



Sixth-grader Sean Garvin places salmon eggs carefully in a 55-gallon tank. — Scott Hunter photo

Salmon eggs to grow at schools

by Scott Hunter

Chinook salmon eggs were delivered Wednesday to the Grand Coulee Dam Middle School, which had received special equipment to support them before winter break, donated by Grant County PUD.

Bob Tuck, of the Yakima Basin Environmental Education Program, delivered the eggs from the Priest Rapids Hatchery. Nearly 100 schools are participating. Every school district in Grant County received a similar donation from the PUD, and Yakima and Kittitas counties schools' participation was funded from a state grant, Tuck said.

In 55 gallons of water at 52 degrees, the 200 eggs should hatch later

this year. The special tank, with a water chiller and filtration tank attached, must stay covered with black paper until the eggs hatch, Tuck told teacher Nate Piturachasatit, whose sixth-graders couldn't wait.

Mr. P, as he is called, said the school's teachers will collaborate on some integrated lesson plans involving the fish to supplement the school curriculum.

Wednesday, that already involved a physics lesson. The students had to add rocks to the bottom of the already full tank, so to prepare they had to remove some mass by dipping out water that would be displaced by the rocks.

Newsbriefs

More calls for help answered

Grand Coulee Police Chief Mel Hunt told the city council last Tuesday that his officers had handled nearly 1,600 calls during 2011. It was an increase of about 8 percent over the prior year.

Rick Paris, fire chief of Grand Coulee, reported to the city council last Tuesday that his department answered 345 ambulance calls and 49 fire calls in 2011. He said the fire calls represented an increase of 21 over the previous year. Paris said a number of the fire responses were due to alarms going off and firefighters responding to check the alarms.

Disease alert downgraded

The Grant County Health District has downgraded the whooping cough outbreak of 2010-11, due to declining incidents of the disease.

During 2011, some 29 cases of whooping cough had been reported in Grant County. In the course of a 16-month period, 57 cases including one infant death were reported in the county. In the five years previous to 2010, only 1-4 cases a year were reported in the county.

The Grant County Health District has a five-year plan to reduce whooping cough incidence.

Four in wreck

A one-car rollover injury accident on Gold Lake Road is being investigated by Colville Tribal Police, a spokesman said Tuesday.

The accident occurred about 4 a.m. Monday, with EMS personnel and police responding.

Police said four people were in the vehicle when it rolled over and that those with injuries were taken to a hospital for treatment.

One source said that one of the accident victims was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

The cause of the accident is under investigation, and the extent of injuries are all unknown at this time, the tribal spokesperson stated.

Cover up your trash, or else

Grant County residents are warned that an "unsecured load ordinance" is in effect at the Delano Regional Transfer Station and all Grant County Solid Waste landfills.

Electric City Mayor Jerry Sands said Tuesday that Grant County officials have trained employees at the Delano Transfer Station on making an extra charge on unsecured loads.

"Our computer at the transfer station has been programmed to make a \$5 extra charge for cars and a \$15 extra charge for unsecured loads," Sands stated.

The charge will be made if loads are not either covered with a tarp, enclosed in a vehicle or otherwise tied down.

"This all came about because of debris along the roadways leading to dump sites," Sands said.

Garbage bags will be considered an unsecured load if they are not covered with a tarp, a county press release stated.

Man busted on the courthouse lawn

A 22-year-old Grand Coulee man was cited and released by Grant County sheriff's deputies Tuesday for possession of marijuana on the front lawn of the Grant County Courthouse in Ephrata.

Around 1:30 p.m. Jan. 10, citizens notified sheriff's deputies that a man wearing a red coat and black baseball cap was approaching people in front of the courthouse and asking if they wanted to buy marijuana.

Deputies found Andrew Allen Kramer, smelling strongly of marijuana, standing on the front lawn of the courthouse, they said. They found 20.5 grams of portioned and packaged marijuana in his pockets, the sheriff's office reported in a press release emailed about a half hour later.

Kramer was arrested, cited for possession of marijuana, and released. The marijuana was seized into evidence.

"This one speaks for itself," Sheriff Tom Jones said.

Pay rates set at local towns

by Roger S. Lucas

The four local municipalities passed their salary ordinances in the past several days.

Clerks, public works directors and police chiefs have a wide range of salaries. Most have the same benefits.

Grand Coulee Police Chief Mel Hunt is paid \$45.93 an hour, or \$95,901.84 annually, while Coulee Dam's police chief, Pat Collins, receives \$30.17 an hour, or \$62,994 annually.

Differences occur through length of service and extra duty demands. Hunt has been with the Grand Coulee Police Department 35 years, most of the time as chief. He receives extra pay for being on call 70 hours a month.

Coulee Dam Town Clerk/Treasurer Carol Visker is paid \$30.17 an hour or \$62,994 annually. Her counterparts, Renee Tillman of

Elmer City gets \$15.50 an hour or \$32,364 annually; Carol Boyce of Grand Coulee receives \$21.18 an hour or \$44,054 annually; and Electric City's Jackie Perman receives \$25.43 an hour, or \$52,703 annually.

There's also a wide range of pay in the public works category.

Public works director in Elmer City, Jim Tillman, receives \$17 an hour or \$35,496 annually; Grand Coulee's Dennis Francis receives \$26.99 an hour or \$56,355 annually; Barry Peacock at Coulee Dam receives \$30.17 an hour or \$62,994 annually; and Ken Dexter of Electric City is paid \$26.47 an hour or \$55,149 annually.

Coulee Dam pays Mayor Quincy Snow \$250 a month; Electric City pays Mayor Jerry Sands the same; and Grand Coulee pays Mayor Chris Christopherson \$400 a month. Elmer City mayor Mary

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USBR will take comments on local education impact

by Roger S. Lucas

The Grand Coulee Dam School District will get its opportunity, a bit late, to comment on how the Bureau of Reclamation's Third Powerhouse remodeling project could affect schools in the area.

The addendum to the Third Powerhouse Overhaul Environmental Assessment, will allow the school district to make its case that it was left out of the original assessment process and that it could have a significant impact on classrooms and schools in general.

Schools have until Feb. 12, to provide addendum information that will be placed in the assessment.

The Bureau of Reclamation has concluded that the near \$600 million refitting process could take 10 years and might add 30 temporary students to the school district.

In summary, the Bureau has stated that the project "would not result in a significant impact on the school district."

"Not so," school Superintendent Dennis Carlson said Monday. "It all depends on the student and which class he or she lands in."

Several classes in Center Elementary School are maxed out, meaning that additional students in these classrooms would require that they be split up, creating another class and a new teacher hired.

"And we don't have any vacant classrooms, in either Center or the middle school," Carlson said.

Both third-grade classes at Center Elementary currently have 27 students. By contractual agreement with the teachers' union, the maximum allowed per classroom is 28 students.

"If we have three more third-grade students, we are in trouble," Principal Sue Hinton said.

The two fourth-grade classes are about the same, each with 26 students.

"We don't have any more classrooms," Hinton said. "If we need to create another classroom, the only space we have is the teacher's lounge, and if we try to take that, it becomes a union issue since we have to provide a lounge for teachers," Hinton added.

Carlson stated that while it "might not seem significant to the Bureau, it could be to us."

If special education students were involved, there would be added expense to the district.

Carlson has a Jan. 19, meeting with project manager Mark Jensen to explain some of the concerns the district has.

It all came about when the school board authorized Carlson to research the process of filing a lawsuit against the Bureau of Reclamation asking for a school stoppage while the lawsuit progresses.

"We are talking with a law firm in the Southwest who excels in filing against the federal government," Carlson stated.

The remodeling at the Third Powerhouse involves some 150 workers.

"Since no new significant effects were identified in this analysis, the existing FONSI should remain valid," was the concluding statement in the Bureau's finding.

The school board has been frustrated in its search for funding to re-do the schools here. Every community in the Columbia Basin that receives the water from the Grand Coulee Dam's pumping plant for irrigation has new schools. But untaxable federal ownership of land prevents the district from raising the money to replace aging schools in the community that makes the Columbia Basin development possible.

The district sits on a \$14 million offer from the state for new school construction, but hasn't been able to come up with a source for the additional \$32 million needed to build new facilities.

Pill pusher conviction upheld

by Roger S. Lucas

The conviction of a Spokane woman, Maya Michelle Campbell, 29, who was convicted for having 750 Ecstasy pills in her purse, was upheld last week in appellate court in Spokane.

The woman was arrested, along with Jeffrey Vernon Joseph, Napelem, who was 18 at the time of the arrest. A minor, who was driving the car, was also arrested. The incident occurred, Sept. 9, 2008, in the H&H Grocery parking lot in Electric City.

Campbell argued in the appeal that a search warrant didn't include her purse.

The Washington State Court of Appeals disagreed and in its opinion stated that the "officer believed the purse was going to be within the scope of the search warrant."

The drug sting, involved three Grand Coulee police officers, Sean Cook, Joe Higgs and Dan Holland.

Police used a confidential informant to make a purchase of the pills. It was set up in the Electric City parking lot with officers within earshot of the transaction.

Joseph went to the car several times to confer with his partner, became apprehensive about the

situation and drove off.

Police stopped the vehicle shortly afterward and ordered the three occupants out of the car. Campbell left her purse inside. Police then applied and received a search warrant and discovered over 750 ecstasy pills inside in Campbell's purse. At the time, police stated that the street value of the pills was between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Campbell was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver as well as a single count of possession.

A Grant County Superior Court judge had ruled the search was lawful. That decision was appealed.

MDMA is one of the most widely used illicit drugs in the world, police stated, and is taken in a variety of contexts. While police noted it was commonly associated with the "rave" culture a decade ago, recent reports indicate the stimulant is now seen as a way to lose weight.

After a period of some decline, its use is now rising, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Two people in separate incidents near Vancouver, British Columbia died from its use in the past few months.



Hundreds of babies benefit from 10-year tradition

(Editor's note: This article is edited from submissions from Coulee Medical Center Director of Customer Relations Parkes Tanner and SaDonna Heathman)

Ten years ago, a young mother's concern for others launched a local tradition: gift baskets for newborns to help parents with the supplies they need to care for their new babies.

When the nation was rocked with terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, SaDonna Heathman was in her Hartline home caring for her first child, Ava. As the effects of terrorism began to rekindle the American spirit to a stronger sense of unity, support, and service, Heathman discovered a way to help newborns and mothers in the coulee area.

Ten years on, 774 babies have been born at Coulee Medical Center. Most of them received a newborn gift bag when they entered this world.

That's something Heathman sees as a worthwhile lesson for her own children.

"I want to instill in my children the belief that they alone have the power to change the world around them for the better," she said. "Giving them the opportunity to work alongside me in buying and packaging the gift bags could only help with cultivating in them a heart for community outreach."

In 2001, Heathman knew from her experience how important it was to have a supply of blankets, sleeping gowns, socks, hats, and burp cloths. She also knew that not every mother had a support system like she had, and yet would need all of those same items.

In December 2001, she started contacting friends, families, businesses, and churches. To everyone she made the same requests -- to help by making handmade blankets or quilts, or by making donations so she could buy new baby supplies from the stores.

She partnered with Coulee Medical Foundation, then a non-profit fund-raising entity for the hospital. The president of the foundation, Maryann Winn, helped her form the Newborn Fund.

With the foundation as a sponsor, Heathman got a \$1,000 grant through Walmart. The community responses started pouring in, which resulted in the procurement and assembly of items for more than 30 newborn gift bags. A month later, the newborn gift bags had become a reality.

For the next seven years Heathman continued to prepare and supply the hospital with newborn gift bags. By 2008 Heathman needed to devote more time to her own family, which had grown by two, Garrett and Zane, so she needed help to carry on the Newborn Fund, and she got it.

Hannah Wheeler, the hospital obstetrics manager, continued the



From left, Patty Taylor, SaDonna Heathman and her children Zane, Garrett and Ava Heathman.

tradition. She and other nurses used the remaining bags, as well as new donations that came in, to provide for the newborns.

In 2010 Patty Taylor joined the newly named Coulee Medical Center Guild and offered to help produce the newborn gift bags after hearing of the need from Lois Chilton, the hospital liaison to the guild. Patty also enlisted the help of her mother, Jean Nicholson, Dorothy Clark, and Sharon Kimberly.

Tom and Elizabeth Poplawski serve as lay ministers in the United Methodist Church in Grand Coulee. Every year the members have selected as one of their 12 monthly missions to support the community through the newborn gift bags. Even though most of the members are retired, they use their craft skills and their monetary contributions to help out.

"They see the importance of helping newborns like their own grandkids, and offer prayers for all the babies who will receive their contributions!" Elizabeth Poplawski stated.

Georgina Friedlander is the

mother of five children. The last four were born at Coulee Medical Center and each one received a newborn gift bag, including Aiden, born on Dec. 7, 2011. Georgina was very appreciative of all the care received, and for the helpful items given to her.

In order to continue the tradition, the Newborn Fund welcomes participation through donations of handmade blankets, quilts, hats, socks and burp cloths, as well as donations for the procurement of new clothing for the gift bags.

"The birth of Garrett and Zane reminded me that, while my children may be growing up, there are newborns who will continue to need the items in these gift bags," Heathman said. "I am excited for their involvement in the fund, and I can't think of a better way to teach them than through an organization that was solely created because they first blessed my life."

To be a part of the organization, call Heathman at (509) 639-2339 or Patty Taylor at (509) 633-0405.

Discover Pass expansion gets senate committee nod

by Maida Suljevic, Reporter
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

A pass for entry into state-owned lands, such as Steamboat Rock State Park, could be good in more than one car if a bill moving in the state Senate becomes law.

The Washington State Senate Energy, Natural Resources and Marine Waters Committee on Monday voted unanimously to refer to the Ways and Means Committee the bill that would make the Discover Pass transferable between two vehicles.

The Discover Pass was established by the Legislature and the creating bill signed by the governor during last year's legislative session. It went into effect July 1, 2011.

The Discover Pass is required on vehicles to access state parks, heritage sites, wildlife and natural areas, and any recreation lands or water-access sites managed by Washington State Parks, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Under current law, the Discover Pass costs \$30 annually and \$10 for a daily pass, per vehicle.

The current fine for not displaying the pass on a vehicle while on state recreation land or a water-access site is \$99.

Under the proposed legislation, the cost would remain the

same, but the pass would be transferable between two vehicles at the same address.

According to Ilene Frisch, acting deputy director of Washington State Parks, the state parks projected revenue from the Discover Pass through the December 2011 was pegged at \$15.6 million. The actual revenue realized for that period was \$6.5 million.

Initial projections from the Discover Pass were based on a survey done by a policy research group from Washington State University. Once the Discover Pass was instituted, Washington State Parks employed the group again to determine why residents weren't purchasing the pass.

"The number-one issue that came out of that survey was the transferability and that some people thought it was a better bargain if it was for two vehicles in their same home," said Frisch.

If the legislation is approved, it will go into effect immediately.

However, revenue from the Discover Pass depends on when people purchase it, thus spreading income through the year. If the proposal passes the Legislature and the amending law is signed by Gov. Christine Gregoire, people who have recently purchased their

annual Discover Pass would write in their second vehicle plate number on the pass, and wouldn't have to purchase another one until the original expired. If people wait until the summer months to purchase a pass, the state parks system won't see that revenue come in until the beginning of the new biennium, which starts July 1.

"If they purchase it through their license renewal, some additional funding could start coming in. The sooner it passes, the better it is for us, but it doesn't necessarily mean that a lot of money will come in right away," said Frisch.

If the bill does pass, state parks could lose revenue if households that bought more than one Discover Pass revert to a single pass for two vehicles.

"The information that we have suggests that it's more likely that we'll earn additional money," said Frisch. The new pass would have space for two vehicle license plate numbers, and the pass would only be valid for those two vehicles.

Discover Passes are available from recreation license vendors, by phone, when vehicle licenses are renewed, or at state parks. Locally, they are also sold at Coulee Playland.

Pay

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Jo Carey is not paid, nor are its council members.

Coulee Dam pays its council members \$50 a month and Grand Coulee pays its council members \$40 a meeting for up to three meetings.

Electric City, while its council has talked about it, doesn't pay its council members anything.

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Coulee Medical Center's First Baby of the New Year Sage Helen-Gayle Green

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Born: Monday, Jan. 2, 2012 at 11:24 a.m. • Weight: 7 lbs., 2 oz. • Length: 19 inches
Mom: Ann Thomas • Dad: Kerry Green Jr.

Maternal Grandparents: Karen Thomas and Joseph Thomas; Paternal Grandparents: Kerry Green Sr. and Kelly Gossett
Great-Grandparents: Helen Thomas and Gaylene & Larry Green

Best wishes to CMC's first baby of 2012.
When you patronize the following merchants, please give them a special "THANK YOU" for their support of Coulee Medical Center's First Baby of the Year Project.

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OPINION

A (too small) step in the right direction

A bill in the state Senate would take a small step toward correcting a major gaffe embraced by the Legislature last year, the Discover Pass.

The wrongheaded attempt to close budget gaps by making public land users pay to stop alongside the road is wrong on so many levels it could unite socialists and libertarians, but nobody plugging a \$2 billion budget hole is in the mood to hear that this year.

Instead, they may address a flaw that may make the whole concept of paying to access public lands a little less onerous. At least your \$30 annual pass could legitimately be used with two different vehicles registered at the same address. If one weekend you'd like to take your family minivan to Northrup Canyon to take the

family hiking, you can do that. Then the next day you could transfer that pass to your pickup for towing the boat into the Northrup Canyon boat launch (just to drive in; you still have to pay another fee to launch). If your family wants to do both at once, you're out of luck; buy another pass.

Perhaps one day the state's people will once again insist on access to state lands for all citizens, regardless of ability to pay. Until then, let's hope for small changes back toward that slightest of economic justices, which we used to afford to all.

Scott Hunter
editor and publisher

Letters From Our Readers

Thanks a million from Trees of Sharing

Thank you, one and all, for celebrating the season with 212 children this Christmas. You are appreciated because you filled out tags, cut out ornaments, purchased gifts, made generous cash donations or gave store discounts, shopped to fill wishes for ornaments on the trees, or wrapped endless gifts as the delivery date approached. We are so grateful that you were all part of the Trees of Sharing success story this year.

The "Trees" committee especially thanks the members of the United Methodist Church for their hospitality and financial support; the Lions Club and two Navigation 101 groups from Grand Coulee Dam Middle School and Lake Roosevelt High School for sponsoring entire families; and Dick Beery

and Pat Holbert who faithfully picked up the gifts at "Tree" locations. Proceeds from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League yard sale and a donation from Thrivent last summer provided a huge boost to this year's "Trees" project, as well.

A big thank you to each of the businesses that displayed the boxes for collecting children's names: Coulee Medical Center, Safeway Pharmacy, Dr. Southam of Family Vision Care, Grant Mental Health, and the Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union. Thank you to Coulee Hardware, Safeway Pharmacy, North Cascades National Bank, Harvest Foods, Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union, and Bank of America for placing the trees in your businesses and helping with gift collection. We're especially

thankful for the new volunteers who helped purchase, wrap and deliver gifts to make sure every child's wish was filled. When it was all said and done, Trees of Sharing elves — a team of 34 volunteers — delivered gifts to children in 80 local families.

Our special thanks go to Gwen at The Star newspaper for her coverage of the program this year. Together we carry on a community tradition that brings a bit of joy and a smile to many kids at Christmastime.

Trees of Sharing Committee
Linda Black
Mary Ann Boll
Carl and Evelyn Russell

Thanks to a thoughtful officer

Often we hear (and repeat) only the negative on our area police officers, so I would like to give a positive word to one of our officers.

I am sorry I didn't get Officer Gary's last name, but it is a small town, so hopefully he knows who I am speaking of.

A young person coming to visit came in upset because her friend was in the driveway speaking with the policeman who had pulled her over. He had stopped her for a California stop. He hadn't seen

her when she stopped ahead of the sign. She felt it was undeserved because she had stopped ahead of the stop sign but then rolled through at the sign without stopping.

Upon checking, she had no license or proof of insurance with her and I think she was without registration. Even though she had a bit of a "tude" Officer Gary was patient, kind and informative. He did not issue her a ticket, just a warning.

Someone asked me how much

my being there helped her out. I told them truthfully it had nothing to do with his decision. The officer told her he would rather help her with learning the rules as versus giving her a ticket. I have to say I think that was much more memorable for her. I know it was for me.

So, Officer Gary, thank you for your thoughtful reaction to her action.

Connie Hakola

Instead of raising taxes, state should look at untapped education dollars

I can't recall ever having my office phone and email explode with calls and letters as they have after the governor announced her proposed 2011-13 budget adjustments to address the \$2 billion spending gap. Believe me, I understand why, but as your legislator my job is to find workable solutions to funding our state's top priorities, including K-12 education.

The greatest concern from teachers, parents and school administrators is the governor's proposal to cut \$152 million from levy equalization (LEA) payments to school districts. The purpose of LEA is to make sure that property-poor areas are equalized in education funding with their property-rich areas of the state, which are located in King County.

Part of the reason the 7th District, as well as other rural areas around the state, suffers from low tax collections is the fact that many of the counties are primarily owned by government — state, federal and tribal. A detailed report from the Okanogan County Farm Bureau outlining the land situation in Okanogan County found only 23 percent of the county is privately owned. The remaining 77 percent of the county is government owned. That's roughly 782,184 acres of privately-owned land out of 3.4 million. Why is this important to school funding and what does it have to do with LEA?

When governments own land, they pay only a fraction of the property tax liability private owners pay. It's called Payment in Lieu of Taxes, or PILT. Currently, the state is looking at lowering PILT payments to counties. In the tribe's case, no property taxes are collected at all.

Property taxes are the mainstay funding for school districts since that is where landowners pay for school levies and a chunk also goes to the state. When land is taken off the tax rolls, it hurts schools. In the case of Okanogan County, a mere 23 percent of property owners pay for services for the entire county, including schools.

Another consideration is once land is taken into government ownership, there are severe restrictions that hamper economic development needed to prop up the tax base to pay for critical services and our

education system.

With these facts in mind, the Legislature made a promise to help our property-poor schools by equalizing funding in the form of LEA dollars. The funds ensure that no matter where a child lives, he or she is afforded the same education as their counterparts in property-rich parts of the state. But, spending priorities are out of whack in Olympia. Instead of taking care of kids and our most vulnerable, budget writers continue to spend money hand over fist on programs

and land purchases we can't afford to maintain today, or in the future.

It's time for bold action on the budget and finding ways to tap funding that is obvious to those of us willing to fight to save levy equalization and education funding. For example: Instead of buying more state land that creates more debt

service in the state budget and binds taxpayers to years of upkeep, let's forego those purchases and put the savings toward LEA.

Another untapped resource is state trust land timber. Some of the land in Okanogan County, such as Loomis Forest, was purchased to be school trust land. Money generated from the sale of timber harvested on the land is directed toward school funding. However, some of those lands are being left in disrepair, creating poor timber conditions, including disease and overcrowding. This lessens the quality and availability of trees. This same situation is plaguing other trust lands statewide, which hurts school funding.

It begs the question, what is more important: funding for schools and services for our communities, or purchasing more land for the state and activist organizations that puts the state in further debt?

Just like the floor battle that stopped a \$60 million raid on LEA funds in 2009, I will again fight to protect state LEA funding and offer common-sense solutions that ensure education is treated as the paramount duty it is.

Rep. Joel Kretz, R-Wauconda, is the deputy leader for the House Republicans. He serves on the House Education Committee.



Can January muster up some "real" snow

December left only 1.3 inches of new snow here at the home weather station; a real disappointment. December 2010 we had 7.8 inches of snow (2009: 2.6 and 2008: 21.1).

Temperatures were mild as well. Our lowest temperature was on Dec. 8 at 16.4F. The month couldn't even muster up a single-digit reading for us. La Niña is in place but not much has happened. Generally, during a La Niña year, we see wetter and cooler weather. Much of this drier weather is due to the ridge of high pressure that is characteristically out in the Western Pacific being much closer to the Alaskan Peninsula and Western Canada. Remember all those "air stagnation" days we had; most of all of it was caused by that ridge.

Recorders show that January is our snowiest month. So, we may get some reprieve and see some additional white stuff. That's important in this environment as we get most of moisture through snowfall. The mean snowfall for the first month of the year is 6.2 inches. Last year, 2011, we only had 3.0 inches of snow here at the home weather station (2010: 0.9 and 2009: 10.0).

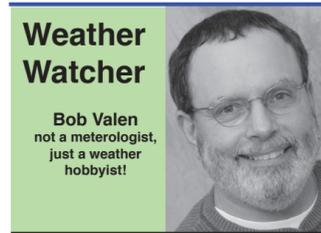
Temperatures in January can be rather cold — minus 17F back in 1950. The mean temperature for January is 21.4F. Here at the home weather station the past few years, we've had a mix of both single-

and double-digit low readings (2011: 7.7F and 2010: 17.8F). Do keep all that winter "gear" at the ready — winter isn't over yet. Something to be pleased about is the fact that we are gaining daylight each day now that we've passed through Winter Solstice.

The days are filling up with more light, just as Banks Lake is filling up with water.

Some 96 years ago, January 1916 was a record winter month for western Washington. High snow drifts occurred due to gusting winds and snowfall amounts of 2 to 4 feet in many places on the west side. The western part of the state was crippled as transportation was literally halted.

Lastly, the historic snowfall data chart I'm working on is nearing completion. It should be ready for next month's column. Below are some weather highlights for the year 2011 recorded here at the home weather station:



High Temperature: 97.6F (July 26)
Low Temperature: -2.4F (Nov. 24)
Wettest Month: May — 2.41 inches
Driest Month: August — 0.00 inches
Total Precipitation for the year: 9.94 inches
Total Snowfall for the (calendar) year: 12.6 inches

Coulee Recollections

Ten Years Ago

It's a late winter afternoon, the water is cold and Don Miller is stepping carefully on two boards inches above the frigid water of Banks Lake. Miller, a senior, signed up to help a local group feed thousands of fish they're raising until spring. He's fulfilling a requirement by Lake Roosevelt High School that all students complete a senior project. Monday was his last day.

The Coulee Dam TV association is nearly dissolved and would have been already were it not waiting on a claim against a construction company.

A new program has enabled Lake Roosevelt High School athletes the ability to help fourth graders at Wright Elementary to learn to appreciate reading. Fourth-grade teacher Angela Bona said the main focus is to give the kids a desire to read. "Reading is something that should be a lifelong goal because it helps in the pursuit of success," she said.

The Raider wrestlers brought

home three individual titles and the second place team trophy from the Warden Invitational last Saturday.

Twenty Years Ago

A crew of 25 hardy bird watchers combed a portion of the Grand Coulee on Dec. 21, and recorded 63 different bird species and a total of 7,086 winged creatures.

At Steamboat Rock State Park, the big mail rush begins just after the New Year when reservation applications for the coming summer campaign season start coming in.

Thirty Years Ago

Three new council members sworn in at the regular Coulee Dam Council meeting included Merv Schmidt, Carlos Hughes and Jack Barnard.

Winners in the Cub Scout cake decorating contest were Dennie Shambaugh and son Kent, first, Jim Black and Joey Thomas, second and Ron and Danny Cook third.

Forty Years Ago

The first baby for 1972 in the Grand Coulee Dam area arrived on Jan. 2, at the Coulee General Hospital. The little girl who weighed eight pounds is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald House, Coulee Grande. Her name is Theresa Lynn and she joins two sisters Dianna and Kim.

Fifty Years Ago

Linda Karnes, a 1961 graduate of Coulee Dam High School, was among 20 freshman women at Whitman College who recently tapped for Arrows.

Sixty Years Ago

W.O. Cormican is now serving on the police force for Grand Coulee and will be on as an extra for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Scott are the parents of a son, Edward Sherman, born Friday, Dec. 28, at the Coulee Dam Hospital.

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Obituaries

Gretchen V. (Lindbergh) Stinson

Gretchen Stinson, age 97, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, in Kennewick, Wash. She was born in Halliday, N.D., on September 12, 1914, to Dorothea and Clifford Barrows. She was the first of five children and was raised in Dodge, N.D. After graduating from high school, she attended Dickenson State Teachers' College. She then went on to teach at a local country school for one year, teaching first graders how to read.



She came to the Grand Coulee Dam area and worked for the USBR Power Field and married her first husband, Clayton "Lindy" Lindbergh. They had two daughters, Judith and Joan. After her children were raised, she moved to Portland, Ore., and worked for BPA before transferring to Seattle writing land descriptions for National Marine Fisheries Research under the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Agency. In Seattle she met her second husband Robert Stinson, and they married in Lahaina, Maui Hawaii. She gained a stepdaughter, Pam (Ken) Sanberg. After retirement, Gretchen and Bob enjoyed many winters on the Hawaiian Islands. Gretchen was quite a globetrotter, enjoying travels to Canada, Europe, the British Isles, Mexico, the Caribbean and Australia. Many of her travels included her sister Iris. She enjoyed family outings to Twin Lakes, Wash.; Mt.

Rainier, Victoria, BC and mostly to Westport, Wash. In 1998 and after her second husband had passed away, Gretchen moved from Seattle to Kennewick to be closer to her sister Ardeth (Jerry) Jones. Her sister Iris and her husband Frank Bergquist moved as well.

Gretchen is survived by her sister Ardeth (Jerry) Jones, Kennewick; daughter Judith Bach, Grand Coulee; stepdaughter Pam (Ken) Sanberg, Seattle; grandchildren Troy Sanders, Grand Coulee; Trina (Jim) Riley, Spokane Valley; Jennifer (Jerrod) Dixon, South Burlington, Vt; Kim (Rex) and Ken Jr. Sanberg, Seattle; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter Cloe, and one on the way; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was a member of the Campfire Girls, Lions Club Ladies, Order of Eastern Star and the United Methodist Church.

Gretchen was preceded in death by her first husband Clayton Lindbergh; second husband Robert Stinson; daughter Joan Lindbergh Telles; sister Iris (Frank and Carol) Bergquist; brother Kenton Barrows and brother Keith Barrows.

A memorial will be held at the Grand Coulee United Methodist Church at 1 p.m., on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012, and she will be laid to rest at Spring Canyon Cemetery.

David C. Doppler

David C. Doppler son of Alice and the late Edward Doppler, Coulee Dam, died December 23, 2011, in the Maldives where he was an underwater welder. He had resided there most of his adult life. A private memorial service will be held in the spring.

Sharon K. Tillman

YAKIMA – Sharon K. Tillman, 68, died December 24, 2011, at Yakima Regional Hospital.

She was born November 8, 1943, in Hampton, Iowa, to Sanford and Lena Christian (Johnson). At a very young age, her family moved to Yakima, and then to Richland, in 1951.



Sharon attended Columbia High School in Richland and was a member of the drill team. She married Jerry Edwards and they had two children, Lance and Lori. She worked as a senior buyer for Hanford contractor, JA Jones, for many years. She was also a member of the Tri-City Corvette Club and enjoyed racing and road trips in her '69 Sport Coupe.

She married her second husband Jim Tillman in 1976. For several years, Jim and Sharon owned a successful steak house in Richland, called Tillman's Cattle Company. Later, Sharon moved to Jim's hometown and managed the family store in Elmer City. While there she made many friends.

Sharon was proud of her Norwegian heritage and enjoyed making lutefisk and lefsa for Christmas dinner; much to the chagrin of the non-Norwegian family members.

Sharon is survived by her children, Lance (Tina) Edwards of the Tri-Cities, Lori (Rich) Edwards-Olson of Yakima; grandchildren, Alex Edwards, and Tanner, Cajun, Chase, and Brooke Olson; brothers Don (Dot) Hills of Richmond, Va.; Jimmy Hills of Elk Grove, Calif., and Gary (Deborah) Christian of Washougal, Wash.; stepchildren, Steve (Gini), Paul (Kathy), Chuck (Renee), and Jimmer (Courtney) Tillman, Julie Moomaw and Jacquie (Nate) Foss; numerous step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Jim; sister Sandra, and brother Wayne Christian.

A private memorial will be held by her family at a future date.



Kerry Green, Jr., and Ann Thomas get ready Jan. 3 to take home Sage Helen-Gayle Green, the first baby born at Coulee Medical Center in 2012.

— Scott Hunter photo

Thomas/Green have first baby of 2012 at CMC

Ann Thomas and Kerry Green Jr., of Nespelem are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Sage Helen-Gayle Green on Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, at Coulee Medical Center in Grand Coulee. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., and was 19 inches in length at birth.

Siblings include Dakota Green, 4 and Kimana Green, 1. Maternal grandparents are Karen Thomas and Joseph Thomas. Paternal grandparents are Kerry Green Sr., and Kelly Gossett. Great-grandparents include Helen Thomas and Gaylene and Larry Green.

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Keep your rechargeable batteries out of the garbage and the environment by properly recycling them. Coulee Hardware is now a recycling collection site for rechargeable batteries with the abbreviations Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, Li-ion, or Pb imprinted on the battery pack. Small sealed lead batteries with the abbreviation, Pb, must weigh less than two pounds each. Alkaline, Lithium, and other non-

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The batteries may be brought to Coulee Hardware during normal hours of operation. The batteries must be placed individually in a bag or the terminals taped before placing in the collection box.

For more information about these or other recycling opportunities, please call 754-6082 ext. 3508

Extension Program wins national award

WSU Ferry County Extension's Colville Reservation Extension Program, through promotion of the 4-H National Youth Science Day event, Wired for Wind, has earned a \$3,000 award.

The 2011 Toyota Innovation Award for Promotion and Media Outreach recognizes the efforts of youth and adults who sent news releases, developed posters and flyers, and created online awareness to publicize the October 4-H Super Science Saturday event.

"This hands-on science experiment helped reservation youth see and understand how science can make a difference in their everyday lives," said Linda McLean, WSU Colville Reservation-Ferry County Extension Educator. "Our goal is for students to continue to be enthusiastic about science, remain in school, and choose to seek higher education in the scientific fields."

Over 75 youth participated in an experiment that explored ways of developing sustainable and clean energy sources. Twenty-five adult volunteers guided students, ages 5-16, as they built model turbines, explored blade pitch variables and read voltage meters to learn the

amount of energy produced. The youths also explored biofuel and potato power while learning about water quality, constellations, fish health, fossils and chemistry.

The cash award will be used to enhance the Science and Technology Across the Reservation (STAR) program by purchasing laptops or notebooks for future 4-H technology education outreach. "The United States has a shortage of home grown scientists and we began the STAR project to help build interest of local youth in a scientific career," stated Dan Fagerlie, Ferry County & Project Director.

Community partners included AVISTA, Colville Confederated Tribes Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Youth, Ferry County, Colville Confederated Tribes Fish & Wildlife, Colville Confederated Tribes Environmental Trust, Colville Confederated Tribes Conservation District, Stone Rose Fossil Interpretive Center, National Park Service, Lake Roosevelt High School and Washington State University.

To learn more about the WSU Extension Ferry County 4-H and Colville Reservation visit the [website](http://www.wsu.edu).

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Meetings & Notices

CHAMBER TO MEET

The GCD Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting this Thursday, Jan. 12, at noon at Pepper Jack's Bar and Grille in Grand Coulee.

OES TO MEET

Order of Eastern Star Grand Coulee Dam Chapter will meet Thursday, Jan. 12. This will be short form and chapter dress. Refreshments and birthday cake will be provided by Linda Carlson. Worthy Matron Carole Fisher and Worthy Patron Don Redfield presiding.

PAPER RECYCLING DAY SET

The Rotary Club has set a date for a community shred day of Saturday, April 28.

Last summer, the club sponsored a paper shredding event and brought to town a special truck equipped as a giant shredder. The truck filled early and many people were turned away with boxes of documents they had wanted to shred easily at the no-cost event.

CMC GUILD TO MEET

The Coulee Medical Guild will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 19, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at CMC.

STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY

Preschool story time is held every Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Grand Coulee public library.

PTA MEETING THURSDAY

The local PTA will be holding its regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Lake Roosevelt High School library.

EAGLES #2577 MEETINGS

The Eagles #2577 Aerie meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be held January 24. The Auxiliary meets the first and third Tuesday of every month. Next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 17.

You're Invited

The friends and co-workers of retired Postmaster Bob Bowman would like to invite all his friends and former customers to the Grand Coulee Post Office between the hours of 12:30 and 4:00 on Fri., Jan. 13th to share cake, punch, and stories with Bob and his wife Glenda and to wish him well during his much deserved retirement. Bob worked at the Coulee Dam, Elmer City, Wilbur, and Grand Coulee post offices and he would enjoy being reminded of the good times he has had with all of his former customers.

Kids Club

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Church Directory

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For more information call Carol 631-0176
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Raider boys open 3-0 in league play last week

by John R. McNeil II

The Raiders opened league basketball play last week with three wins over Liberty Bell, Brewster, and Pateros.

At Liberty Bell Jan. 3, LR took it to the Mountain Lions, taking a 39-13 lead at the half and then

cruising to a 79-35 win.

"It is always good to pick up a convincing road win," Raider Head Coach Brad Wilson said.

Ty Egbert led the Raiders in points with a monster night, scoring 35 points and grabbing 18 rebounds. Kramer Carlson had five points, four assists, and five

rebounds. Tyler Garvin put in eight points to go along with his five rebounds. Drew Saxon hit 100 percent from field, including two three-pointers for his eight points.

Keith Rosenbaum was the number-two scorer with 11 points, along with seven assists. Jesse Adkins added six, Dalton Boutain four, and Brady Black 2.

The momentum from the blow-out win carried over into Friday night's game at home against Brewster. The Raiders opened with a quick, early lead in the first quarter. Brewster came back in the second quarter, outscoring the Raiders by five points. At halftime, the Raiders were ahead by only four points, 31-27.

LR needed a strong third quarter to knock the Bears off their feet and take the advantage back. The Raiders did just that, scoring 17 points and at one point going on a 9-0 run to take a convincing lead going into the fourth 48-33.

The Bears turned to rough play to try and knock the Raiders out of rhythm. Brewster racked up 10 fouls in the third and had one player foul out in the fourth with three more on the court with four fouls.

That didn't faze LR, which continued to outpace the Bears in the fourth for the 63-50 victory.

Egbert was again the leading scorer, putting up 23 points along with 10 rebounds and five blocks. Rosenbaum scored 14 points,



Ty Egbert fights to shed triple coverage by the Bears.

— Scott Hunter photo



Kramer Carlson launches a layup for two against Brewster Friday.

— Scott Hunter photo

Lady Raiders start league play strong

by John R. McNeil II

After a tough preseason, the Lady Raiders came into league play ready for anything last week.

The Lady Raiders showed how ready they were by rolling over the Mountain Lions at Liberty Bell's home court, 68-32 Jan. 3. LR started strong, jumping out ahead and never allowing Liberty Bell to challenge them.

The LR girls showed improvement on turnovers and played more girls, some of whom may have to come off the bench in a pivotal game later on in the season. Roweena Antone led in scoring with 19 points. Dominique Pleasants posted 15, Miranda Salas nine, Jada Desautel and Rickyna Sam five each; Kim Barry, Johnee McCraigie, and Brianna Monaghan each added four. Two each came from Hailey Chaney and Keya Fasthorse.

The Lady Raiders faced another tough test Friday at home against the Brewster Bears and their two stars, Chandler Smith and Becky Mae Taylor.

In the first period, the Lady Raiders jumped out to an

early lead and controlled the tempo, taking the quarter from the Bears 15-5. In the second quarter, Desautel and Antone picked up two quick fouls, and with only one of the point guards on the floor for LR (Pleasants), the Bears shifted from a three-quarter press to a full-court press.

That disrupted the Raider momentum, and as the turnovers and frustration began to mount, the Bears took the lead late in the second quarter and went into halftime with the momentum clearly in their hands.

LR came back in the third quarter with adjustments to counter the press and reassert their tempo, making the game a tit for tat contest with the score at the end of the third quarter Brewster 37, Lady Raiders 34.

For most of the fourth it was anybody's game, until the final minutes.

"In the last three minutes, we didn't make our shots like we made earlier in the game," said Raider Head Coach Wallace Pleasants.

That's when the Bears began pulling away for the 51-43 win.

Antone fought back from her early foul trouble and had a stellar night with 22 points and seven rebounds.

Monaghan scored nine points, a season high. Chaney contributed six and Danielle Laramie and Katelynn Schilling added three points each.

After the disappointment on Friday the Lady Raiders travelled to Pateros Saturday, where the girls rebounded to win in convincing fashion 62-42.

Coach Pleasants liked seeing the Lady Raiders make adjustments from their mistakes the night before to better handle the press and make fewer turnovers.

Antone put in 11 points and opened lanes for Desautel to exploit for 12 points. Pleasants led the team with 19. Laramie scored nine points. Chaney scored eight and Sam three.

The Lady Raiders enter the second week of Central Washington North play with a 2-1 win-loss ratio and games scheduled against Manson last night and on Friday against Oroville, both at Coulee Dam. The Hornets are playing well so far and could be a surprisingly tough team.

hitting baskets that kept the momentum with the Raiders. Adkins contributed 10 points while Garvin had eight.

Carlson scored four, but was calm and cool operating the offense. Saxon had three points on the night; Boutain added another.

With two wins and Raider confidence soaring, LR travelled to Pateros on Saturday to finish a long week of games.

The Billygoats provided no competition in the first quarter as the Raiders rolled to a 18-0 lead until with less than a minute left Pateros finally made a three-pointer.

The Raiders quickly answered, and at the end of the first, the Raiders looked dominating with a 20-3 lead.

Pateros fought back, outscoring LR in the second quarter and neutralized 6-8 Egbert with defensive adjustments.

The Raiders came back strong in the second half, bringing Egbert back into the game offensively and a 51-31 win.

Egbert led scoring again with 20 points. Carlson had 13, most coming when Egbert was shut down. Rosenbaum had seven, Adkins five, Garvin four, and Saxon 2.

The Raiders sat atop of the Central Washington North going into this week's games against Manson at Coulee Dam last night and Friday's home matchup against Oroville starting at 7:30 p.m.

Raider sports dates

Tues., Jan. 10

Basketball here with Manson. 6 p.m., girls' varsity, 7:30 p.m., boys' varsity; Middle School - 6 p.m. boys' JV/7:30 girls' JV.

Fri., Jan. 13

Basketball here with Oroville. 6 p.m., girls' varsity, 7:30 p.m., boys' varsity; Middle School - 6 p.m. boys' JV/7:30 girls' JV.

Sat., Jan. 14

9:30 a.m., Wrestling at Rainier Tournament.

Tues., Jan. 17

6/7:30 p.m., Basketball at Bridgeport.

Wed., Jan. 18

6 p.m., Wrestling at Reardan.

Fri., Jan. 20

Basketball here with Pateros. 6 p.m., girls' varsity, 7:30 p.m., boys' varsity; Middle School - 6 p.m. boys' JV/7:30 girls' JV.

Sat., Jan. 21

10 a.m., Wrestling at Dream Duals, East Valley, Spokane.

Raider wrestlers trying to find their groove

by John R. McNeil II

LR Wrestling returned from winter break with a mix-and-match at Chelan last Thursday against the Goats, Brewster and Pateros.

The Raiders wrestled tough and competitive against all the teams present, Head Coach Steve Hood said, but Chelan provided an exceptional challenge.

But that challenge was, Hood said, "the kind of competition needed right now." Freshman Daniel Loch, wrestling at 132 pounds, won his first match of the season against Gioveni Reyes of Chelan in a 4-2 decision.

Kodie Horn came back from a disappointing third round to win a 9-7 decision in overtime at 132 against Julio Vera of Chelan.

Skye Cooler posted a pin for the Raiders

against Victor Flores of Chelan in the second round after racking up a 10-3 lead.

Oscar Pakootas posted a solid 9-4 win over Jamie Mendez of Pateros.

On Saturday, the Raiders travelled to Warden for the Jeremiah Schmunk Invitational where LR finished sixth in a field of 10 teams.

The Raiders earned a second place, a third, three fourths, and three sixths in the tourney.

Orrin Gross was the second-place finisher at 145. Gross won his first two matches by pin before losing to Robert Orozco of Connell by a 13-9 decision.

Third-place winner Sean Waters wrestled at 170 pounds, pulling himself up to win his next two matches by pins after an early loss to Justin King of Colfax by pin. Levi

Seylor began to regain his wrestling poise at Warden, Hood noted, where Seylor finished fourth at 195.

Oscar Pakootas showed strong gains in form and intensity as he won some tough matches against Tim Frazier of Tonasket and Oscar Oritz of Connell to finish fourth at 106. Nick Gleason won over Quinn Mirick of Tonasket 20-9 and pinned Dalton McNeilly of Colfax to finish fourth at 160.

Horn had a difficult day, ending up sixth at 126, but posted a win over league competitor Justin McMillian of Liberty Bell, 5-3. Freshmen Coltin Williams and Daniel Loch finished sixth at 120 and 132 respectively.

The girls did not have enough competitors for a true bracket, so they wrestled round robins at their respective weight classes. Alexa Hanway wrestled at 100 pounds and

won all three of her matches for the day by pin. Rachel Dick went 2-1 on the day at 124. Hood was impressed with the girls' performance and the drive the girls showed in their matches.

The Raiders are looking to find the mid-season groove where the skills and techniques are refined and the competition remains tough to temper them for the run at the Tacoma Dome in February.

This Saturday, the boys travel across the Cascades to Rainier for the Rainier Tournament, with matches starting at 9:30 a.m. The tournament is a large one with true 16-man brackets and is a majority 1A, 2A competition.

The girls will travel down to Royal City for the Royal Rumble, which starts at 10 a.m.

Winterfest to play up guys versus gals in LR spirit competition

by Scott Hunter

Lake Roosevelt students will be locked in battle next week as the boys try to outdo the girls in a fundraiser for ASB funds and school spirit.

The stakes are high, with sacrificial representatives of the losers subjected to the "Polar Plunge" at the end of the week. This has something to do with a kiddie pool, dry ice and bare feet for five minutes.

Perhaps even better is the positive incentive

to stuff the guys and gals donation cans at the office with collected cash donations. Principal Brad Wilson has agreed to a temporary ear piercing if they collect more than \$1,000. And for every extra \$100, another male faculty member will fall to the temporary earlobe punch. If they reach \$1,700, Raider football coach and middle school teacher James Caddy gets his.

"That seems to be a big incentive," noted school Secretary Debbie VanGeystel.

It's all part of "Winterfest," the winter equiva-

alent of spirit week in the fall. It will end with a dance Friday night, but during the week will feature dress-up days and door decorations.

Funds raised stock the ASB treasury, which pays for special assemblies, speakers and a rewards day trip to Spokane next semester for students who make the cut on four of six criteria.

If a student approaches you for a donation, he or she may just be trying to avoid frostbite, so give generously.

Students make dean's list for Fall Quarter at EWU

Local students attending Eastern Washington University were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 quarter, the school announced.

Donald Munter, Paige Webley, Shane Moses, Marlana Kennedy, Katrina Baker, Joshua Friesen and Brooke Webley, all made the list.

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Science night for families will focus on seasons

SHARP Kids will offer another session in its series of NASA Family Science Nights on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Coulee Dam Community Church.

"Tis the Seasons" will answer the question as to "why we're walking in a winter wonderland in December... but sizzling in the summer sun in July," states a press release announcing the latest in the series of the family oriented sessions with hands on activities.

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The family of Benito M. Flores Sr. would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped us get through this past week. Without your thoughtful and unselfish support it would have been impossible. It is important to the family that you know Ben did not cause the crash, he was the victim. Many news outlets haven't published retractions and updates and thank you to those that did. The crash site showed the horror Ben drove into and had no time or way to escape.

Thank you: James Heuvel Strate Funeral Home, WA State Patrol - correcting their report and the continued family support, Davenport Fire Department and EMS crew, Davenport Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Grand Coulee Police Department, Coulee Dam Police Department, Colville Tribal Police Department, Linden NJROT, Arnie Holt CCT Veterans Program, US Army Honor Guard, Dan Nanamkin N.C.C., Shonita Ratcliff CCT Planning Department for the wonderful memorial cards, Father Jake Morton S. J. Sacred Heart Church, Nancy J. Armstrong-Montes Jama Van Brunt Flora Long funeral service musicians, Dorothy Zacherle and her cooking crew for the dinner, Sue P. Glenna Brian and Peggy for staying with Marci as her family rushed to be with her, Ben's Moose Lodge Pool Team, Chris McCuen, Sa'de Esquivel, John Francis Seaton's Grove Greenhouse for the beautiful arrangements, and Marci's employer CMC for their support and assistance. So many people assisted our family during the week and we apologize to those we forgot to mention.

We appreciated all the food, flowers, condolence messages, hugs and good memories shared.

The family of Ben & Marci Flores (Nanamkin)

I wanted to express my special thanks to the GCD community for how they treated us in the loss of our family member, Mike Bute. Mike passed away prior to the Christmas holiday which was devastating to our family. Key people and organizations came to our aid with compassion and help. From the Grand Coulee police department, Strate Funeral Home, American Legion Post #157, Active Military honor guard, IBEW #77, Grant County PUD, Colville Tribe military vet representation and some of Mike's friends. They rallied around helping and supporting our family in our time of need. They volunteered their time and resources and made it much easier on our families.

Mike had an affiliation with these groups/people during his 56-year lifetime. He made many friends in the GCD community during his life. He would have been proud on their commitment to his memory.

It makes me proud that the community that I grew up in still embodies the spirit of "small town" America. Honoring and respecting its community members. They did this not because they had to, but they did it because they wanted to. They showed unselfishness and respect to us.

Even though Mike is gone, our family will be forever in debt in to those who were there when we needed them.

In behalf of the Bute/Deiser families

Thank You, Rod Bute

I would like to thank my Sweet Family for the honor they shared with me for "Jack" 12-19-11 - Chip, Pam, Shania, Dayton, Taleah, Nish, Brett, Brennan, Dei, Peggy and Alex. Also the loving call from Gabe, Melissa and Magnolia.

I really could not have made it this past year if it weren't for all of you. I am so thankful and grateful to have been blessed with such a caring and wonderful family.

Love, your Sister, Aunt and Grandma,
Gwen Wright

Legal Notices

Town of Coulee Dam Public Notice

The Town of Coulee Dam will be accepting sealed bids for Surplus items.

Sealed bids will be received at Coulee Dam Town Hall, 300 Lincoln Ave, Coulee Dam WA 99116 until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2012. Items are available for viewing by appointment at the Town Hall. Please specify on the outside of your sealed bid envelope the item you're bidding on. Any questions please contact Barry Peacock at 509-633-0160.

(Publish January 11 and 18, 2012)

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Sealed Proposals will be received by the undersigned at the City of Electric City, 10 Western Avenue, Electric City, Washington 99123, up to 2:00; local time on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, for furnishing the necessary labor, materials, equipment, tools, and guarantees thereof to construct the Arsenic Treatment Facility.

The work consists of the construction of a new concrete backwash storage tank, installation of two skid-mounted arsenic treatment filter trains, chemical feed systems, associated piping, electrical, and telemetry in a new metal building.

The Work shall be substantially complete within 120 working days after the commencement date stated in the Notice to Proceed. All bidding and construction is to be performed in compliance with the Contract Provisions and Contract Plans for this project and any addenda issued thereto that are on file at the office of the City Clerk/Treasurer, City Hall, Electric City, Washington.

The Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the time and date stated above. Proposals are to be submitted only on the form provided with the Contract Provisions. All Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check, cashiers check, money order, or bid bond payable to the "City of Electric City" and in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid.

Contract Provisions and Contract Plans may be *examined* at the office of the City of Electric City, local plan centers in the project area, or the office of the Project Engineer, Gray & Osborne, Inc. Licensed Contractors and Material Suppliers may obtain a copy of the Contract Provisions and Contract Plans, free of charge, in electronic format (PDF on compact disk(s)) along with registration as a planholder *only* at the *Yakima* office of the Project Engineer, Gray & Osborne, Inc., 107 South Third Street, Yakima, WA 98901, (509) 453-4833. Request for Contract Provisions and Plans may be faxed ((509 453-5953) or emailed (yakima@g-o.com). Request must include company name, physical address, phone and fax numbers, and email address. Registration as a planholder is *required* to obtain Contract Addenda. Contract questions shall be directed only to the office of the Project Engineer.

1. A Prebid Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2012. The conference will begin at the project site at 11:00 a.m. (local time). Prospective bidders are encouraged to participate. Any other site visits shall be limited to 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and shall be coordinated through Ken Dexter, of the City of Electric City, by calling (509) 633-2790, at least 24 hours in advance of the visit. No unauthorized visits or unscheduled visits will be allowed.

The City of Electric City is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Small, minority, and women-owned businesses are encouraged to submit bids. All work performed on the project will be subject to the higher of State or Federal Prevailing Wage Rates.

Financing of the Project has been provided by City of Electric City, Washington and Washington State Department of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund with federal funds from the Environmental Protection Agency. The City of Electric City expressly reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive minor irregularities or informalities and to Award the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as it best serves the interests of the City.

(Signed) **JACKIE PERMAN**
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

(Publish January 4 and 11, 2012)

NOTICE OF SMALL WORKS ROSTER OPENING

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

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ALL MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM AND END AT 8:00 PM.

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316 Roosevelt Drive, Grand Coulee
316 Roosevelt Drive, Grand Coulee, 3 Bedroom Ranch style home with lots of updates over the years. The home has approximately 1,425 s.f. on the main level, plus appr 950 s.f. of extra storage in the unfinished basement. The home has Vinyl Siding and Vinyl 2 pane windows, Central Heat & Air Conditioning with a Heat Pump, and Oak kitchen cabinets. The electrical has been rewired and has a 200 amp circuit breaker service. It has a metal roof and a fenced yard. The property is 80' x 80' and includes a covered patio and a det 2 car garage that is 26' x 28'. **List price is now just \$109,900.**

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

604 4th 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 just \$319,500.**

801 Tulip Street, Coulee Dam. You have paid your dues, now is the time for you to start enjoying life just a little more. This home has it all! From the 18' x 36' in ground swimming pool and large patio with privacy fencing, to the pool house with complete bathroom facilities and sauna, or relax in the Saratoga Hot Tub, For those cold winter evenings, just listen to the fire crackle in the Fireplace downstairs. This property is set up with your enjoyment in mind. The home has almost 1,600 s.f. on each level and has all the room you would ever need. It has a 2 car detached garage, plus additional off-street parking. Architectural 25 year composition roof. New Central Heat & AC with Heat Pump. The property is 11,300 square feet. **List price is just \$200,000.**

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

#53 N Williams Street, Elmer City. Large 3 Bedroom - 1 and one half bath Home that has 1,740 s.f. on the main level plus a 1,285 s.f. unfinished basement. The home has a Large Living Room with Fireplace insert, Hardwood Floors, and Big Country Style Kitchen. It has vinyl 2 pane windows throughout the main level, copper plumbing, electric BB heat and a wall AC. Large Covered Patio to relax during summertime gatherings and an attached 450 s.f. garage & workshop. The property is 112' wide by 193' deep or just under one half acre with Coop Irrigation water. **List Price is just \$139,500.**



55754 Lake View Lane, Electric City
55754 NE Lake View Lane, Electric City. You have always wanted your very own little slice of heaven. Here is your chance. Built in 2004, this Marlette Manufactured home has appr. 2,300 square feet and is located next to Federal Land on 4.71 acres. It has 3 Bedrooms and 2 baths including a 15'6" by 13' Master Bedroom. The kitchen is spacious and includes a large walk in pantry and eating nook. The home has two covered decks, Hardi-board lap siding, Central Heat & Air Conditioning and vaulted ceilings. The detached garage/shop building is just over 26' x 39' and has a three quarter bath and a 525 s.f. covered parking area. **List Price is now just \$269,000.**

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#61 Riverview Drive, Coulee Dam. Built in 1979, this rancher has a beautiful view overlooking the Columbia River. The home is appr. 1,285 square feet in size and has 3 Bedrooms and two baths. It has 2 pane windows, bb electric heat & wall air conditioning, copper plumbing, and claboard siding. There is a 25' x 25' garage as well as a 10' x 25' cover for the boat. The property is appr. 100' x 175' and has a protected view. The property has both front and back fenced yards with auto sprinklers and a covered patio for relaxing. **List price is just \$107,400**

328 Roosevelt Ave, Grand Coulee. Cute 3 Bedroom Cottage has 1,030 s.f. on the main level, plus 600 s.f. in the unfinished basement. The Living room has a wood fireplace. The dining room has 2 large windows to let in the sunshine. The kitchen is a galley style and has built in oven and newer cooktop. The home has emb wood lap siding, a metal roof, and an updated 200 amp cb service with newer wiring. The property is 60' wide by 80 feet deep and is fenced. There is a detached 1 car garage/shed outbuilding. **List price is just \$99,500.**

510 Roosevelt Drive, Grand Coulee. Stop by and take a look at this one. The home has appr. 1,025 s.f. on the main level, plus there is an 825 s.f. basement which gives you lots of storage and room for further expansion. The kitchen is large and has lots of cabinets. On the main level there is the Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Office or possible 2nd bedroom, Master Bedroom & main bath. The home has new carpet and was recently painted in & out. The property is appr. 60' x 90' and it has a fenced yard. **List price is now just \$83,000**

#324 Sunny Drive, Electric City. Updated 1 bedroom cottage with good access to all this area has to offer. The home has almost 550 s.f. of living area and has had a number of recent improvements. The home has stucco siding, metal roof, and the newly remodeled kitchen has a number of updated cabinets. The bath has a fiberglass shower stall and new vanity. The exterior was recently painted and there is a sprinkler system for the yard. The property is 60 feet wide and totals 7,750 sf. and includes a 1 car garage. **List Price is just \$49,500.**

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 \$39,500**

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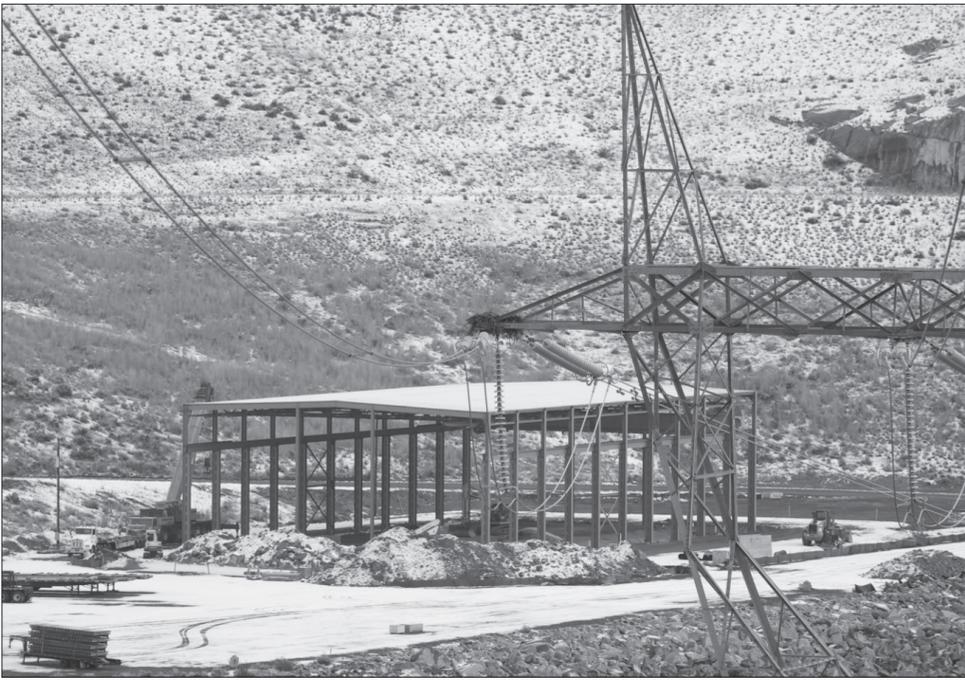
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Changes coming

An osprey's nest on the tip of a high-voltage tower will be gone by this time next year, along with that tower in the park below the Visitor Center at Grand Coulee Dam, a casualty of planned rerouting of powerlines from Grand Coulee Dam. That rerouting is being done ahead of the refurbishment of the dam's Third Powerhouse, a \$600 million-plus project. The storage building being constructed in the background, across the river, also anticipates the big revamp. — Scott Hunter photo

Coulee Cops

Compiled from police files

Grand Coulee Police

1/2 - A man who had been drinking was confronted by a police officer who discovered the man was wanted on a warrant for failing to take care of a DUI charge. He was arrested and taken to Grant County Jail.

1/3 - A man who borrowed a car borrowed plenty of trouble. He was stopped because one of his headlights was not working. He could not show a registration certificate or an insurance card. He was warned on the headlamp problem and not having the registration but cited on the insurance issue.

- A man reported an injured deer along the roadway near Division and "A" Street. The officer responded but couldn't find the deer.

1/4 - An officer noticed a driver known to have a suspended license driving near "E" Street just off SR-174. The woman was cited for driving while suspended and for not having insurance.

- Police checked on a 911 call from a residence on Spokane Way only to find that the resident's "Magic Jack" phone system was acting up.

1/5 - Police stopped an Electric City driver after repeated complaints that he was running stop lights and speeding. The driver was issued a citation for not having insurance and warned on the other counts.

1/6 - An officer was flagged down by a woman who said her vehicle was stuck on a road off of Kruk Road in Electric City. The officer gave the woman and her child a ride home and it was left to her to get the car out.

- Loepp Furniture officials told police that someone had taken a heater unit off their loading dock. Police are investigating.

- A man was stopped for an inoperable brake light and ended up getting a ticket for not having up-to-date tabs, having children in the vehicle without restraint, and no insurance.

1/7 - A report stated that a man was down along the roadway between Grand Coulee and Electric City. Police found an intoxicated man. A person who knew the man came along and offered to take him home.

- A woman told police that her ex-boyfriend had grabbed her by the hair and slammed her head into the wall. The woman told police that she didn't report it immediately because she didn't want to get him in trouble.

- A woman living on Dill Street in Grand Coulee told police that two people had entered her home while she was gone and took a washer, dryer and flat screen TV. She said the people entered her house without permission. The

items were returned.

1/8 - An Electric City man wanted on a warrant was found hiding in a restroom at a local pub. The officer's report asked for a charge of resisting arrest also be issued and said the man's resistance had caused injury to the officer. He was taken to Grant County Jail.

- A man who was driving in his pajamas told a police officer that he was just "lazy" and that is why he cut the corner over the sidewalk to reach the Safeway parking lot. The problem was he cut the corner right in front of the officer. He was cited for negligent driving, failure to sign his registration and not having his driver's license on his person.

1/9 - An 18-year-old Tonasket youth was cited for driving with a suspended license and for not having insurance after it was reported that he was driving carelessly.

Coulee Dam Police

1/2 - A woman reported to police that two dogs were running loose on Columbia Ave. and that the smaller of the two was aggressive and growled and showed its teeth. Police are trying to contact the owner.

1/4 - A woman on River Drive was warned about her rust-colored pit bull running loose. She told the officer she wasn't aware the dog had been loose.

1/5 - A driver was cited for driving under the influence after his Suzuki rolled over on its side on Columbia Avenue. The driver once said a raccoon had run out in front of him and on another occasion that the vehicle just turned over. He was eventually taken to Coulee Medical Center for a blood draw. The car was righted and hauled away.

- A man contacted police to state that he had a warrant out for his arrest and wanted to turn himself in. The warrant was out of Wenatchee, but police took the man to Okanogan County Jail.

1/6 - Police were called to Harvest Foods because a drunk man had wandered into the store and then passed out. The man left with another man before police arrived and officers were told the two were seen going down Fir Street. Police were unable to find the two.

- A woman on Holly Street reported to police that someone had damaged her car. There was no estimate of damage.

1/8 - A couple on Central Drive told police that their daughter bit her mother as they were attempting to keep her from leaving the home. The girl was arrested for domestic violence and taken to Okanogan County's juvenile facility.

Bowling Scores

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TUESDAY HI LO'S

TEAM	W	L
Sunflower Graphics	8	4
Melody	7	5
Pepsi	7	5
Riverview Lanes	5	7
Fullers	5	7
KEYG-1490	4	8

High Game: Pepsi 465; Renee 183
High Series: Riverview Lanes 1202; Sheila Allison 463

Splits: Phyllis 4-5-7; Sharon R 4-5; Sheila A, Jean, Barbara 5-7; Betty 2-7; Peggy 3-10

PREVIOUS - High Game: Sunflower Graphics 416; Winnie 203
High Series: Sunflower Graphics 1197; Sheila 480

Splits: Merle 2-7/3-10; Lonna 2-7; Sheila 5-6; Betty 9-10; Vickey 5-10; Clarkette 4-5

PREVIOUS - High Game: Riverview Lanes 417; Winnie 169
High Series: Riverview Lanes 1199; Sheila A. 456

Splits: Karen 2-7/3-10
PREVIOUS - High Game: Riverview Lanes 449; Betty 182
High Series: Riverview Lanes 1277; Vickey 493
Splits: Karen 4-7-10/2-7; Renee 3-10

THURSDAY MIXUPS

TEAM	W	L
TEAM 4	41.5	
Ed's Meat Market	39.5	
Star Publishing	37.5	
Sampoil Valley	34	
Fry Bread Power	34	
Shut the Front Door	28.5	
Jacksons	26	
Team 8	0	

High Game: Star 756; **Bob Warter 297**; Briana Bob 182
High Series: Team 4 2046; Bob Warter 680; Briana Bob 505

Splits - Frank Quinto 9-10; Marilyn Turner 3-5-10
PREVIOUS - High Game: Team 4 942; Briana Bob 205; Bob Schryvers 255; John Stensgar 247; Pat Zlateff 234

High Series: Team #4 2680; Briana Bob 523; John Stensgar 558; Bob Schryvers 550; Pat Zlateff 535
Splits: Chance Epperson 6-7-10; Bob Warter 4-7-10; Jack Barnard 2-4-8-10/3-10; Marilyn Burner 5-6; Gwen Hilson 3-10

COLUMBIA LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L
Sunflower Graphics	7	5
Riverview Lanes	6	6
Balls Deep	6	6
Melody	6	6
Coulee Hardware	5	7

High Game: Riverview Lanes 724; TJ Jeffress 236; Sharey Redthunder 187
High Series: Balls Deep 2069; Bob Schryvers 571; Sara Zlateff 476

Splits: Bob McGill 4-5; Leo Levac 6-10
Previous High Game: Balls Deep 703; TJ Jeffress 238; Sharey Redthunder 181
High Series: Balls Deep 1968; TJ Jeffress 562; Sharey Redthunder 467

Splits: Soy Redthunder 3-10/5-7
PREVIOUS

TEAM	W	L
Sunflower Graphics	42	37
Riverview Lanes	37	23
Balls Deep	35	25
Coulee Hardware	31	29
Melody	29	31

High Game: Riverview Lanes 722; Jesse Vieira 236; Sara Zlateff 157
High Series: Balls Deep 2047; Jessie Vieira 602; Sara Zlateff 458
Splits: Soy Redthunder 4-7-10/3-10

DAM KEGLERS

TEAM	W	L
Moose Lodge	30	10
Flyn W	21.5	18.5
Native Spirit	21	19
3 to 1	19	21
All American Spacer	17	23
Krocked Krosshairs!	26	24
Hometown Pizza	13	27

High Game: All American Spacer 804; Ron Staggs 235; Rhonda Marchand 211
High Series: All American Spacer 2231; Gary Bjorson 615; Rhonda Marchand 572

Splits: Briana Bob 3-6-7
PREVIOUS - High Game: All American Spacers 780; Dale Bjorson 257; Rhonda Marchand 173
High Series: All American Spacers 2283; Dae Bjorson 673; Rhonda Marchand 504

Congrats to Native Spirit (Bob Tonasket, Kevin Rosenbaum, Percy Kuehne, John Stensgar) winners of the first half. Keep up the great bowling gentlemen. Have a safe and happy holiday from Riverview Lanes.

PREVIOUS - High Game: All American Spacer 760; Ron Toujou 231; Rhonda Marchand 192
High Series: All American Spacer 279; Gary Bjorson 623; Briana Bob 505

SENIORS

Leo 144/402; Scott 122/281; Orville 176/484; Linda 207/462; Merle 144/397; Dick 181/419; Bob S 187/506; Pat 187/519
Previous Bob M 177/501; Scott 126/372; Leo 157/420; Pat 184/508; Bob S 204/537; Orville 177/385; Dick 148/387; Merle 111/309
Previous Bob M. 209/467; Leo 149/423; Pat 246/579; Orville 140/404; Bob S 183/515; Dick 139/320; Scott 135/323; Merle 131/346

Stories to inspire at all ages

It seems to me that as our world has changed from the hunter-gatherers we once were to the high-paced technological world we are today one thing hasn't changed, and that's the way a story can impact your life.

After all, isn't that what the ancient cave drawings were? They were telling a story. It's also clear to me that this isn't a vein of teaching that is reserved strictly for the classroom. We begin telling stories to our children in infancy and continue listening to stories our entire lives.

Any night of the week at my house finds my daughter cuddled in the crook of our arms, cozy in her footie pajamas reading a book. Right now, we are in a transition period. We've left the simple board books like Goodnight Moon behind, but we're far from chapter books, like Little House on the Prairie, and even farther from Harry Potter. But as we've moved from those simple rhymes into books that have actual stories behind them, I find myself strangely moved as I recall the lessons they imparted upon me when I was a child, even if I don't remember reading the actual books.

Sometimes as we read these slightly complex moral tales, I wonder how much my 2-year-old is actually taking in. Is it possible for children, let alone adults, to learn from anecdote? If we read "Green Eggs and Ham" enough times, will she really be willing to try something new, even if it looks kind of strange? Does she know that "The Little Engine That Could" is forcibly convincing herself that she is the master of her own limits? Is it the slightly creepy "Wild Things" that are giving her nightmares, or are they telling her

to use her imagination when times get tough?

Almost by definition, a children's book must be teaching something. Whether it is something academic like the alphabet or something moral like being kind to others, somewhere someone decided we had to take every second we could to impart these important lessons upon our impressionable children.

I wonder, in our current world of high-paced entertainment, if adult fiction requires as many guidelines. That's not to say we don't get lessons out of the stories we read as adults, we do. But when talking about the books we read as children, I find that there is a special brightness when these stories from our past resurface. As if we are remembering a moment in our lives where a good story utterly changed our world.

I'm sure that since I was a child, there have been volumes of wonderful chapter books written that are more time-appropriate for

children today than the ones that I read. Even so, I can't help but anticipate the day when my daughter might want to read "Little House on the Prairie" or "Anne of Green Gables". Books we read as adults rarely inspire the kind of emotions we hold for those stories that most likely did change our view of our world when we were young. I think the stories we read as adults are still woven with the life lessons we were taught as children, they are just not quite as apparent to less impressionable grown-ups. Be nice to strangers, inner beauty is what's important, share, say please and thank you, everybody uses the potty; we're all really very alike, but different too.

At this stage in my daughter's life, I still have 100 percent authority over which moral lessons she is getting from her books. I know this period will not last. As long as it does, perhaps I'll be able to instill enough of these ideas into her subconscious that if she ever finds herself lost, she'll remember that it was "Winnie the Pooh" who taught her that sometimes you have to get lost first to find your way home. Or when faced with a hard challenge, a mantra from the distant past may surface in her head: "I think I can I think I can I think I can."

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