbor didn't get along and he was concerned about the bag. The officer determined that there was just garbage in the bag.

2/15 - Police heard over dispatch that there was a person at Coulee Dam Casino that needed medical attention. When police arrived the person had already been transported by ambulance to Coulee Medical Center.

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# Innovation

Grant PUD has helped us become an innovative education leader. The key has been the technology enrichments made available through the PUD's fiber-optic network. This high-speed system allows us to provide 21st Century educational services to the diverse population in our 4,600 square-mile service district. In addition, the PUD's low-cost, reliable electrical service and energy-efficiency programs make a significant difference for our budget.

Terry Leas, Ph.D. President



This year, Grant PUD celebrates 75 years of connecting generations and the men and women whose vision and courage forged a thriving community. We salute these innovators who achieved the dream of having a locally-led public utility provide electricity to every resident in Grant County.



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