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Kassadi Boutain holds up her citizenship award for family in the audience to see during the last graduation ceremony at Lake Roosevelt High School Saturday afternoon. At left is Kodie Horn and Harlie Dice sits at right. — Scott Hunter photo

Lake Roosevelt graduates last class

by Scott Hunter

Lake Roosevelt High School pushed 31 of its students into the world last Saturday. The graduating class of 2014 celebrated the accomplishments of all, taking special note of its top scholars, community volunteers and athletes, and listing some \$568,168 in offered scholarships. Below is a list of the class accomplishments.

2014 Lake Roosevelt High School Graduation Awards & Scholarships

The Class of 2014 Valedictorian: Chyenne Kelly-Marconi
The Class of 2014 Salutatorian: Daniel Campobasso

Honor Roll Students who earned a cumulative GPA of 3.25 to 3.49. Mary Ann Matheson 3.378, Akaycia Foster 3.266

Bronze Volunteer Service Award Winners. Students completed between 100 and 149 hours of Community Service. Jazmyne Marchand 105 hrs., Harlie Dice 107 hrs., Casey Ensautel 120 hrs., Jennifer Reichlin 135.5 hrs.

Silver Volunteer Service Award Winners. Students completed between 150 and 200 hours of community service volunteer work. Akaycia Foster 152 hrs., Mikel Friedlander 168 hrs., Dariane Seyler 161 hrs., Brandon Desautel, 182.5 hrs., Madisyn Byam 162.5 hrs., Holly Jo Carriere 184 hrs.

Gold Volunteer Service Award Winners. Students completed 200 or more hours of community service volunteer work. Brandin Smith 200 hrs.; Kayla Doney 215.5 hrs.

Office Staff Award. Students receiving this award are being recognized for never receiving any sort of discipline throughout their four years in high school. Madisyn Byam, Holly Jo Carriere, Mikel Friedlander, Chyenne Kelly-Marconi, Mary Ann Matheson

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10th annual fun event for kids is set for this Saturday

by Roger S. Lucas

The 10th Annual Koulee Kids Fest is Saturday, with everything for kids. Pick up your Koulee Kids passport at the Visitor Center, Saturday Market or Coulee Hardware and you can be on your way to fun and maybe prizes. The event is organized by the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce and many partners. Get your passports stamped at six or more fun venues and you are qualified for great gifts at a drawing at the end of the day. Fun activities at the various venues include:

- catching a fish at the big tank at the Colville Tribal Museum in Coulee Dam;
- riding a peddle boat (free) at Coulee Playland;
- stopping by the Coulee Cruizers Car Show and Shine event at North Dam Park and voting on your favorite car;
- buying a burger or hot dog at the Lions Club barbecue at North Dam Park;
- finding "Rosie" and coloring your favorite quilt blocks at the Visitor Center;
- playing disc golf at North Dam Park;
- geocaching at Funzee's in Grand Coulee;
- creating chalk art at North Dam Park;
- checking out the inside of a fire truck at North Dam Park;
- getting free ice cream from Coulee Creamery at North Dam Park between noon and 3 p.m.;
- slingshotting a stuffed pig at the Tropical Pig in Electric City;
- stopping by Saturday Market for a free cookie;
- playing a round of mini golf (free) at Sunbanks Lake Resort and
- looking into a telescope at North Dam Park to see solar flares.

And top the fun day off at the Grand Gallery Theatre on Grand Coulee's Main Street for a free magic show starring Dick Frost at 3 p.m. That's where the drawing for a Kindle Fire, an iPod and a long list of prizes will be awarded to lucky kids who have their passports properly stamped. Kids, you have to be present at the drawing to win. Come and celebrate Koulee Kids Fest on Saturday and enjoy the magic show and drawing for prizes.

Cities to consider pathway

by Roger S. Lucas

Grand Coulee and Electric City officials will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, June 16, to discuss ways they can work together on a walking path that could extend across the causeway south of Electric City and through their two respective cities. The meeting will be held in Grand Coulee's council chambers.

Gray & Osborne, the engineering firm for both cities, will also meet in an effort to put together a proposal that would allow them to apply for a grant to help with the expense of creating the path. The cities are not going into the meeting with preconceived ideas of what might be possible to do. The area in question is noted for the many walkers who take different parts of the described area, both walking and riding bicycles. A U.S. Bureau of Reclamation-maintained path already connects Grand Coulee and Coulee Dam.



Lucas Bird and Dominic LaPlante ride their bikes along SR 155 between Electric City and Grand Coulee Monday. The cities are beginning talks on the possibility of extending the community trail to link the two cities. — Scott Hunter photo

Losing money and docs, hospital faces more challenges

by Scott Hunter

With two key health care providers working on a very limited basis and revenues limited as a result, Coulee Medical Center is losing money and faces yet another challenge: a physician will leave for a year, starting in January. Dr. Jacob Chaffee announced last week that following the battles with the former administration last year, he needs some time off. "The past six months here at Coulee Medical Center have been difficult and I have come to the point that I need to take a sabbatical," he wrote in CMC's email newsletter. "My family and I will be taking an opportunity to spend a year abroad in Australia beginning in January of 2015." The announcement of the temporary loss of a main revenue supplier comes as losses mount. CMC has lost \$780,000 through April, the last month for which financial statements are available, Chief Executive Officer Debbie Bigelow told hospital district commissioners Monday night. Some \$451,000 of the loss hit in April, offset a little by a cut of \$64,000 from budgeted expenses. Registered Nurse Practitioner Dawn Lovelace works at CMC one day a week and ARNP Wendy Hughes is focusing on her practice at the district's Coulee City clinic. The good news, she said, is that cuts made in administration will save the hospital as much as \$472,000 through the end of 2014. Gone are the former CEO, chief operating officer, marketing manager and chief financial officer. Bigelow said the hospital is not currently looking to fill most of those positions. And at \$113,000 annually, her salary is a \$92,000 savings over that of Scott Gra-

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City wants to triple price of Electric City's police coverage

Police chief had no part in proposal

by Roger S. Lucas

Grand Coulee is advancing a proposal for law enforcement coverage for Electric City that would triple the price, a proposal that its own police chief hadn't seen. Chief Mel Hunt took one look at the proposal and stated, "This is the first time I've seen this." The copy of the proposal had been made available to The Star by the city clerk's office in Electric City. Officials there were going through sticker shock last week when they looked at the proposal from Grand Coulee for \$209,982 for 2015. "We can no longer subsidize Electric City for its law enforcement. They need to pay their fair share of the cost. ... They need us, we don't need them."

— Chris Christopherson
Grand Coulee Mayor

Electric City takes in between \$120,000 and \$130,000 in property taxes a year. "We haven't had a meeting with Grand Coulee yet," Sands said. "A meeting was set for a week ago, but Grand Coulee cancelled." Sands also noted, "We are not complaining on what we are now getting for our money." Grand Coulee Mayor Chris Christopherson, who compiled the information for the proposal, saw things a bit differently.

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High school stuff for sale this week Must be gone by Saturday night

by Roger S. Lucas

Want something from Lake Roosevelt High School before they tear it down? Now's your chance. The high school education wing is having a giant yard sale this Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14. Everything in the classrooms is up for grabs. Want a desk? Want a blackboard? It's all up for purchase. How about a chair or two, or more? Lake Roosevelt Principal Brandon Byers said the sale will give people an opportunity to purchase a teacher's desk, a rolling cart, and even a pencil sharpener. The garage sale will run from 9-4 each day and all purchased items need to be removed by 5 p.m. Saturday. Next week the classroom wing will undergo an asbestos abatement period before the entire classroom wing will meet with the wrecker's ball. Superintendent Dennis Carlson said no reasonable offer will be refused. If you attended Lake Roosevelt, or if you just need something for your home office, you have two days to strike a deal.



Woman reports missing gold coins

Retirement savings of more than \$250,000 gone

by Roger S. Lucas

Police are still bewildered by a Grand Coulee woman's loss of some 200 South African gold Krugerrand coins.

Dorothy Harris told police that an Electric City resident, Steve Kiona, who came to the property to do yard work, called her at work May 30, after discovering that someone had ransacked his dresser drawers in the basement. She was advised by Kiona that she'd better come home.

She found that someone had entered the house, in spite of her six dogs, and had taken, among other articles, a 6-inch by 9-inch box wrapped in "white paper and masking tape," filled with 200 gold Krugerrand coins. The current value of the coins is more than a quarter million dollars.

Harris told police that she had purchased the coins while in the service in South Africa and had depended on their value later for retirement.

The coins were purchased, she told police, for

\$300 to \$375 each. The value last week was about \$1,308 each, a value that fluctuates with the market. That price would put the value of Harris' coins at \$261,600.

The one-ounce gold coins were first produced in 1967. Later, the United States and other countries forbade bringing them into the country due to South Africa's apartheid policy of official racial segregation, which it dropped in 1994.

Harris purchased the coins overseas between 1980-1992.

Harris told police that a pearl necklace was also missing, which she valued at \$3,500. She said two other pearl necklaces, and several coin proof sets were undisturbed.

In discussions with police, Harris said that the person who took the items would had to have known the dogs in order to get into the house and spend time there. She gave officers a list of those who had legitimate access to the house.

Police advised that officials will be watching pawn shops and coin dealers in regard to anyone trying to sell the coins.



A 1968 Krugerrand — Classical Numismatic Group, Inc. <http://www.cngcoins.com>



A weekend made for dads

A dad and son admire an old Ford at last year's Coulee Cruisers Show n' Shine event at Banks Lake Park. The event is set for this Father's Day weekend, along with the chamber of commerce's Koulee Kids Fest, the Lions Club barbecue at North Dam Park and the Saturday Market in Grand Coulee. — Scott Hunter photo

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"We can no longer subsidize Electric City for its law enforcement," Christopherson said. "They need to pay their fair share of the cost. ... They need us, we don't need them."

Council members on Grand Coulee's public safety committee are Erin Nielsen and David Tylor. Their counterparts from Electric

CMC

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ham's reported \$205,000.

Chief of Staff Dr. Andrew Castrodale said the coming sabbatical for Chaffee places even more importance on the formation last month of a recruiting team to bring in more physicians. By its own marketing study done prior to building the new facility in 2010, the hospital was to bring on board two more physicians by 2014.

"It is my hope that, while I am away, CMC will successfully establish a sustainable and healthy model of physician staffing," Chaffee wrote.

"Upon my return, I look forward to again bringing energy and passion to helping CMC become what it has always had the potential to be - the best rural hospital on the planet."

He said he would work to "ensure a seamless transition for patients under my care."

Castrodale said several residents he works with in Spokane may be interested in rural medicine, but none will be available before mid-2015, leaving a half-year gap after Chaffee's departure.

Commission President Jerry Kennedy said he was pleased after attending a medical staff meeting last week.

"I was really encouraged by discussion there," he said. "We have a lot to offer as a hospital and as a team. ... We have a lot of amazing people resources in this hospital, from doctors to nurses and everybody."

City's council are John Nordine and Aaron Derr.

The spreadsheet proposal shows that Grand Coulee's five-year contract plan would start at \$209,982 for 2015 and increase about 5 percent each year, reaching a 2019 price tag of \$255,235.

Christopherson said that since the drain is on the entire city, the negotiations will be handled by the city, not the police department.

Sands said the proposal is dead on arrival, but it gives the two cities a starting point.

Records show that 26.66 percent of calls to which Grand Coulee police respond come from Electric City.

Hunt stated that he had dispatch supply this information, but other than that he hadn't seen any of the numbers used in the proposal.

"The number of calls we make in Electric City will continue to go up since the city has annexed new land," Christopherson stated.

Town to pay unbilled BPA charges

by Roger S. Lucas

The federal corporation that sells the town of Coulee Dam its electricity underbilled the town in the past and now wants the municipal utility to pay up.

Coulee Dam's town council approved a plan Wednesday to pay Bonneville Power Administration for "undercharging" for electric power over the past few years.

Mayor Greg Wilder asked the council for its agreement for him to sign off on paying the BPA back some \$47,000 for undercharging since 2012 for providing electricity to the town. He said that the two parties had agreed to pay the amount off in three monthly payments.

The undercharging was discovered early this year and the town has been negotiating a solution

for the past few months.

The town will get 90 days to cover the undercharging amount. Town Clerk/Treasurer Stefanie Bowden told the council that she thought the amount could be paid back through the town's regular cash flow and that it wouldn't be necessary to do a budget amendment for the money.

Wilder said the agreement calls for the town to pay BPA back within 90 days and no interest will be charged.

One person in the audience asked Wilder if anything was being done to get BPA to modernize its electric delivery system.

Public works director Barry Peacock stated that there were discussions going on about that.

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OPINION

Our take on the news

Apparently, the mayor of Grand Coulee does not want his police department serving Electric City. That seems the most reasonable way to interpret his proposed tripling of the cost Grand Coulee charges Electric City for answering calls to Electric City. Why this might be is a matter for speculation.

On a more hopeful note, the same two cities will explore the possibility of effectively completing a nearly community-wide walking trail. Crossing the causeway and joining Electric City and Grand Coulee with a pedestrian pathway would enhance local life, make it safer and add an amenity that would be valued by anyone who might be considering a move here. In short, it would be a good investment. Let's

hope a way can be found to accomplish it.

Local climate signs indicate the fire season could be a bad one. We can never know, of course, until it either rains a lot or it doesn't. But it's unlikely we'll get the amount of rain it would take to keep local tinder tender. Let's be careful of sparks.

With plenty to do this weekend — Kids Fest, Cruizers' car show, Lions barbecue and Saturday Market, let's have some fun.

*Scott Hunter
editor and publisher*

Letters from our readers

Re: "Large crowd shows up for ambulance issue"

I wanted to just say a couple things about the article in today's paper regarding this subject. First, I was at that meeting also. It states in the article that it all started over an inspection by state DOH at the request of Mayor Wilder. I have to disagree with that. That is when Mayor Wilder had to make it public information. It also states that he requested the inspection because of a couple complaints. I don't think those complaints had anything to do with the state of the ambulance but were rather more fuel for the complainant's fire. True or not, I

personally believe this is a witch hunt that is dividing our community. There are underlying issues that the public cannot be made aware of because of an investigation.

Secondly, I do remember the questions Gina Seaver asked about the names being published in the paper. I agree with her that this could have been handled differently. If there is an investigation that these people are involved in, then why are their names able to be made public but not that of the complainant? I know the complainant cannot be identified

because they are being protected from retaliation. But what about the retaliation the others could face because people do not know the full story or reason for the actions they have taken? Gina, however, did not ask Mayor Wilder if he used their names to get back at the named individuals. Gina was appropriate and polite in the way she addressed the matter with the questions she asked.

**April Smith
Coulee Dam**

Grand Coulee Class of 1964 planning "Tigers"- 50th Reunion

The GC Class of 1964 Tigers committee is making plans for our blue and white 50th Reunion, August 1-3.

Classmates are coming from Wyoming, Las Vegas, Idaho, Spokane, coast, etc.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone for this historic milestone in our lives. We graduated 33, and our bond is strong!

Friday, Aug. 1, plans pending, but hope to tour the new

school and get a group photo at our old school, social hour and activities as new Laser Light Show, etc.

Saturday, August 2 is backyard BBQ at the home of Susan Fahr Miller in Electric City, starting at noon with sign-in. It will be a day of catching up, 50s music, flip flops, hula hoops, Elvis and more!

Classmates that have passed away will be remembered by letting balloons go with their names.

Later in afternoon, friends, teachers that would like to stop and say Hi, please do.

Sunday, Aug. 3, we'll gather for breakfast before we say good-bye and plan our next reunion!

See you all soon and have safe travels, don't forget your camera!

For more information, contact Susan Miller, 509-633-2364; couleesue64@yahoo.com.

Why do we take flowers to the cemetery on Memorial Day weekend?

My answers to this question is the same as why I take flowers to the cemetery anytime: To show respect to a loved one that has passed away (not limited to family members).

Memorial Day was designated to show respect for those that have served our country "Veterans." But it is a good day to give flowers to all friends and loved ones that have passed.

Many of us take flowers more than once a year. I don't like the term "graves," but some spots at cemeteries have flowers of some kind year round.

Each cemetery has its own rules. Often times the cemetery is visited and nothing is left but maybe kind thoughts, a few words and very possibly tears. For what ever reason it is very personal and should be respected.

Right here at Spring Canyon

Cemetery, I have taken flowers to a friend and had them taken or moved to another person's "grave" or spot two different years.

Really, people? I don't understand.

They were the first and only flowers there when I put them there. I watered them daily and they were pretty, not wilted.

The Veterans placed the flag. Across from the flag I put flowers. I put a yard light next to the flag for the weekend.

My flowers were moved to a different row and other person (not by a cemetery grounds keeper) and eventually taken from Spring Canyon.

This year the person that moved my flowers told me they moved them and gave me "permission" to move them back after the flag dedication ceremony! So this was purely for show for her!

I try not to let this person see my pain, but I can't believe she did this. I didn't have much to say because I was shocked. Really?

By the way, the flag and my flowers were at the base of the stone for a reason. There is a big blue sign at the front of the cemetery. I invite you and anyone entering Spring Canyon Cemetery to read it!

(You moved my flowers from the base of the stone and put your flowers in the ground at the top of the stone!) Nothing is to be poked or driven into the ground at the top of the headstones. The underground sprinklers water pipe is up there. It damages the sprinkler system that keeps Spring Canyon Cemetery Green.

Holly Allen

Trophies, friends and unicorns

It was another whirlwind weekend of projects, friends and graduation celebrations. As we visited with friends and people we call family these last few days, some things came to light, and smiles settled in to our faces that will be there for awhile. So travel with us ...

Friday night a neon, rainbow colored unicorn named Humphrey slipped into our lives again (an obvious mystery person). We reminisced and laughed hard about the adventures and memories of this mythical creature and will cherish this night for awhile.

Our friends from Hawaii also stopped in this week ... dinner and smiles and great memories were told. It is just good to have such good friends. Hugs and smiles for Letha, Monte and Kili. Aloha.

As many of you know or might not know we have made the trophies for many events over the last few years and we closed the doors to the business in February. But due to a very special lady we continued to do the trophies for LR and GCDMS through this year.

So I found myself doing our very last awards this week for graduation and a bittersweet nostalgia settled in my mind. Chyenne Kelly-Marconi's trophy will be my last, a person that has had great accomplishments in her school career and with no doubt will do big things in her future. A Gates Scholarship winner, valedictorian and track star, she's destined to succeed in what ever she does. Although I have never met her officially, she will be etched in

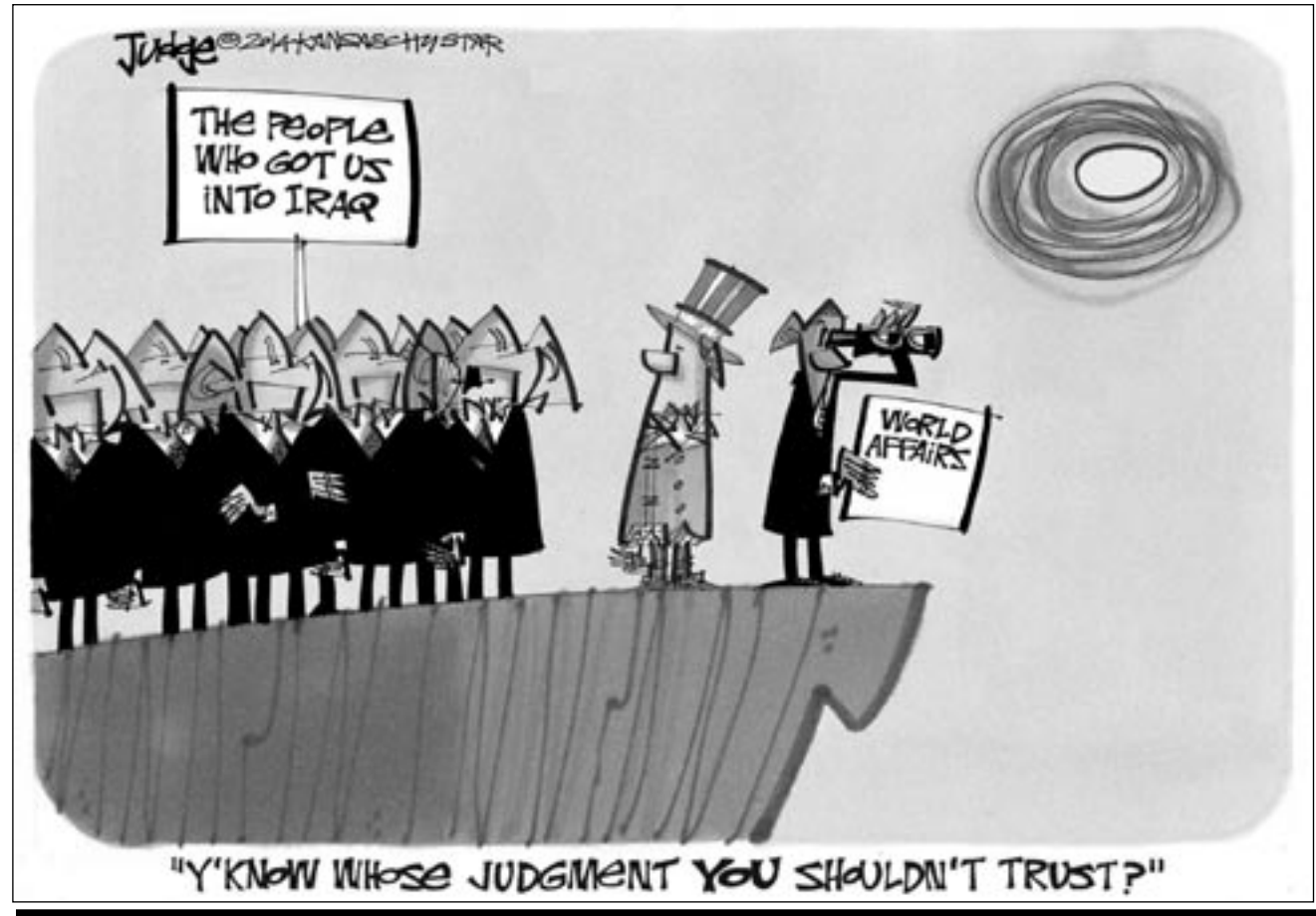
my mind like the hundreds of others I have created a shiny tag for, and be part of a legacy of great individuals and star performers that will dance in my head as a trophy. Congrats to all 2014 grads, and good luck on a promising future.

After graduation we made the trek to many a party and hugged the brand new adults and their parents. As we traveled from event to event, it became apparent that although we all come from different families and have had life experiences so far, there is one big thing we all have in common: family and loving support.

That was the overwhelming feeling surrounding the four graduates with whom we celebrated. Friedlanders, Carrieres, Hughes and Horns all have that. Even though they all came together differently and celebrated in their own special way, it was apparent that family was first and foremost in all the grads' lives and they were supported all through and will continue to be in their future lives. Where ever it takes them. Although we could not make it to all the celebrations we were invited to we had you on our minds and we will make it up to you (Kassadi).

It was an amazing week to be a part of, and Karrie and I are honored to be apart of all of your lives. Whether you're an award winner we have never met or a graduate that we hugged and smiled with, or a friend sharing a meal or a unicorn named

Humphrey, we love you all. One more thing, I know I said I would not write about you, but Bubba has some pretty good dance moves. I'm just saying.



Coulee Recollections

10 Years Ago

Two females sustained injuries Sunday when a rifle that a boy was putting away in his truck accidentally went off. The bullet grazed one female on the arm and hit the other in the shoulder. They both were treated at Coulee Community Hospital and an investigation into the incident is underway by Colville Tribal Police.

Charles Toulou, Charles Bart, Leonard Holt and Eddie Covington all received their honorary LRHS Diplomas Saturday, along with the 43 graduates of Lake Roosevelt. All four were WWII veterans whose education was interrupted by the war.

20 Years Ago

The top Scholarship winners at this year's LRHS graduation were: Greg Evans who took three scholarships totaling \$18,440; next was Sarah Lockenvitz who received a total of 13 scholar-

ships totaling \$15,650, the third highest was Reymundo Diaz receiving two scholarships totaling \$11,500. The whole class received over \$70,000 in scholarships and grants.

30 Years Ago

In the late hours of May 30th a fire broke out in the home of Phil Griese. His two sons, Luke and Matt, were home and in bed. Phil was asleep on the couch but was awoken by the thick smoke. Phil and Luke made it outside but Matt did not. Phil returned to the room of his son and found him under his bed and took him outside to safety. When newly hired Officer John Tuffs arrived he started CPR on the 11 year old, Matt, and revived him.

40 Years Ago

Congressman Tom Foley stopped in briefly at the Third Power House construction site

Saturday and was given a tour of the project. Foley viewed the fabrication of the 550 ton turbine wheels and scroll case installations in the turbine pits.

50 Years Ago

Mrs. Gary Akers watched Lloyd Olbricht, installer and repairman for Pacific Northwest Bell, install her new pink telephone this week.

60 Years Ago

The Chief of Police, Dick Nicole had his car stolen Wednesday night while he was in the Roosevelt Theater. The police car was stolen by a man from Toppenish, Wasj/, but he did not get very far. The reason. Dutch. The police chiefs very large canine friend was in the back seat and apparently not very happy with the car thief. The man was booked into city jail and was given five days hard labor by the judge. Dutch was named honorary Police Chief.



Fifty Years Ago

The Grand Coulee High School of 1964 includes from left – bottom row: Pat McClain, Echo Sharr, Dave Jurgensen. Don Cooper, Susan Fahr, Bucky Hart, Lance Orr, Diana Allen; second row – Don Kirkpatrick, Matt Ailing, Cheri Tallent, Larry Thomas, Janice Klobucher, LeRoy Simpson, Linda Mettling, Rob Wilson; third row: Sheila Auby, Ray Noggles, Bobby Nolan, Ron Pachosa, Denise Perkins, Cheri Childs; fourth row: Terry Weitzel, Carol Bise, Benny Horton, Pat Perkins; top row – Sandi Mattson, Steve Sutton, Carolyn Henke, Robert Grosso, Charles Seaton, Linda Gordon, Lad Kohout.

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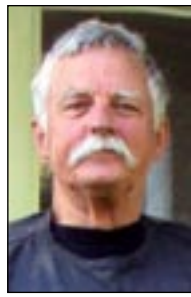
Frank Ward passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at the age of 72.

Frank was born in Delano, Calif., in 1941 and lived many places until moving to Coulee Dam in 2001, where he especially enjoyed gardening and hiking.

Frank is survived by his wife Gayle; son Frank and daughters Phoebe and Heidi.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday, June 14, starting at 2 p.m., at the home of David and Bonnie Schmidt, 209 Columbia in Coulee Dam, Wash.

Please join us in a celebration of Frank's life.



Katherin Anna (Sherling, Sutton) Tracy

Katherin Anna (Sherling, Sutton) Tracy peacefully passed on Friday, May 30, 2014, at North Valley Extended Care in Tonasket.

Katherin was born in Oroville, Washington on July 10, 1919, to Ernest and Emma Sherling of Molson. It was in the Highlands that Kay spent her younger years and started school at Lone Star on Mary Ann Creek, traveling to and from by horseback. By third grade the Sherling family moved into Molson to be closer to school. During the Depression the family moved to the valley for work, living in Mallot, then to Omak where Kay attended high school and graduated in 1938, receiving the Honorable Citizenship Award.

At the age of six, her father purchased an upright piano for Kay and her mother taught her the basics...the rest is history. She played for income, dances, programs, weddings, funerals, enjoyment for others and pleasure, playing until a stroke ended it at 94 years old. Music was a BIG part of her life.

After graduation Kay married Bill Sutton on December 26, 1938, in Omak. They lived there until after Sharron was born in December of 1939. After moving to the Molson area to farm with family, Michael Dean was born in January of 1943. Relocating to Chesaw, another son, Steve, was born in 1945. Soon they moved to Dwinell Orchards near Oroville and Danny Lee came along in 1947.

Then it was again to Chesaw where she and Bill had a small dairy, soon back to Oroville. Kay went to work full time, from restaurant work, clerking, thinning/picking and sorting apples, and her favorite was a day care business. With the four children, she and Bill moved to Almira in 1954. The opportunity to run a small café was available and with that experience she moved on to be a cook at the Almira Hotel. Almira was good to her family because there was always work for her and all of the kids.

Another move...this time Grand Coulee, where all three boys would graduate from GCHS.

Robert Kistler Rowe

Robert Kistler Rowe passed away May 29, 2014.

A celebration of Robert's life will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday June 14, 2014 at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Grand Coulee, with a graveside service at Spring Canyon Cemetery to follow.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his memory to the Spokane Shriners Hospital for children. El Katif Shriners 1108 W. Riverside Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

There is a \$50 charge for obituaries published in the Star. This includes a photo and up to 500 words. Reminders for Celebrations of Life and Death Notices are \$25. Articles must be either e-mailed, faxed or dropped off at the Star office. They will not be accepted over the phone. The deadline to submit an article is Monday by 5 p.m. For more information, call 509.633.1350 or go to our website at www.grandcoulee.com



Now that the family was raised she could pursue her dream of becoming a teacher. At age 47 she started college, earned her BA in

Education at 50 and taught fourth grade in Oroville for 10 years. Next to the joy of her own children were those in her classroom. She was respected, competent, caring, and happy in her vocation. Education was vitally important to her and desired for her children.

During her teaching years she designed and helped build a cozy log house with the help of her family. Through necessity, she accomplished many skills and always looked at the positive side. Her homes though sometimes humble were always inviting and open to many; friends, family, or those in need.

Following retirement Katherin married Glenn Tracy Jr. in 1979 and again she moved many more times first following his employment and then for pleasure, for coast to coast and Alaska. Kay loved flying and enjoyed two trips to Germany and other European countries. Eventually they returned to settle near Oroville and started skiing at age 65. Excitement of the first heavy snowfall brought them to the slopes. It soon became their passion and for many years they enjoyed it.

After Tracy passed she moved to Tonasket and lived at the North Valley Assisted Living for 10 years where the residents and staff became an important part of her life.

Kay is survived by her daughter, Sharron (Gerald) Cox of Tonasket; son Steve (Marsha) Sutton of Soap Lake; step-sister Darlene (Hank) Allen of Oroville; step-son Jeff Tracy of Petersburg, AK; five grandchildren, one great grandson, three step-grandchildren, plus nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by husbands Wesley (Bill) Sutton and Glenn Tracy Jr.; sons Michael Dean and Danny Lee Sutton; grandson Michael Sutton Jr.

Memorial Services for Katherin Tracy will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 14, 2014, at the Oroville High School Commons with a luncheon to follow at the Molson Grange.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Oroville Scholarship Foundation or the Molson Museum.

Hicks named employee of year

Sommer Hicks was named Coulee Medical Center's employee of the year.

Hicks, an executive assistant to Administration & Patient Care Services, has been with CMC since 2004. She was presented the award at CMC's Employee Appreciation Dinner May 21 by her daughter, Mariah.

Hicks is known around CMC for "always having a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone," the hospital's employee newsletter stated. "She embodies professionalism and teamwork in everything she does."



Meetings and Notices

CHAMBER TO MEET

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday, June 12, at Pepper Jack's in Grand Coulee at noon.

GCD EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The Grand Coulee Dam Employees Association will hold its June meeting Wednesday, June 11 (tonight) at 5:30 p.m., at the Siam Palace in Grand Coulee.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER AVAILABLE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints invites all who desire to utilize the Family History Center in the Coulee Dam Chapel, located at 806 Spruce Street in Coulee Dam. The center is now open each Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. The family history centers are free and open to the public and staffed by knowledgeable volunteers. Each facility offers both novices and experienced family historians the tools and resources to learn about their ancestors.

RELAY FOR LIFE IN MOSES LAKE

Moses Lake's 26th annual Relay for Life will be held Fri. and Sat., June 13 and 14 at the Grant County Fairgrounds. "Coloring A Path To A Cure" is the theme this year. Survivor registration starts at 4:30 p.m. on Friday with opening ceremonies at 6, luminary ceremony at 10:30 and the closing ceremony at 10 a.m. on the 14.

For more information contact Josie Ritter, event chair 509.989.6286.

TOPS MEETINGS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 1524 meets on Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. at Grand Coulee Senior Center prior to the exercise group gathering at 10 a.m. Come and join for the health of it.

A morning chapter TOPS #WA1554 meets Wednesday mornings with weigh-in at 7:45 a.m., and a meeting at 8 a.m. It will also be held at the Coulee Dam Community Church-Presbyterian.

OES TO MEET

Order of Eastern Star will hold its June meeting on Thursday, June 12. Father's Day will be honored. There will be balloting, it will be in long form and dress of choice. Refreshments and birthday cake will be provided by Alisa Thomason.

CARE AND SHARE FOOD BANK OPEN

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

LOCAL AA MEETINGS

Confused in the Coulee AA meetings are held on Monday at 7 p.m., Friday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m.. at the Vets Center in Electric City. Call Paul 633-3377 days or 633-3345 evenings. New Hope Group meetings are held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Vets Center. For more information call John 633-2448. These are open and non-smoking.

New Arrivals

It's a girl for Whalawitsa/Beeson

DeeAnna Whalawitsa and Darrell Beeson of Nespelem are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Caroline Dellinn Beeson, born Friday, May 30, 2014, at Coulee Medical Center in Grand Coulee. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz., and was 18 inches in length at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Lewis and Delores Whalawitsa of Nespelem. Paternal grandparents are Al and Linn Beeson of Grass Valley, Calif.

Adams/Jenkins have a girl

Michael Adams and Sarah Jenkins are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Avery Irene Adams born on D-Day, Friday, June 6, 2014, at Valley Hospital in Spokane Valley, Wash. She weighed 8 lbs., 13 oz., and was 21 inches in length at birth.

Big brothers include Landon Jenkins and Keaton Adams. Grandparents include Robert and Janet Valen and Mick Adams.



A boy for the Rosses

Jennifer and Marion Ross of Keller are proud to announce the birth of their son Marion Lewis Ross Jr., on Friday, May 30, 2014, at Coulee Medical Center in Grand Coulee. He weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz., and was 20 inches in length at birth.

Siblings include Joshua Morning Owl 10, and Julian Ross 5. Maternal grandparents are Don and Diana Aiken. Paternal grandparents are Wade Ross and Yvonne Aubertin. Great-grandparents are Mary and Jerry Ross.

Grant PUD

COST OF SERVICE STUDY WORKSHOP

Grant PUD will hold a public workshop to cover the Revenue Requirement portion of its Cost of Service Study. The Cost of Service Study will assist with Grant PUD's rate-design process.

Monday, June 23, 9 a.m. in Ephrata Headquarters Commission Room, 30 C Street SW.

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LRHS scientists at WSU

Students from Lake Roosevelt High School attended the Imagine Tomorrow three-state high school competition at Washington State University May 30-31. "The team did not win an award this year but had a wonderful presentation and display," said LR science teacher Ralph Rise, advisor to the after-school team that took part in the alternative-energy competition. Their project involved using

wireless remote environmental sensors that report data back to the school using ham radio frequencies. Picture back to front are Hunter Chapman, Brady Black, a judge, Jordan Charles, and Corban Wilder. "We will be back next year so stay tuned," Rise said. — Frank Ayers photo

Awards

Continued from front page

Silver Athletic Awards. Students earned 7 to 9 Raider Varsity letters or medaled as an individual at state.
 Mary Ann Matheson 7 Varsity letters; Brandon Desautel 8 Varsity letters; Alexia Hanway 8 Varsity letters; Brandin Smith 8 Varsity letters; Mikel Friedlander 9 Varsity letters

Gold Athletic Awards. Students either earned 10 to 12 Raider Varsity letters, were recognized as an All-American athlete, or an individual state champions or recognized as all-state first team.
 Kodie Horn, State Champion in Wrestling- 145 lbs.; Keya Fashorse 10 Varsity Letters

Central Washington B League Senior Scholar Athlete Award Recipients.
 Students earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above.
 Madisyn Byam, Daniel Campobasso, Brandon Desautel, Mikel Friedlander, Chynne Kelly-Marconi, Mary Ann Matheson, Dariane Seyler, Brandin Smith

Trio Upward Bound Students.
 Chynne Kelly-Marconi, Mary Ann Matheson, Brandin Smith

National Honor Society Members.
 Madisyn Byam, Daniel Campobasso, Brandon Desautel, Mikel Friedlander, Chynne Kelly-Marconi, Mary Ann Matheson, Dariane Seyler, Brandin Smith

Air Force Recruiting Service Mathematics and Science Award
 Daniel Campobasso, Chynne Kelly-Marconi

Support Staff Person of the Year Award
 Cathy Krohn

Teacher of the Year Award
 Gretchen Antoine

LRHS Citizenship Award
 Tyler Agosto, Kassadi Boutain

Lake Roosevelt High School All-Around Athlete of the Year Award
 Chynne Kelly-Marconi

Mason City High School Alumni Awards
 Academic Excellence - Chynne Kelly-Marconi & Daniel Campobasso
 Athletic Excellence - Kodie Horn & Kassadi Boutain

John Phillip Sousa Award - Daniel Campobasso

The Raider of the Year Award - Mikel Friedlander

Following is a listing of Scholarships Awarded to the 2014 LRHS Graduates

Grand Coulee Volunteer Fire Dept. Sportsmanship Award \$100 - Holly Jo Carriere

Grand Coulee Volunteer Fire Dept. Sportsmanship Award \$100
 Troy Bierman Memorial Award \$100
 Total: \$200 - Kodie Horn

Grand Coulee Dam PSE Scholarship \$250 - Brandon Desautel

Grand Coulee Alumni Scholarship \$500 - Nicole Baker

Grand Coulee Volunteer Fire Dept. Citizenship Award \$100



Grand Coulee Alumni Scholarship \$500
 Total: \$600 - Dariane Seyler

Nespelem Grange Scholarship \$400
Nespelem P.S.E. Scholarship \$500
 Total: \$900 - Keya Fashorse

Grand Coulee Volunteer Fire Dept. Sportsmanship Award \$100
 Flo's Cafe Scholarship \$200
 Gailord and Jean Nelson Scholarship \$500
 Grand Coulee Alumni Scholarship \$500
 Carl Carlson Memorial Scholarship \$1000
 Rotary Scholarship \$2000
 Total: \$4,300.00 - Kassadi Boutain

Electric City Fire Dept. Scholarship \$100
PEO Scholarship \$500
Grand Coulee Moose Lodge Scholarship \$500
Carl Carlson Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Grand Coulee Dam Lions Club Scholarship \$1,000
Grand Coulee Dam Education Association Scholarship \$1,000
Grange Insurance Scholarship \$1,500
 Total: \$5,600 - Madisyn Byam

Grand Coulee Dam PSE Scholarship \$250
Gailord and Jean Nelson Scholarship \$500
Kiwanis Scholarship \$500
Steve Breeze Memorial Scholarship \$600
Rotary Scholarship \$2,000
Edward and Vieno Nansen Scholarship \$2,252.20
 Total: \$6,102.20 - Mikel Friedlander

Washington State University Opportunity Scholarship \$10,000
 Natasha French

Opal Smith Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Cougar Commitment Scholarship \$45,584
 Total: \$46,584 - Mary Ann Matheson

Visit Washington State University Scholarship \$4,000
GATES Millennium Scholarship \$106,800
 Total: \$110,800 - Chynne Kelly-Marconi

Steve Breeze Memorial Scholarship \$600
Gonzaga Academic Scholarship \$26,000
GATES Millennium Scholarship \$164,000
 Total: \$190,600 - Daniel Campobasso

Pride Foundation Scholarship \$5,000
Whitworth Academic Scholarship \$50,000
GATES Millennium Scholarship \$136,632
 Total: \$191,632 - Brandin Smith

Fire season starts

by Scott Hunter

Firefighters from the Mt. Tolman Fire Center on the Colville Reservation battle a blaze last week that consumed some 700 acres of brush and grass.

Fire Management Officer Ike Cawston said they're still patrolling the area to watch for hot spots.

The fire, which burned near Belvedere and along the Columbia River, was reported Wednesday at 8:25 p.m. It burned mostly in grass and sage, but structure protection was called in for the Belvedere area. No structures

Bar owner claims police harassment

by Roger S. Lucas

The owner of Wolf's Den bar complained to the Grand Coulee City Council last Tuesday night that he is being harassed by police for loud music at his Main Street bar.

Ted Wolf told the council that police officer Sean Cook had given his bartender a \$250 citation May 30, after responding to two complaints that the music at the bar was too loud.

He said that he was going to pay the citation because the bartender couldn't afford it.

Cook had responded to two complaints, one right after the other, by Rick Bako, who lives on Federal Avenue.

Cook's report stated that he could hear the loud music from 500 feet away when he stepped out of the police department door during the response.

Bako's first complaint came in at 11:45 p.m. and the second complaint was at 12:10 a.m. He told police that the loud music was

were lost.

Earlier the same day, an unrelated fire started near Omak and another near Bridgeport, Cawston said. "We were pretty busy."

Cawston said the fire season was predicted to be about five weeks early, based on data collected from several regional remote weather stations. But he noted "SNOTEL" stations in other areas recorded snopack at normal levels, while the lone station on the reservation was "nowhere near that."

He said Mt. Tolman, currently with a staff of about 44, is "definitely poised for a fairly active fire season."

10th Annual Koulee Kids Fest
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Get your passport stamped at six venues and bring it to the Grand Gallery Theatre on Main Street at 3 pm for the drawing and free magic show. Dick Frost will entertain you with his free magic show beginning at 3 pm.

FEA scholarships awarded

The Grand Coulee Dam Federal Employees Association is proud to announce the recipients of their 2014 scholarships. Applicants must be a relative of a two year paid up member of the association and have submitted an application and be accepted at a college or technical school.

The association decided to award four scholarships this year and the winners are Kaydi Scott attending Spokane Falls Community College to start earning a teaching degree, Alyissa Canady attending the Pharmacy School at the University of Montana, Paige Webley attending the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Carrie Crosby attending the Dental Hygiene program at Eastern Washington University.

The Grand Coulee Dam Federal Employees Association is proud to be a part of these young peoples education.

Students named in WSU honor roll

Eight students from the local area have made the President's Honor Roll at Washington State University for the spring semester.

On the list from:

- Coulee Dam: Taima Nichole Carden and Amy Marie Parker;
- Keller: Spencer William Nee;
- Almira: Haley Marie Bodeau, Danielle Marie Larson and Miranda Leigh Porterfield;
- Coulee City: Allison J. Fox and Madeline Corinne Isaak.

The list recognizes students who stand above the rest with excellent academic performance, WSU stated in its announcement. To be eligible for the honor roll, undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of nine graded hours in a single term at WSU and earn a grade point average of 3.75 or earn a 3.50 cumulative GPA based on 15 cumulative hours of graded work.

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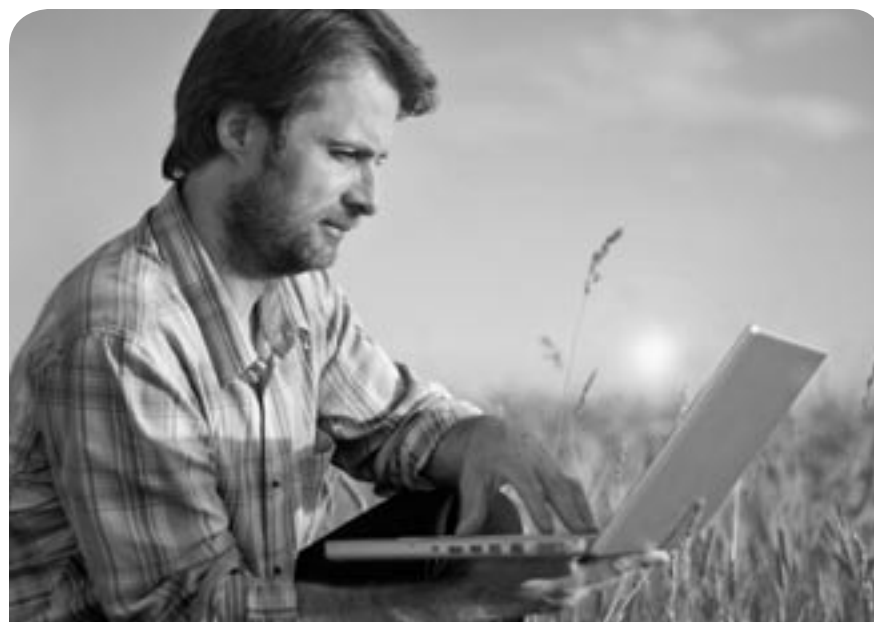
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#127 Silver Drive, Electric City. Looking for a larger 3 Bedroom home and just haven't found the one? We think you will like all the amenities this property has to offer. Built in 1979, home has 3 Bedrooms and 1 3/4 baths, including master bath. There is hardwood flooring in part of the home, plus tile & carpeting. The home has Central H & Air Conditioning, Vinyl lap siding, a wood fireplace with insert, and a newer dimensional composition roof. The property is appr. 17,500 s.f. in size and has a very large fenced backyard, with an above ground lap pool, a few cherry trees, and an in ground auto sprinkler system. **List price is just \$234,900.**

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602 Spruce Street, Coulee Dam

602 Spruce Street, Coulee Dam. 3 Bedroom home with 940 sf up and 940 s.f. downstairs. Home has had a number of updates. It has vinyl lap siding, copper plumbing, Fireplace upstairs and wood stove downstairs. Family Room and two bathrooms. Large patio in the back with RV hooksups and a hot tub hut. The property is appr. 125.5 feet wide by 77.5 feet deep, or appr. 9,725 s.f. all together. There is a detached garage/shop that is 24' by 36' and there is lots of off street parking. **List Price is just \$119,500**

118 W Kelso Ave, Electric City. Striking 2 bedroom home just minutes from Banks Lake. Home has appr. 1,550 s.f., and a number of nice features. Home has built in sauna, large hot tub, oak hardwood flooring & tile flooring on the main floor. The living room has vaulted ceilings and large woodstove insert with custom rock work. The kitchen has oak cabinets and tile counters with all appliances included. The property is a corner lot and is appr. 65' by 144', so there is lots of off street parking and room to build a garage. Nicely landscaped and lots of custom fencing work done. **List Price is just \$129,500.**

58110 View Place NE Grand Coulee. Home is approximately 1340 s.f. in size and was built back in 1937. The property is approximately 1/2 of an acre in size all together and has a big area for a garden. The shop is appr. 24' by 40' or 960 s.f. in size and has separate electrical service and 10 foot sidewalls. The home has 1 bedroom and another room that could be used as a bedroom. There are 2 bathrooms. The home has T1-11 lap siding and stucco siding, woodstove, and electric bb heat and wall air conditioner. Cute kitchen that includes stove, ref, portable dishwasher. There is a screened in porch area, storage shed, and a fenced yard. **List price is just \$119,500**

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213 Electric Place, Electric City. Here is a 3 Bedroom - 2 bath manufactured home on a corner lot in Electric City. Home is appr 1,050 square feet in size and has nice sized living room with vaulted Ceilings. It also has Central Heat & Air Conditioning, metal siding and metal roof. There is a roomy fenced yard area and composite deck with awning for relaxing during spring, summer or fall. Detached garage/shop is almost 700 s.f. and there is lots of off street parking. Property is approximately 9,900 square feet in size. **List price is \$84,900.**

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Recreation Dist. #2 (Almira Community Center). Applications are available at City Hall, 19 N 3rd St 509.639.2601. Questions concerning the applications may be directed to Cameron Carstensen at 509.641.1900.

This roster will be effective until June 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

Cameron Carstensen
Parks & Recreation District #2
(Publish June 4 and 11, 2014)

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2014-2015 Budget Proposal & Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Nespelem School District #14, Okanogan County, Washington, will meet on June 23, 2014, at 5:30 in the school staff room for the purpose of holding a public hearing for review and adoption of the 2014-2015 fiscal budget. Any taxpayer may appear at said meeting and

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Notice is hereby given that the Nespelem School District #14, Okanogan County, Washington will complete the budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015 and place it on file in the school district ad-

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John Adkins
Secretary to the Board
(Publish June 11 and 18, 2014)

On the lone prairie, getting the look just right

Previously, this column wandered along a trail on the lone prairie, searching for the new decorating sensation, the Prairie Look, including a drive by the wheat fields bordering highway 2 between Grand Coulee and Airway Heights. No prairie schooners were sighted, except for the old backboard wagon situated on the main street of Wilbur.

Somehow that wagon with the geese riding high on the seat didn't cut the mustard for getting the Prairie Look on. However, there was a modern-day prairie schooner sighting in Coulee Dam this past Saturday afternoon; a 1970s pickup with a matching canopy in a faded red color passed me by. What caught my eye was its front bumper, a half-round log, complete with bark, replacing the vehicle's metal bumper. Now, was that a make-shift prairie schooner or what?

We might get in the Prairie Look mood if we dressed the part for a day or two. Let's see now, to get the prairie garb look, we can buy or borrow leather, lace-up boots; cotton floor-length dresses, wearing another skirt or two underneath instead of petticoats; and a big hat of some sort - or we could forget the girlie clothes and borrow a man's long-sleeved shirt and big, bib overalls to complete the look. Best to skip dressing up unless it's Halloween!

We're way beyond wearing those uncomfortable get-ups, but if you take a gander at a few decorating mags or watch TV shows, you'll see that vintage clothing, from shoes to hats, are always in style, especially handmade children's clothes, plus rag dolls and quilts.

So, let's go for the Prairie Look, using what we can find around our own homes, first, and shopping on-the-cheap for vintage or faux-vintage items at yard and estate sales, and also, by looking for finds in thrift shops that abound in the towns and cities not too far from the Coulee. Ready to roll?

Get started, outside first, with a simple board wall unit for hanging plants or rusty things: find a couple of

old boards, almost any flat board will do because you can saw it to size, clean it up and paint it with white or a neutral prairie color, then wipe most of the paint off to give it that old patina, and hammer a few, preferably rusty, nails in the front, for hangers. Add your decorations, lean it up against a stationary wall (your house or an out building) and admire your handiwork. By-the-by, if you are artistic you could paint on an 1800s phrase, saying, or song title, near the top and/or bottom, or stencil on a design.

Here's a great outdoors decoration, seen on the side of a home off highway 155 in the town of Elmer City: a huge circular design (visible from the road) made of rusty barbed wire, twisted perfectly into a round orb or cyclone.

If you didn't hit the Coulee Yard Sale Circuit last weekend, you missed out on a downriver (Elmer City) yearly event, as good as it gets. Buyers were on site early, an hour before the advertised 8 a.m. start, with a shopper's gleam in their eyes and a chunk of change to spend. Evelyn and Karen pulled out all the stops, with all kinds of stuff for the home front, a great selection of ladies' jewelry, and home-grown plants. By 10 a.m. three waves had been there, snapping up the bargains and going home with their happy faces on. FYI: Waves are shopper stampedes in yard sale lingo.

Don't lose that Prairie Look thought. More on that later. Let's end on this: Saturday, June 14, is Flag Day so if you've got one, hang it out. Here's my flag story. A few years ago, at yet another yard sale, I found a brand new flag, folded up and still in its original box, imprinted with Made in America, 1970. The flyer included in the box said the flag had flown over the White House, so it was one of the flags, hundreds in a work day, that was run up a pole at the capital for the purpose of selling to the public. I paid a few bucks for that flag. It's still my number one yard sale find.

C'est La Vie
by Frankie Delano

Coulee Cops

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Grand Coulee Police

6/1 - While responding to a disturbance on Main Street, an officer found a person there wanted on a warrant. The man was arrested and taken to Grant County Jail.

- Police checked on a non-injury accident at Four Corners where drivers from Electric City and Tonasket ran into each other.

- An Electric City man known to have a warrant for his arrest was seen, arrested and taken to Grant County Jail.

6/2 - Police received a court order that allowed a man to take his belongings from a residence on Center Street. Police stood by as the man took his things from the house.

- A Soap Lake man who had parked his vehicle in a Bureau of Reclamation restricted area was asked to move his vehicle. He removed the vehicle after telling the officer that he was there responding to an emergency.

6/3 - An officer provided a back-up while tribal officers responded to and searched the Colville Tribal Museum after an alarm went off. Nothing was detected as unusual.

- Police responded to the Senior Manor where a man told the officer that another person living there had threatened him. The man who allegedly made the threat returned to the area, but fled when he saw the patrol car. No action was taken.

- A resident on Continental Heights said that someone had stolen about \$500 worth of tools from his storage locker in the basement. He told police that he hadn't been to the locker in about a month.

6/4 - Police picked up a stray dog between the post office and the former Sage Inn. The stray was taken to the veterinary clinic.

- Police checked on a report of an elderly man banging on doors of residences behind a church on Goodfellow in Electric City. Police stated that they couldn't locate an elderly man in the area.

6/5 - Police were directed to a residence on Stevens Avenue in Electric City where the reporting party said they'd heard a woman say, "Don't kill me." Police said everything was quiet but the officer did find a woman standing outside a house who said a gust of wind had blown her glasses off and that she was looking for them. The officer assisted in looking for the glasses but they were not located. The woman asked to be transported away from the residence and the officer drove her to another location in the city.

- Police decided that a repeated request by a man to have an officer check on his daughter was unfounded. A check was made and everything with the child was determined to be OK.

- A businessman told police that a person was passing second-party checks and that he would supply the checks and see if his in-store video system showed who was passing the checks.

- Police were called by Plant Protection in regard to kids climbing on the restrooms at the lower Visitor Center parking lot. An officer was advised by an adult that when they saw the kids up there they told them to get down. It

was reported that there were 20 or more kids in the park from a visiting school group.

6/6 - Police were called to do a welfare check by a man who wanted an officer to check on his daughter, who lives with her mother. The report stated that police feel the man is trying to use the police department to harass the mother. On several occasions police have checked on the daughter to find that nothing was wrong.

6/7 - Police were informed that a water main had broken near Crest and Hillcrest in Electric City. The city's crew was notified and police blocked off the street.

- A dog was chasing children riding their bikes on Burdin Boulevard. Police contacted a family member and they said they would get the dog.

- A man told police that he was the owner of a bag of computers recently found and reported. He identified the items in the bag and regained possession of them.

- A man on West Grand Coulee Avenue who was reported to have a mental health issue told police that he had a bad reaction to medication he was taking. The man agreed to see his doctor concerning the issue.

- A man requested a welfare check by Child Protective Services. They called police, who told CPS that it was the third welfare check requested by this person and that on the other occasions the check revealed that all was well with his daughter, who lives with the mother. CPS and police checked on the girl and found that everything was fine.

- Plant Protection advised police that a third party reported what they thought was an explosive device attached to the fence at Pole Park. The officer found a pest detector that had been placed on the fence by the Department of Agriculture.

- Plant Protection told police that there was a hole under the fence at the 230kV Switchyard.

The officer filled the hole back up and stated in his report that it was likely caused by an animal.

- Police checked on a report that a man was yelling at a woman in the laundry room at a place on Continental Heights. The man told police that it was the woman who was yelling and screaming. He was told to stay away from her.

6/8 - A woman in the Midway/Young Street area told police that a man walked by and started yelling at her and her family, so they yelled back at him. The police report stated that the man was too intoxicated to explain his behavior.

- A man was arrested and taken to Grant County Jail for burglary after, police stated, he entered the residence after the person who owned it had told him to go away. He said it was all

a misunderstanding, but ended up in jail anyway.

6/9 - A man at a house on 2nd Street NE, in Electric City, told police that his girlfriend was pounding on his door asking for her phone. He told police that he didn't have the phone. Police asked the woman and a man with her to leave the area and not talk to the man in the house.

Coulee Dam Police

5/25 - A woman on Yucca reported her 2002 Chrysler had been stolen. She told police that she had purchased the car in Spokane and that shortly after the transmission went out. She said the place where she purchased the vehicle said they would pay half the expense of a new transmission. She said that she and a man who co-signed on the car hadn't paid their half yet. The woman was in contact with the place where the car was purchased and they reported that they had not repossessed the car. A neighbor said he saw a white car near the driveway late at night and minutes later the car being driven away. The woman filled out a stolen car report.

- A woman on Crest Drive complained that barking dogs kept her awake at night. An officer spoke with the owner of the dogs and told him of the complaints and explained that the town ordinance didn't allow more than two dogs. He said he would try to keep the dogs from barking.

- Police were advised that two tribal officers were looking for a man on Aspen. When the officer found the tribal officers they advised him that they had their man in custody.

5/31 - A man who made an abrupt turn on to Pine Street was stopped by police, who learned that the man had several warrants out for his arrest. He was taken to Okanogan County Jail on the warrants.

6/1 - A man working on a vehicle in a garage on River Drive told police that a man had walked in the garage, pointed a gun at him and asked for the keys to his car. He gave him the keys and the man drove off. The victim told police that he looked around town and found the car on Camas Street. The key in his vehicle was still in the ignition switch, but his other keys were missing. He told police about the man with the gun and that the man had a girlfriend in Coulee Dam. Police were able to put together a compilation of mug shots and are looking for the owner of the car to see if he could identify the man with the gun.

6/2 - Police notified a resident on Central Drive that they were in violation of town ordinance and needed to clean their property up.

6/3 - An Electric City woman told police that she visited the Coulee Dam Casino and had left her checkbook and credit cards in the vehicle. She said she left the windows down because it was hot outside. When she returned to the vehicle the checkbook and credit cards were gone.

- A woman reported that there was a vehicle on Aspen Street that had a flat tire and the driver had been drinking. Police found the car at the Exxon Station with the driver inside. She said she had been drinking screwdrivers and that she wanted someone to fix her tire. She was given a courtesy ride to her residence in Grand Coulee and told to not drive the car herself.

6/5 - A homeowner on Walnut Street was advised that his property was in violation of the town's ordinance and he needed to clean it up.

- Police found a man who was passed out near Crest and Camas. The officer and a second officer who came to the scene tried to wake him. When they failed to so they called for an ambulance. There was an empty bottle of Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey and a second bottle half full nearby. The man finally woke up and became testy, ripping the watch off of one officer's hand. He was taken to Coulee Medical Center to see if he was able to be incarcerated, and the attending health professional said he was. He was taken to Okanogan County Jail facing charges of third-degree assault, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

6/6 - A woman who lives on Central Drive reported that she had heard around town that a man had stated he was going to assault her son, a minor. She said the man jumped out in front of her son's car and she was concerned about what the man might do.

- A man on Civic Way was advised that he was in violation of the town code because his property needed cleaning up, his dog was repeatedly barking and the place where the dog was kept was dirty. He was given time to clean up the mess.

Third consecutive May with little rain

The mean precipitation for May is 1.10 inches, and this year, like 2013 and 2012, we only received a portion of that.

We measured 0.63 inches here at the home weather station (compared to the same in 2013 and just 0.27 inches in 2012). The mean temperature was 60.0°F was 1.6°F higher than mean (all-time mean is 58.4°F). The high for the month was 84.7°F and the low was 38.0°F. The all-time high was 100°F back in 1986, and the all-time low was 21°F in 2002.

There has been discussion about El Nino developing, too. "The model predictions of ENSO (El Nino Southern Oscillation) for this summer and beyond are indicating an increased likelihood of El Niño compared with those from last month (April)," forecasters wrote in an online discussion at the Climate Prediction Center recently.

What that could mean for us in the Northwest, depending on the strength of the El Nino, is generally warmer and drier fall and winter with below-average mountain snowpack. Our snowpack arrived rather late this winter, if El Nino develops, we may not see a decent snowpack next winter. As always, time will help us with reality.

Now that we will likely witness clear sky for a while, let's take a

look at some astronomical events and the planets of our night sky. Five planets will be visible in our night sky in June. Mercury, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn are up at nightfall in early June. Another planet, Venus, will rise in the east as dawn approaches. Mercury is visible in the western sky just after sunset. Jupiter, Mars and Saturn all come into view just after sunset.

Mars and Saturn are visible in the southern sky while Jupiter is in the western sky. A full Moon occurs on June 13.

June 21 will mark Summer Solstice. Today, we don't see or hear of many events that celebrate the solstice. Historically, there were many events. Wikipedia states: "In many cultures, the solstices and equinoxes traditionally determine the midpoint of the seasons, which can be seen in the celebrations called midsummer and midwinter. The cumulative cooling and warming that result from the tilt of the planet become most pronounced after the solstices, leading to the more recent custom of using them to mark the beginning of summer and winter in most countries of Central and Northern Europe, as well as in Canada, the USA and New Zealand." After June 21, we will begin to lose daylight each day. So, enjoy these long days while you can.

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