







## Brighter and better

A full moon backs up brand new laser equipment that served up the first laser show of the season Saturday night, as people watch the delivery of crisp, colorful images on Grand Coulee Dam. The show has been limping along on obsolete

equipment the last couple years, but the new installation just completed by Lumalaser, of Oregon, is ready to debut a completely new show in August. The current program will run nightly until then. — Scott Hunter photo

## District names principals for next year

by Roger S. Lucas

Three principals will receive contracts for the next school year after directors made their decision at Tuesday night's school board meeting.

Lisa Lakin, the only veteran principal, returns as administrator of Center Elementary, where

she has been for much of the past year. Lakin had split her time between the Grand Coulee Dam Middle School and Center School until this past spring when she was assigned singly to Center School.

Brandon Byers, who has been interim principal at the middle school since spring, moving up from a teaching position, will fill the slot at Lake Roosevelt High

School, where he replaces Brad Wilson who will take a principal position in the Chelan School District.

Entering the district as principal of the middle school will be Ronanda Liberty, who has taught and is an intern principal in the North Franklin School District in Connell. Liberty and Byers will administer their respective schools under provisional con-

tracts.

Superintendent Dennis Carlson said there were seven applicants for the three positions, a list that was trimmed to four for final interviews.

## Cleanup

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in court.

Electric City has used the power of persuasion of its enforcement officer, Gary Haven, to good advantage in cleaning up some of its problem properties.

Haven has told the council that he goes to the door, if necessary, and after talking with the offender, usually gets good results.

A number of places have cooperated, Haven said, and slowly properties are looking better.

Mayor Christopherson asked his council committee on ordinances to meet and return to council with some suggestions on the cleanup problem.

## Sewer plant

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Elmer City Mayor Mary Jo Carey pleaded with the council to renegotiate the current contract between the two municipalities, to no avail. She stated that the contract was old. It's 38 years into its 50-year term.

"The Constitution is old too, but we don't want to throw it out," Poch replied.

Carey had asked earlier for the Coulee Dam council to declare the current agreement invalid, but the council ruled against her request.

Carey stated again, as she has for several months, "Our citizens can't afford the higher rates."

When she said that Elmer City had never been consulted on the project, that prompted Coulee Dam Councilmember Ken Miles to disagree. He recalled a meeting that Elmer City had been invited to while discussions of the project were going on. Carey stated that all Elmer City was looking for was "light at the end of the tunnel."

She added, "I don't like the back-biting that is going on and I won't be a part of it," and then stated, "I rest my case," and sat down. The wastewater treatment project has also had some political ramifications in Elmer City. Councilmember Gail Morin is running against Carey.

Coulee Dam's attorney, Mick Howe, stated that the contract between the two towns was valid but could be amended by mutual consent.

Howe also said that it was confusing: one week Elmer City stated that the agreement was invalid and the next week it was calling for it to be rewritten.

Hjorten made the motion to move ahead with a "tier 1" project, costing \$2 million to \$2.9 million. A bigger project was calculated

at \$4.92 million, and Wilder had estimated it at over \$6 million.

The town's engineering firm submitted an alternative analysis that showed building a plant up the Columbia River would, over the life of the project, cost more than to upgrade the town's present plant.

The council had agreed to a 30-day delay a month ago while Wilder sought money to pay for an alternatives analysis to show where the best location would be

for the sewer plant.

He told the council the 30-day delay would give him time to come up with the money to pay for the alternatives analysis.

Wilder told the council Wednesday night that Indian Health Services had denied his request for funding for the analysis.

In making the motion to move ahead, Hjorten noted that the town needed to make progress on correcting some deficiencies before the end of he year.

### Elmer City election correction

In Elmer City, Jessie Tillman filed his intention to run for position 5, the town council seat currently held by Larry Holford. Donna and Jeff DeWinkler are running unopposed for their seats, and Gail Morin's seat, position 2, will be vacant at the end of her term. Morin has filed for mayor opposing incumbent Mayor Mary Jo Carey, who filed her intention to seek another four-year term.

*Wassa happening at the den?*

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## A dry April into a dry May

I've been checking into the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center's three-month prediction (June, July and August), and it states, "...an equal chance of above or below normal temperatures and below normal precipitation."

April 2013 wasn't a wet one with only 0.91 inches of precipitation. We seem to be on course, here's a review of some past Aprils (2012 – 1.08 inches, 2011 - .84 inches, and 2010 – 1.12 inches).

The high temperature in April was 78.5°F while the month's low was 27.4°F. If you recall, we had some wind events toward the end of the month. I recorded a peak gust here at the home weather station of 38 mph on the 28th.

Hope you had a nice time on Colorama weekend; I certainly did. We had great weather, clear sky and warm temperatures; I won't take any credit! May had been rather dry to that point. Zero precipitation here at the home weather station.

The recent rain will be welcomed by all our garden growers and regional farmers, I'm sure. Mean rainfall for May is 1.08 inches and our record rainfall was in 1980 with 3.38 inches. Also, the

one-day record was in 1941 with 1.35 inches. Average high temperature for May is 71.2°F and the average low is 38.3°F. Here at the home weather station, I've already recorded a high of 90.5°F. Reviewing the Office of Washington State

Climatologist website shows that as of May 1st, only four areas were reporting below average snow-pack (snow water equivalent), while all other areas are above the average.

If you use our state's wild rivers and streams, there have been numerous flash flood warnings from the National Weather Service. These warnings reflect the rate of snow melt occurring as our daily temperatures continue to rise. Please be careful when you are visiting and using these waterways.

Let's look skyward this month and observe the planets. Here is what to watch for in our night sky, the time and direction. The evening sky: Mercury (northwest), Venus (northwest), Jupiter (west) and Saturn (southwest). The mid-night sky: Saturn (south). The early morning sky: Saturn (west), Uranus (east) and Neptune (southeast). A decent pair of binoculars is always helpful. We had a full moon on Saturday, May 25.

### Weather Watcher

Bob Valen  
not a meteorologist, just  
a weather  
hobbyist!



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# OPINION

## A bridge to action?

The collapse of a Skagit River bridge on I-5 last week should give all of us pause to think about our nation's longterm strategy, including local infrastructure.

Stuff wears out, even steel bridges. That's a dynamic that challenges the best intentions of priority pickers (also known as budget makers) in government who must continually weigh how to spend our money.

Such constant pressure over decades can even influence the standards by which supposedly objective measurers of safety decide on acceptable risks.

Consider that until rocks fell on people on a state highway a few years ago, the rocks looming over SR155 along Banks Lake met the standards. Then they suddenly didn't, and money was found to bring down big rocks that looked risky under the newly reconsidered standards.

Now think about the old bridge over the Columbia River in Coulee Dam. It has suffered from very similar hits to those that caused the collapse of the Skagit River span (although it's a different design) and has been repaired — to meet a standard.

Engineers have been warning for years that our bridges and much other infrastructure needs repair. Economists argue that funding such projects now, while interest rates are at historic lows, makes a lot of sense.

That is unless you're a member of Congress more concerned with posturing for politics than fixing real problems.

Scott Hunter  
editor and publisher

### Letters to the Editor

### Holding a yard sale to save children

The Zion Lutheran Church will be holding a yard sale June 15th in order to help raise money to purchase mosquito bed nets for children in Africa. After listening to stories from people who had visited Africa telling us how many children are dying from malaria, and how something as simple as an insecticide-treated bed net for \$10 can save the lives of these young children just seemed like something we needed to try to help with.

Malaria kills more than a million people worldwide each year— 90 percent of them in Africa; 70 percent children under the age of five. Children can be protected by highly effective insecticide-treated bed nets (ITNs). When the malaria efforts started several years ago, a child died every 30 seconds. Now it is one child every 60 seconds.

How fast can we get that down to one child every 2 or 3 or 5 minutes just with \$10 malaria nets to keep them from being infected?

If you have articles that you would like to donate for this yard sale you can call me at 633-8025.

Arlyce Goetz  
Grand Coulee

## Oil and water can coexist

There's an old saying that oil and water don't mix. That may be true, but apparently they coexist quite well.

Traveling through Sweetwater in west Texas, you see an interesting mix of irrigated farming, cattle ranching, oil production and wind energy.

Farmers draw water from wells to irrigate fields and provide drinking water for people and livestock. Scattered across those same fields are traditional oil wells that have been pumping crude since 1921.

Less than 10 miles from Sweetwater is the Roscoe Wind Farm — 627 wind turbines standing in irrigated cotton and hay fields, wheat fields, and cattle pastures. The \$1 billion project is one of the world's largest wind farms with a capacity of 781.5 MW — enough to power 250,000 homes.

Texans say this shows that clean water, renewable energy and oil production can coexist. It's a matter of geology. Water wells average about 600 feet deep while traditional crude oil is extracted from 2,500 to 8,500 feet beneath the surface. Fracking occurs even further down.

Texas is experiencing a new oil boom. Oil production has doubled since 2005, and it's poised to double again by 2020. More than 250,000 Texans work in the oil and gas industry earning an average of \$100,000 a year.

While much of Sweetwater's success has come from traditional oil wells, future prosperity may come from fracking. The area is home to the massive Cline Formation, a 9,800 square mile reservoir of shale oil 9,500 feet beneath the surface — more than a mile and half below the water table.

Based on their experience, Texans believe they can use fracking to extract new oil while protecting farmland and water supplies.

In contrast to the Texas oil boom, oil production in California is down 21 percent since 2001. This is not because California is running out of oil. To the contrary, California has huge offshore reserves and an estimated 15 billion barrels of shale oil in a deposit southeast of San Francisco.

But shale oil is recoverable only through hydraulic fracking, and California has banned the practice. Despite its 9 percent unemployment rate and heavy debt load, California has locked away billions of dollars in oil reserves.

Compare that with North Dakota, which enjoys a \$1.6 billion surplus and a 3.3 percent jobless rate. Industry experts now say the region's Bakken Formation hold up to 11 billion barrels of recoverable oil, 6.7 trillion feet of and 530 million barrels of natural gas liquids — a three-fold increase over estimates just five years ago.

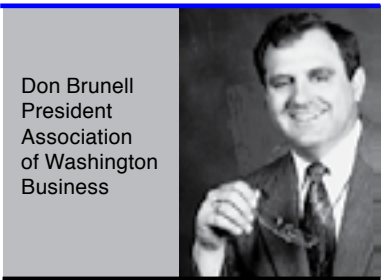
So what's the point?

Thanks to new drilling techniques and technology, we can now safely recover billions of barrels of oil that were previously out of reach. With our national debt set to pass \$17 trillion, energy production is a way to put Americans back to work, fund essential government programs and chip away at our horrendous national debt.

The International Energy Agency says the U.S. could become the world's largest oil producer in the second half of this decade and could be nearly self-sufficient by 2035.

Oil and natural gas account for 1.7 million family-wage jobs and is projected to grow to 3 million by the end of this decade and to 3.5 million by 2035. Shale energy development has already contributed nearly \$62 billion in federal, state and local tax revenues and could generate another \$2.5 trillion by 2035.

The bottom line is oil and natural gas wells can safely coexist alongside farming and drinking water supplies. We can have a healthy environment and economic prosperity if we insist that our government allow exploration and extraction to occur.



Don Brunell  
President  
Association  
of Washington  
Business



## “Gem in the Coulee – John Huston” Part 2

I decided that at least once a week I would dig up a gem of a person in the Grand Coulee area and write about him or her, someone that might do pretty cool things or have an amazing heart that might go unnoticed. Here is part two on the local gem named John Huston, who regularly is sent to disaster areas and just got called by FEMA to Oklahoma after the latest tornado.

John is a servant of God, in his words, and just wants to do what he feels the Lord called him to do when he was a teen.

“Helping people, that’s what I get out of it, that’s why I do it,” said John.

He was serious, maybe the most serious I had ever seen him. And he has been a servant, the proof is in the many contacts he has made over the years that still stay in contact with him.

Both co-workers and victims have become friends of Mr. Jell-O. A name a coworker gave him because of his always-laid-back, positive attitude. He has gotten gifts and phone calls not only from fellow workers and community members but from hotel staff as well. When his latest hotel heard his wife, Cathy, was coming for a visit, they surprised them both by placing towels folded into the shape of swans, and with chocolates, fudge and a “Welcome, Mrs. Houston” on the bed in their room. John was just as surprised as Cathy.

When I asked John the toughest part about these missions, I expected to hear about nightmares or a heart wrenching story of a death in one of these life-altering events. But instead I got something more obvious.

“Time away from Cathy and family,” he said, “missing birthdays, Christmas, New Years and grand-kids’ sporting events is painful, but this was a joint venture. Cathy knew she would be on her own; she

would have to deal with home problems, drama and everything else, and she is OK with that.”

There are a few little girls that are not OK with it. His granddaughters Wensdae and Penelope summed up how the rest of his family feels. The girls made their “Papoo” a card showing all the times they had missed him the most and then placed all the things they were going to do together since he was back on the card. They also stated that he was not leaving again; things are back to normal now. Well, until the next storm.

That storm hit May 19 in Oklahoma, where a tornado leveled 30 square miles of homes and businesses.

Johns advice for today's kids: “Try and plan your lives to help yourself and to succeed in life. The biggest gift you can give yourself and others is a servant's



Jess,  
shut up!  
Jesse Utz

heart; try and help others as much as you help yourself. Help others to achieve their goals, and in turn, you will help yourself.

“And you may not think that you have the right parents or that they are not doing right by you or making the right decisions, but give them a break; they are human. And always honor your mother and father.”

John's favorite part of the Grand Coulee Dam area is the “small town atmosphere,” he said. “I love when I take my grandchildren places and I wave and say hi to everyone, and they ask if I know everyone in town, and I say, ‘Yes, and even if I don’t, I pretend I do.’ Also, the slower pace of life and it’s not far from anywhere or anything you want to do; we have the best of all worlds right here.”

Its great knowing that such an honorable man lives among us in Coulee Country. I am proud to dwell beside you. Stay safe, my friend.

### Coulee Recollections

#### Ten Years Ago

Money flowed into Coulee Community Hospital at an all-time high in March as the hospital treated more patients than anticipated. “It indicates that the community shows confidence in us,” said CCH Administrator Mike Wiltermood.

Next month, a lone blue graduation gown will stand out from the rows of crimson and gold at the Lake Roosevelt High School graduation. On Saturday, June 7, Raymond Wans, 79, of Everett, Wash., will receive his high school diploma almost 64 years after leaving Grand Coulee High School.

The Town of Electric City is hosting a retirement party for Ferd Syphers on May 30, at City Hall from 1-4 p.m.

Four teachers to retire at end of school year. Coulee Dam Middle School teachers Nita Haag and Nancy Carlson both submitted letters of retirement recently and their letters were submitted to the Board. A.E. Wright Elementary School teachers Wanda Ristrom and Elizabeth Bock, also announced their retirement and submitted letters to the Board.

Navy Seaman Apprentice William A. Canady, son of Louise and Diane Canady of Grand Coulee and Navy Airman Recruit William C. Bulter, son of Dwayne and JoAnn Butler of Nespelem, have completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego.

Winners in the Annual Keep Washington Green Forest and Range Fire Prevent Poster Contest included Mattie Bunnell and Stephanie Anderson.

#### Twenty Years Ago

Bureau of Reclamation officials sent out over 80 notices Monday to employees who will either find their jobs affected or themselves out of work on Oct. 2, as a result of a 10 percent reduction in force at Grand Coulee Dam.

D'Ann Farmer and Jane Higgs took a pretty major step May 3, when they opened Stylin', a new hair styling shop on Main Street in Grand Coulee.

Melanie Avey, two-time regional spelling bee champ will fly to Washington, D.C. this weekend in preparation for next week's Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee.

#### Thirty Years Ago

Brenda Feeley of Electric City recently was a big winner in Safeway's Double Cash Bingo. She received a check for \$1,000.

The Banks Lake Spiney Ray Kid's Fishing Derby will be held June 4, at Coulee Playland.

The GCD Area Chamber of Commerce devoted its regular Thursday meeting to an appreciation of Mrs. Ida Bartels and her contributions to the growth and welfare of the city of Gand Coulee.

#### Forty Years Ago

The Grand Coulee Chamber of Commerce has a new Commemorative Coin on sale this week. The chamber has been selling coins for some time and decided on updating the dollar-size piece. The new series denotes the Grand Coulee Dam and its impact on producing power under protective environmental methods.

Theodore James Goldsmith, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Goldsmith of Coulee Dam, has received an offer of appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY.

Lake Roosevelt High School graduated 98 seniors this past weekend.

Fay L. Eaton Jr., chief of the Civil Engineering Branch of the Grand Coulee Dam Operations Office, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, was presented an outstanding performance rating award.

#### Fifty Years Ago

Coulee Dam High School has selected Bonnie Stallman as valedictorian and John Daugherty as salutatorian. Stallman leads the class with a 3.91 and Daugherty 3.68.

Donna Mae Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos A. Shaw has been awarded the Lulu Holmes Scholarship given by Panhellenic at Washington State University. The award amounts to \$250 and will be used during the 1963-64 school year.

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## April Citizens of the Month at Center

Front Row - Eva Marchand, Nichole Batten. Back Row - Austin Jensen, Andrew Poyner, Kaitlyn Nordine, Aylia Marchand



## Students of the Month for April at Center

Front Row – Lucas McKissen, Isaac Wilson, Hunter Armstrong, Noah Hunt, Shaden Capshaw. Back Row - Ashley Baker, Dylan Wiles, Chelsea Dudley, Chase Clark, Aehsley Piturachsattit, Kaden Cecil. Not Pictured - Amy Dorman

## Three Raiders compete at state golf

by John R. McNeil II

Three Lake Roosevelt Raiders competed at the WIAA/Dairy Farmers of Washington/Les Schwab Tires state golf tournament at Oakbrook Country Club May 21-22.

After taking the District 5-6 championship a week earlier, Tanceia Stanczak was in her third state tournament and was looking to improve from last year's mark while competing in field of 40 athletes. She shot a 104 on the first day and made the cut to move on to the second round, according to the WIAA website.

In the second round, Stanczak shot a 110, giving her a combined score of 214 for the tournament. That placed Stanczak 13th in the state for B girls to cap her LR career.

“What makes the state tournament great is the pressure-packed environment and the chance for our kids to meet golfers from around the state,” Raider Coach Steve Files said. “Players are announced on the first tee and are

followed by galleries. Our kids don't experience those distractions in the regular season.”

Austin Rosenbaum, who took second last week at the district tournament, shot a 107 on the first day of competition and missed the cut to play the second round.

Jordan Allen (sixth at district) shot a 136, also missing the cut. Both were first-timers at the state tournament in Lakewood, Wash., and may return next year for another shot at making the second round.

“It was the first trip to state for our two boys,” Files noted. “They were both understandably nervous and got off to shaky starts but eventually settled down and finished strong.”

Files noted that Johnny McCraigie (seventh at district in her first year of golf) made the trip as an alternate but did not get to compete.

Next season the golf squad looks to build on experience gained this season. Files said Rosenbaum and Allen, along with Brandon Desautel “all have an excellent chance of making state in 2014.”

## Lady Raiders wrap up 2013 at state

by John R. McNeil II

The Lady Raiders made their second-ever trip to the state softball tournament last weekend.

The weather at the WIAA/Dairy Farmers of Washington/Les Schwab Tires 2013 2B State Softball Championships in Yakima did not cooperate on Friday, and all games were delayed till Saturday.

In the first game of the day, LR faced defending state champion Pe Ell, which showed no mercy to the Lady Raiders, defeating them 28-2.

The Ladies looked to rebound in the afternoon game against Asotin, which had lost their morning game

to LaConner. But Asotin played strong and the Lady Raiders could not put runs on the board. LR lost to Asotin 19-1 to end their season.

The Lady Raiders finished with a 7-win, 16-loss overall record and did achieve a state berth in fast-pitch softball. The LR team last made it to state in 1996, when LR competed in slowpitch softball.

With only one senior on this year's squad, the Lady Raiders look to have a strong squad next season and hope to build off the state berth experience.

Coach Jamie Lezard did not respond to requests for comment by deadline.

## Kelly-Marconi takes third at state

by John R. McNeil II

Chyenne Kelly-Marconi capped her track season by placing third in the triple jump at the WIAA/Dairy Farmers of Washington/Les Schwab Tires 2013 1B, 2B, 1A Track and Field Championships at Eastern Washington University last Friday.

The six points Kelly-Marconi scored for the Lake Roosevelt Raiders were the only points LR would score at the meet.

The junior took that prize recording a triple jump of 33 feet and a quarter inch.

Pe Ell athlete Alissa Brooks-Johnson won the event with combined jumps of 37-01.75.

Kelly-Marconi ran both her hurdle races on Friday finishing with times of 18.06 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles, and 52.04 in the 300-meter hurdles. She did not make finals in either event. She took ninth in the 100 hurdles, missing finals by 0.13 seconds.

She then competed in the long jump on Saturday where she leapt 15-03, not enough to make finals but within 0.75 inches of her personal record for the season.

Alexia Hanway had both of her events on Friday as she vaulted and ran the 3200-meter race.

Hanway ran the 3200 in 15 minutes,13.73 seconds. At the pole vault, she cleared the 6-foot standard, which put her in a tie for 12th in the state.

Octavio Alejandre threw the shot on Friday, looking to PR by three feet again.

At his first state meet appearance, Alejandre threw the shot 38



Chyenne Kelly-Marconi runs through the raindrops in the 100-meter hurdles Friday at the state track meet in Cheney. — Scott Hunter photos

feet, 5.5 inches to take 12th. He is now looking forward to next year when he can return to state in multiple events and take home

a medal.

All three may be returning next year for the Raiders as the young group that competed this season will have the experience to be more successful at the meets.

Chyenne Kelly-Marconi, Mary Ann Matheson, Alexia Hanway, and Mikel Friedlander look to be the senior leaders next season of a more experienced squad.



Octavio Alejandre puts the shot at state.

### Babe Ruth box scores

LR Babe Ruth has played four games thus far and have a 1-2-1 record. Last week featured only one game as Tuesday's was rained out.

Here are the box score for the first Chelan games on May 18th.

Game 1	R H E
Chelan - 0 0 2 0 0 0	2 2 1
LR- 0 0 0 0 2 1	3 4 1
WP-D. Black (1-1), LP Calhoun	

Game 2	R H E
Chelan - 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0	3 5 1
LR- 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0	3 4 2

Last Thursday's game against Tonasket at Greene Field ended after 5 innings with a Tonasket victory.

Tonasket- 3 3 0 0 5	R 11 H 3 E 0
LR- 0 0 0 0 0	R 0 H 1 E 6



Alexia Hanway competes in the 3200 at state.

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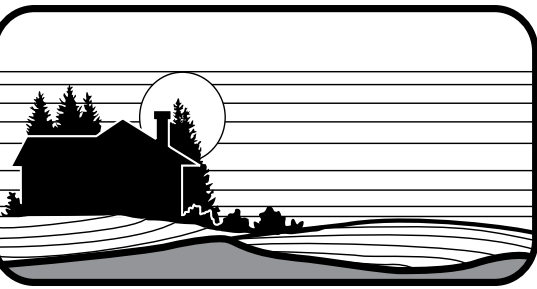
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## Shopping and junking in the Coulee

by Frankie Delano

If you were out and about in any coulee towns this past Memorial Weekend, you probably noticed the car caravans, driving slowly up and down the streets but sometimes stopping abruptly where the crowds were gathering for - gasp! - yard sales. Yes, the yard sale season is in full swing now. If the sales — some held both Friday and Saturday, but most underway by 8 a.m. on Saturday morning — are any indicator of this summer's yard-sale-a-rama, we're in for a heck of a ride.

What items will yard sale buyers spend their cash on? Well, here's a great example. The one-day Saturday sale at the Comrie home on Snyder Hill outside Grand Coulee was a doozy with the cars parking along the quarter-mile driveway so buyers could carry off patio furniture, clocks, paintings, telescopes and a mountain bike that left early on. Dave said the sale met all of his and his wife's expectations.

A nice lady on Walnut Street in Coulee Dam said they, meaning the men in her family, wanted their garage back, so that prompted the family to unload all kinds of stuff that had been in storage, plus household items. On Friday morning, the Walnut Street best sellers for awhile were baby clothes and paperback books. That same morning, at the two-day sale in front of Flo's Cafe in Grand Coulee, Emily's aunt said the sale was going well with baskets and yard stuff topping the best seller list.

Get this. On Saturday morning, people were rummaging, elbow to elbow, through the piles of household goodies set out on tables and wooden rounds at the sale held on Holly Street in Coulee Dam, where Mary Ann — a visitor from Libby, Mont. and the sale's coordinator — was willing to dicker on prices. The sale, with local family and friends helping out, was a fundraiser for

Mary Ann's 19-year-old daughter, Brooklyn, who will be going on a "youth mission" to Australia this summer, where she will train and work with young people for a few weeks and then, go on to other missions in three other countries.

Best sellers included flower pots and garden tools. Mary Ann commented that the buyers in the Coulee were great and much like those in Libby where yard sales are also social gatherings for the townfolk there.

When the word gets out that a certain person or group will be holding an annual yard sale, the traffic comes to a stop in front of that sale's location and buyers show up early to get the good stuff before it's all sold. So, once again, lucky buyers made off with some great buys on clothing, furniture and home decor when they stopped at Electric City's sale held across from the Bank's Lake Pub. Up in the heights, another lucky buyer bought a brand new, still-in-the-wrapper, kayak for the low-ball price of \$400. That neon pink kayak was what yardsalers call "a find."

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# Coulee Cops

Compiled from police files

## Grand Coulee Police

5/20 - A barking dog brought police to Hill Avenue, where the officer told the dog's owner that he needed to keep it from barking and keeping neighbors awake.

5/21 - Police recovered a vehicle stolen in Soap Lake, finding it at a Yakima Avenue residence in Delano. The driver of the car fled. However, officers know the driver and have referred the matter to the Grant County Prosecutor. When the owner in Soap Lake couldn't be contacted, the car was towed.

- A Burdin Boulevard woman told police that during the night her security light had come on and then she noticed that her gate was open. She thought someone was sneaking around her home.

- Police seized a vehicle that had been stolen in Spokane from a residence on Spokane Boulevard NE. Officers knocked on the door of the residence but no one answered. The ignition had been punched and a backpack was located inside the vehicle that contained tools and a GPS system. The vehicle was towed.

- A man living on Park Avenue in Electric City told police that when he returned home from work he noticed that someone had entered his place through a back window and taken a notebook computer, a play station, about \$50 in change, a blue duffel bag and a backpack.

- An officer went to Federal Avenue on a report of possible domestic violence. The officer found that a granddaughter who had custody of his granddaughter, had pushed her when she kept hanging on his arm. The girl hid, and when found and returned to her residence, she began to laugh and play with a cousin. The man was advised of the Washington state law regarding punishing children.

5/22 - Coulee Hardware officials reported to police that there was a problem when a man using a credit card to purchase bathroom fixtures called the following

day and cancelled the order.

- A woman under court order to be at a certain residence during curfew hours was found not to be there and the officer referred the matter to the county prosecutor's office.

- A driver who nearly caused a wreck when pulling out at the Four Corners stop sign was pulled over by an officer who learned that his driver's license was suspended. He was cited and said he would walk home and have his girlfriend come and get the car.

5/23 - Police stopped a man who was driving while talking on his cell phone. When issued a ticket, the man became belligerent, calling the officer names, according to the report.

5/24 - Police assisted Lincoln County Sheriff officers in regard to a car that had gone off the road and down an embankment at Lakeview Terrace. There were no injuries and the incident was turned over to county officials when they arrived.

- A car on Midway was stopped because the passenger wasn't wearing a seatbelt. The driver received a ticket for allowing a youth to ride without wearing his seatbelt and for not having insurance.

- A man who told an officer he was late for a contracting job and that was why he was using his cell phone while driving, still got a ticket.

- A man complained because a person was selling firewood in Electric City without a business license.

- A driver was stopped on Alcan Road for not having his seatbelt fastened. Even though he insisted that he had his seatbelt on, he was issued a ticket.

- An Electric City driver was stopped because his license tabs had expired about six months ago. He told police that he thought he was stopped for not paying fines. He was cited for the tab lapse and for not having insurance.

- A man was stopped on Alcan for operating a motorized wheelchair when he isn't wheelchair bound. He told the officer that he was allowed to operate the motorized wheelchair because it didn't go over 20 mph. He was cited for driving while his license was suspended and driving a motorized wheelchair when he wasn't wheelchair bound.

5/25 - Police found two dogs wandering around at Center Lodge Motel. An employee agreed to take charge of the dogs and to find the owners.

5/26 - A man was stopped at the intersection of Martin and Hill because of a faulty brake light. The officer learned that there was a no-contact court order between the man and his wife, who was a passenger. Both the man and woman said they thought the no-contact order had been dropped. The man was arrested for the violation and taken to Grant County Jail.

- A driver whose tabs had expired in April, 2012, was also cited for driving while his license was suspended. A tow of the vehicle was ordered.

- A Bothell, Wash., resident struck a deer near the south entrance to Electric City. The impact of hitting the deer did about \$2,500 damage to the vehicle.

5/27 - An Omak woman arrested on a warrant told the officer that she had a .22 rifle in the car which she had purchased for her daughter. A search turned up five Schedule IV pills that require a

prescription. She would not tell the officer where she obtained the pills. She was taken to Grant County Jail.

- A Nespelem woman was stopped because her license tabs were expired and it was found that she was operating the vehicle without a valid operator's license. She was cited.

- A Camano Island driver was cited for not having insurance after being stopped for speeding.

## Coulee Dam

5/19 - Officers issued six initial notices to residents that their property was in violation of the town's nuisance ordinance. Two were on Central Drive, two were on Camas, one was on River Drive and one was on Tilmus.

- Two residents received a final notice that their properties were

in violation of the town's nuisance ordinance. One was on Fir Street and the other on Civic Way.

- Plant Protection advised that a man was walking north on Marina Way with a Geiger counter. The man told police that he was looking for radioactive material in granite and that he could sell it on E-bay. He was told he couldn't do that on government property.

5/20 - Two notices of property being in violation of the town's nuisance ordinance were issued to homeowners on Pine Street.

5/22 - Three women told police that a man was drinking at Mason City Park. Police found the man sitting at a park table who had an unopened beer in a sack. He was told that he couldn't have beer in the park and he said he was going to head home.

5/24 - A woman in an apartment told police that she saw a little red light in her light fixture when it

was turned off and thought someone had put a camera inside the switch. Police determined that she was seeing the reflection from the red light on her answering machine.

5/24 - Police were advised that a vehicle that was illegally parked belonged to a woman on Camas Street wanted on a felony warrant. Police found the woman walking on the street, arrested her on the warrant and took her to Okanogan County Jail.

5/25 - Tribal police got an assist when they were investigating a report that someone had taken a vehicle without permission and the vehicle was currently at a residence on Tulip Street. The tribal officer took the driver, and local police released two juveniles to their guardians.

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**District lobbies for school buildings**

by Roger S. Lutes

Grand Coulee officials felt like they made additional friends for the district when they attended a meeting in Olympia last week.

"We have some additional people who know about the conditions of our schools," Superintendent Jeff Lee stated.

Lee and school board Chair Dennis Dufwaker met with State Rep. Barbara McAllister, who chairs the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee, to explain the conditions of our schools and provide information about the district.

"Sen. McAllister met with us about an hour, and we are putting together some additional information she has asked for," Dufwaker said.

It was unusual for Senator McAllister to arrive at that much time, but as the legislative session is going on, Dufwaker added.

Also attending the meeting was Shelia Shaly, deputy director for Congressional Policy, Matthew Rodgers, and State Sen. Rob Morton from the Senate Legislature District.

"Sen. Morton has been very supportive," Dufwaker said.

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**Colvilles to focus on community issues**

by Roger S. Lutes

The Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) group is holding a week-long series of meetings to develop community issues and solve local problems.

Leading the meetings will be Don L. Colville, a member of the Colville Nation, and the founder of White Bluffs, Inc.

The meetings begin Monday, Feb. 2, in Napa, where one group from Spokane, Grant, Colville and Inland, will begin the week with a community meeting. From Feb. 3 to Feb. 5, the meetings will be in the Colville area.

Thursday's meeting, Feb. 4, Colville will meet with other participants on Thursday the meeting will be held for Grand participants and Friday, Feb. 5, the meeting will be in Inland.

In the meetings, participants will explore a series of community issues in terms of what has been done and what needs to be done.

Officials said youth in middle school and high school could also take part in the training.

Questions can be answered by calling 634-2944, or 634-2945.

**Two cities argue over water charges**

by Roger S. Lutes

Electric City and Grand Coulee are in dispute over water charges for the third quarter in 2008.

Grand Coulee says water from Electric City through its "interconnected" system.

The third quarter's bill is \$12,500, but Electric City says it should be \$12,500.

The bill is due by June 1, 2009.

Electric City currently pays a 12 percent fee to Electric City for its personnel and other costs in providing the water bill for payment.

Grand Coulee pays \$12,500 for depreciation for the third quarter.

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**Landslide launches big wave on lake**

by Roger S. Lutes

A landslide on the north shore of Lake Washington launched a big wave on the lake.

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**Cool and calm**

As the wild eagle returns to the area, the weather is cool and calm.

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**Balde Eagle Festival coming**

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