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## Newsbriefs

### More management changes at CMC

Coulee Medical Center announced last week that three people will be leaving the management team.

Chief Human Resources Officer Julie Bjorklund, Dietary Manager Grace Heaton and Director of Continuous Improvement Melanie Neddo will all be leaving at the end of the month or early in July.

Bjorklund's work will be absorbed by other HR office staff, Interim Chief Executive Officer Debbie Bigelow said in CMC's email newsletter. And Chief Nursing Officer Ramona Hicks will inherit the administration of the dietary department and Neddo's risk management duties, she said.

### Tough competition in golf league

Jack's Four Corner Service golf team leads the Merchant League by the narrowest of margins. Jack's team led by four points in week five, and two points in week six, and after last week's play still leads the league over Oasis and DDDP by a single point.

### Finley gets appointment

The governor of Washington has appointed the freshly ousted chairman of the Colville Confederated Tribes to the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees.

Finley, a two-time chairman of the Colville Business Council, lost his Incheilium seat in the May primary.

He earned his bachelor of arts in American Indian studies (2003) and a master's degree in history (2005) from EWU, and has received numerous awards for his academic and professional achievements.

"Michael Finley will help the EWU Board of Trustees strengthen the university," said Gov. Jay Inslee. "He understands the importance of operating in a transparent, responsive and cost-efficient manner that will achieve results and benefit students."

### State says boat licenses expiring

The deadline for renewing boat and watercraft registration decals is right around the corner. All Washington state boat registrations expire on June 30. But due to budget cuts, the Department of Licensing discontinued paper renewal notices for boats in 2010. Renewals can be handled online at dol.wa.gov.

### Pathway possible

A proposal for a pathway starting at the south end of the causeway going through Grand Coulee has become a possibility. After a meeting of interested parties Monday, the possibility was disclosed of \$25,000 to \$40,000 in planning grants from Grant County and the Coulee Corridor Consortium.

### Mayors invest funds

The Regional Board of Mayors has invested \$600,000 in Time Investments which will earn some \$50,000 over a five-year term. The mayors heard a representative, Paul Jarvis, go over the details of the investment of surplus funds at the Transfer Station.

The Delano Regional Transfer Station is behind some \$9,699 in receipts over the same period of last year. To date in 2014, the transfer station has taken in \$38,666, compared to \$48,365, a year ago. Officials stated that the difference was in the transfer station receiving material from the demolition at the school district in 2013.



## Recruiting early

For the chamber of commerce's Koulee Kidsfest, Grand Coulee Volunteer Firefighter Charlie Pope helps an interested boy don the gear worn in a real fire. The event drew about 100 kids to the fire engine in North Dam Park, one of many activities kids could take part in around town. Some 200 jammed the Grand Gallery Theatre for a magic show and iPad giveaway at the end of the day. More photos of the event are online at grandcoulee.com. — Scott Hunter photo

## City moving forward with building size change proposal

### Input will still be sought

by Roger S. Lucas

Residents of Electric City will soon be able to comment on the size of accessory buildings.

The city council decided last week to move forward on a possible change in the comprehensive plan that would allow larger accessory buildings in the city.

Electric City has been under pressure for over a year to allow larger accessory buildings.

The city plans to soon send out surveys to all residents in the city to give them an opportunity to express their view of changing the comprehensive plan.

City Clerk Jackie Perman said the city has already spent about \$5,000 in planner fees and expects the cost to go up to \$15,000.

After the survey is returned, the city plans to have at least two public hearings on the matter before any decisions are made.

Currently, the comprehensive plan allows accessory buildings up to 850 square feet, but some residents are trying to get the city to change the limit to 2,000 square feet or larger, or up to 60 percent of their lot size. Mayor Jerry Sands has stated at various council meetings that he would be comfortable moving the size to 1,750 square feet.

Perman said that once the process begins, it could take up to six months to make a decision.

## Sign ups coming up for ranch rodeo

Those interested in being on a team have until June 23, to get their entries in for the Ridge Rider Ranch Rodeo set for Delano on June 28.

It's the second year for the Ridge Rider's new venture into

the Ranch Rodeo circuit.

The entry fee is \$200 for the team events, and \$75 for the bronc riding event.

Those competing are looking at \$500 added prize money for both the team rodeo event and

the bronc riding competition.

Information on the event can be obtained from Bubba Egbert, who is in charge of the event, at 631-4200.

Action begins at the rodeo arena in Delano at 7 p.m.

## Nespelem CBC elections close

by Roger S. Lucas

The polling results from last Saturday's Colville Business Council election are in, and absentee ballots will still be the deciding factor in several of the races.

In Nespelem District Position 1 race, incumbent Billy Nicholson trails his challenger, Amelia (Moses) Marchand, 106-100.

In Nespelem District Position 2, incumbent Nancy Cawston Johnson led challenger Harvey Moses, Jr., 108-97.

In Incheilium District Position 2, Marvin Joseph Kheel had a commanding lead over Yvonne Swan, 169-59.

In Incheilium District Position 1, incumbent Jim Boyd is leading challenger Gerald R. "Jerry" Signor, 126-99.

Joseph L. Somday, the incumbent in Keller District Position 1, had a wide lead over his opponent, Darlene Zacherle, 47-18.

Position 1 in the Omak District saw Edwin Marchand take a 112-87 lead ahead of John E. Gorr. And in the Omak Position 2 race, Duanne E. Hall, Sr., had a 105-95 lead over Michael E. Marchand.

Absentee ballots will be counted by Thursday. Winners in the general election take office in July.

## Two hurt in wreck

by Scott Hunter

Two south central Washington men were hurt when their car left the highway about 10 miles north of Coulee City early Sunday.

Driver Juan Ceja, 19, of Grandview, and passenger Francisco Cacaes Quetzeca, 25, of Sunnyside, were taken by ambulance to Coulee Medical Center.

The Washington State Patrol reported that their 1997 Toyota Camry, southbound on SR 155, left the roadway to the left on the northbound shoulder, coming to rest on its wheels about 40 feet of the road about 3:15 a.m.

The cause is under investigation.

## Old school facilities also to get upgrade

by Roger S. Lucas

The old school will match the new one, and upgrades to existing facilities will become a reality, for \$1.3 million.

With the district's three schools ready to merge into its into its new K-12 complex this fall, the Grand Coulee Dam School District board approved plans to use the district's construction contingency fund to do three projects on already existing facilities nearby.

Board members started the process of using some \$1.3 million to make outside changes to the old gymnasium, re-do the tennis courts and build a stairway from where the high school education wing is now down to the vocational buildings.

The biggest of the three projects will be finishing the roof and outside of the gym and admin-

istrative areas to match roofing and siding of the new complex.

The contingency fund was created at the beginning of the \$30 million project to deal with any emergencies that might come up during construction.

But the project has been so on-schedule that the board was able to free up the contingency funds for needed finish-up needs and looks.

The old gym, which will remain in service, has a such a poor roof that a volleyball game was once called for rain.

Now the old gym and administrative areas will have a matching look to the new building. A new gym, part of the overall plan, won't be built until additional funding is found, and current fund limits will not allow any interior work in the two areas.

The board also voted to com-

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## Negotiators meet on inter-city police contract

by Roger S. Lucas

Grand Coulee Councilmember David Taylor said that a meeting Thursday with two Electric City council members to discuss a new law enforcement contract went better than he expected.

Grand Coulee Mayor Chris Christopherson had stated before negotiations could be started that, "They need us, we don't need them."

"It was like throwing the gauntlet down," Taylor said.

Surprisingly, the meeting with John Nordine and Aaron Derr, the two Electric City council members on the negotiating team, went very well, he said.

"I got the impression that Electric City is agreeable to a raise in the contract rate, but not \$209,000," Taylor said.

The second member of Grand

Coulee's council team, Erin Neilson, did not attend the session, nor did either mayor.

Electric City now pays Grand Coulee \$75,166 for police protection, but a spreadsheet sent to city officials by Mayor Christopherson is asking for \$209,000, with increases each of the succeeding four years.

Police Chief Mel Hunt was bypassed in preparing the information.

"We don't understand where the mayor got his numbers, but I plan to ask him," Taylor stated.

Electric City Mayor Jerry Sands has said that the city expected to pay more when the new contract came up, but not 279 percent of the current one.

The two cities have not scheduled a second negotiating session.

## Adkins resigns head post at Nespelem school

by Scott Hunter

Nespelem School District is searching for a new principal and superintendent after accepting the resignation last week of John Adkins.

Adkins has held that office for five years. He has accepted the superintendent job at Wellpinit School District on the Spokane Indian Reservation, which serves about 500 students.

Nespelem, with about 150 students in preschool through eighth grade, is beginning a search for a candidate to fill the spot "with a strong likelihood of an interim superintendent/principal, according to Rich McBride, executive director of the North Central Educational Service District, which is helping in the search.

McBride attended a special meeting of Nespelem's school board Monday night. He said in addition to working with the ESD

on the search, the board will engage Educational Consultants of Spokane to help with background checks.

The more typical season for such searches is October through December, McBride noted, and the hiring of an interim would place Nespelem "at the front of the pack" in that upcoming season, giving the district time for a careful search.

Adkins said he will miss the Nespelem staff but not necessarily the principal role.

"After 22 years in administration, I'm looking forward to just being a superintendent," he said from his Nespelem office. "I'm certainly thankful for everything they've done for me here. I'm really going to miss the tremendous staff here."

One of his first tasks at Wellpinit will be to hire two new principals.



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# Classroom wing picked over in sale

by Roger S. Lucas

Buyers, many of them with lumps in their throats, flocked to Lake Roosevelt High School's classroom wing Friday and Saturday to pick up items that were on sale in the soon-to-be-demolished structure.

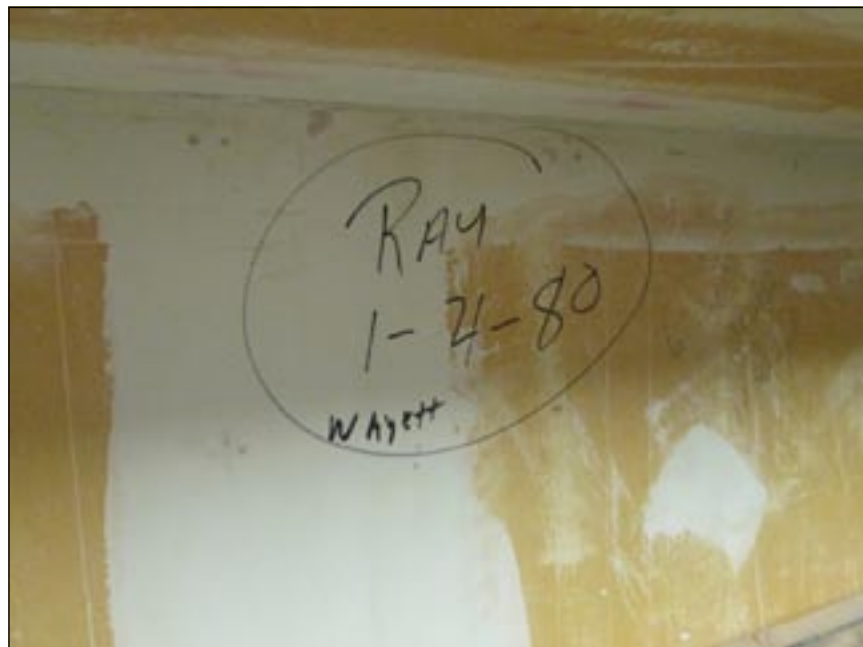
Many of those who showed up had been students at the school, and with a tear in the eye, scrambled through the rooms looking for just that right memento.

Some were there trying to purchase the locker that they had used. Unfortunately, the lockers came in rows of four, five, and more.

But people were busy prying sections of lockers from the wall, which will later probably turn up in garages and recreation rooms.

Workers found a special memento when they pried one section of lockers from the wall. There, written on the back wall was a name and date: "Ray, 1-4-80," a message left there by the late Ray Halsey after a remodeling project done while he was maintenance supervisor at the school. Halsey a 30-year-plus mayor of Electric City, died a few years ago.

There were piles of chairs on dollies, a woman carrying a flag from one of the rooms, and another



Workers found this inscription behind a row of student lockers after they were pried from the wall Friday. The late Ray Halsey left his mark on "1-4-80" after a remodeling project at Lake Roosevelt High School when Halsey was head of maintenance at the school. Everything in the education wing was on sale and many former students were on hand to get something to remind them of their days at Lake Roosevelt. — Roger S. Lucas photo

er with a pencil sharpener pried from one of the walls.

People were looking through outdated books, and carrying boards and light fixtures.

The school was good on its promise of "no reasonable offer refused."

The two-day sale will barely be over before a demolition company

will knock the structure down, but not before another company will take out all evidence of asbestos.

Gone will be the building, but memories will prevail for a good long time.

When it was all over, officials reported, the yard sale raised \$1,924, which will go into a new gym fund recently started.

# Upgrade

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pletely redo the district's tennis courts, a project that could total as much as \$250,000.

Superintendent Dennis Carlson said the current courts are so bad that they are barely playable, an issue that has been with the district for a number of years. Carlson said that the courts, when redone, will attract tennis players and will help the district's tennis program.

Lake Roosevelt High School tennis Coach Steve Archer was elated to hear that the tennis courts will be completely redone.

"Midway last year we decided that two of the four courts were unplayable, and we held part of our matches on the city's courts," Archer stated.

Archer had years before appeared before the school board asking that the courts be improved.

He said that many communities in the area have adult tennis clubs so those who came up through the high schools' tennis programs have the possibility to continue to play.

A third project will be a stairway from where the high school classroom area is located that will help students move down to the vocational area.

When demolition of the high school classroom wing is completed, estimated by July 1, some 8 feet of fill will be needed before the 60-foot long stairway can be built.

Carlson said that asbestos abatement in the classroom wing



Cracks in the tennis courts rendered two courts useless this year. will begin this week and take about two weeks to finish before demolition can begin. Carlson said the projects will

come under change order agreements with Walker Construction, the prime contractor for the overall project.

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# "Resource officer" in new school possible

by Roger S. Lucas

The Grand Coulee Dam School District is working with the town of Coulee Dam in an effort to get a police officer at the new school complex.

The "resource officer" would be part of the Coulee Dam police force and his or her assignment would be primarily to schools.

School district Superintendent Dennis Carlson stated that Coulee Dam will be seeking a grant that would provide 75 percent of the cost of the officer for the first three years, with the town picking up the other 25 percent of the cost.

Under the grant, the town would provide full funding for the officer the fourth year.

Lake Roosevelt High School had a resource officer for several years, but didn't seek continued funding after the term of that initial four-year grant.

Carlson stated that among the duties of a resource officer would be teaching about civics and law enforcement to some of the classes.

Police Chief Pat Collins said Monday that they are in the process of drawing up the conditions of the grant, and that after that is done the town plans to apply.

Mayor Greg Wilder said that the town has already received a pre-approval for the grant.

The funding for the grant would come from the U.S. Department of Justice, and could be available by the beginning of the new school year.

# City to hook water line to Sunbanks Resort

## Project helps prep for city expansion

by Roger S. Lucas

Work will begin June 23, on a water project that will enable Electric City to provide water service to Sunbanks Lake Resort.

The project will provide a 10-inch line from State Street to the entrance of Sunbanks, and then a six-inch line to service water needs within the park.

The work is being done now, in spite of it being the high point of the tourist season, because health officials will not allow "The Can-

tinina" restaurant at Sunbanks to operate until the water problem is solved.

At a pre-construction meeting early this past week, it was estimated that it will take four to six weeks to finish the work.

"It all depends upon what they find when they start digging," Electric City Mayor Jerry Sands stated.

The project is being paid for by the resort, with Electric City picking up the cost of enlarging the pipe from 6 inches to 10 inches on the 1,700-foot stretch. That cost was earlier estimated at about \$18,000.

When complete, it will give the city a 10-inch line to the

causeway, providing a substantial water line in the event the city expands its water service further south.

The contractor will dig the line just off the right side of the highway to the Sunbanks entrance and then on the left side of the pavement going into the resort.

There will be some cone work while digging is going on, but no real traffic revision, according to Sands.

The Electric City council approved the mayor signing the agreement with Sunbanks last April.

Sands said the overall cost of the project could be about \$300,000.

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# OPINION

## We shouldn't need to spend it, but we do

Spending more than a million dollars to reside and reroof old school buildings, construct staves and fix tennis courts shouldn't have to happen, but it's a good thing that it will.

Apparently, that's due to good stewardship of the construction process for the new K-12 school complex and some good timing and decent luck during the bidding phase.

Despite that good management, we should not lose sight of the fact that buildings and property deteriorate and will again require repairs. If that means a few more dollars from each of us per year to sock away, so be it. Or, if even that can't gird our schools against the onslaught of time, we'd better be planning to find ways to get more money from the federal government for these uniquely federally necessary-but-unsupported schools.

• We hope sanity prevails in police contract negotiations between Electric City and Grand Coulee, which recently proposed a 279-percent

increase in the amount it charges the former for police coverage.

• Citizens should make their expectations for the program known if Coulee Dam and Grand Coulee Dam School District manage to get funding for a police officer for the new school. If citizens don't take a stake in the program, it will be run by professionals who may have a different vision, creating future tension unnecessarily.

• Shelling out \$18,000 for piece of bigger water pipe now to help in hoped-for future development across the causeway is a wise move by Electric City, which can position itself to attract future grant money leading to possible, well-managed growth.

Scott Hunter  
Editor and Publisher

### Letters from our readers

#### Visitors enjoyed laser show, community

We went to the light show with our grandchildren on Thursday night, June 5, and thoroughly enjoyed it. The colors and story were a great history lesson for us all. I remember going by at least every fall and winter on trips to relatives at Nespelem and hockey

trips to camps in Canada. What a great thing the animals, eagles, army trucks, fish, etc. were.

My granddaughter wanted to go to the fire station in Grand Coulee because she eventually wants to be an EMT. The guys were great about talking to her

about the ambulance and other things to do with it. We really enjoyed the laser show, motel, food and the communities. I'm only sorry we hadn't done it sooner.

Floralyn Taylor

## America needs a turnaround leader like Alan Mulally

Later this year, Alan Mulally will leave Ford Motor Company. On July 1, he turns the reins over to 53-year-old Mark Fields, closing a storied career at Ford and Boeing.

While he hasn't divulged his plans, hopefully he will bring his talents to government. Mulally inspires people with his confidence, humility and charisma. His turnaround of Ford has been spectacular.

Yes, government is different than the private sector, but anyone who can bring together people with diverse interests and varied backgrounds during a crisis has the ability to help our country.

We need to rebuild our national confidence and provide a solid road to recovery that puts people back to work. People, especially young people, are losing hope. In April, the number of people under 25 in the workforce declined by 484,000.

Columnist George Will wrote: "Unsurprisingly, almost one in three persons 18 to 34 are living with their parents, including 25 percent who have jobs." The Pew Research Center reports that Americans 25 to 32 — "millennials" — constitute the first group since World War II with higher unemployment or a greater portion living in poverty than their parents at this age.

When Mulally came to Ford in 2006, the company was projected to lose \$17 billion dollars. Facing sliding profits and dwindling market share, Ford needed someone to inspire its managers, shareholders, workers and customers. Simply, there was a need for bold action.

Mulally mortgaged the company, borrowing \$23.6 billion. It was "the largest home improvement loan" in history. By 2012, the mortgage was repaid and, unlike GM and Chrysler, Ford took no government bailout. Compare that to our mounting \$17.534 trillion national debt with interest accruing at \$16,115 per second. There is no national plan to stem the borrowing, let alone pay off our debt.

Ford sold off several struggling brands and closed plants around the world, reducing the company's workforce by 100,000 people. The only consolation to the job losses is there are 181,000 people still working at Ford.

In 2007 he struck a grand bargain with UAW President Ron Gettelfinger that traded new product

commitments from Ford for competitive labor contracts. It was a high-stakes play that paid off last year when healthy profits allowed Ford to pay all the hourly factory workers a record profit-sharing bonus of about \$8,800 each.

Prior to joining Ford, Mulally was president and chief executive officer of Boeing Commercial Airplanes in Seattle. While his most impressive engineering achievement at Boeing was the launching the first commercial airlines to feature a fully digitized dashboard, it was his business and civic leadership that drew attention in the Puget Sound area.

In 2001, Gov. Gary Locke tapped Mulally as one of the five leaders of the Competitiveness Council to improve Washington State's struggling business climate.

Locke realized that to spur economic development Washington needed to reform the way it regulated and taxed businesses. One of Council's hallmark accomplishments was restructuring Washington's unemployment system. Those 2003 reforms made our state one of the few that did not have to borrow federal money to pay jobless benefits during the Great Recession.

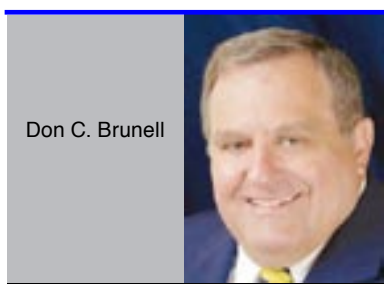
Mulally's success isn't about the executives at the top, it's about figuring out how to get every employee to understand the vision of the company, buy into the plan, and feel supported in their jobs.

Previously, if Ford employees stopped production, managers jumped down their throats. Mulally says now managers ask, "What can we do to help you out?"

"If people aren't optimistic, they're not going to make the sacrifices and do the work required to turn things around," Mulally concludes.

That's what our nation needs: Better management, inspiring leadership and a good jolt of optimism.

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Don C. Brunell



## ONE could solve a lot of problems

If you can't say something nice, then don't say anything at all. That is what my mother and grandparents told me a lot over my younger years, and I am sure you were told the same. I try and always keep that in mind when I write this little portion of the paper. As well as use that thought process in everyday life.

I have not always been able to do that, I have said unkind things to many loved ones and strangers alike. OK, now that that is off my chest, I have some things to say about things going on in Coulee Country.

We all know that I write a lot about community and what that should look like. Recently I have read, just like you, that some things are going on that are disturbing, to say the very least, in our neck of the woods. It is no secret that, in my opinion and in the opinion of others in the area, that consolidation of the four towns would be "economically smart" and create "smart governing bodies." We would also get the attention of the four counties by doing this. Let's say, for argument's sake, that we had already consolidated a few years ago and set aside the details for a monument. Some of the situations happening right now would not even be a thought in our minds.

Let's start with the law enforcement contract with Electric City. First off, I cannot imagine tripling the cost of coverage for this necessity. That aside, if we were united under one police department for the whole area, we would not have this issue over and over again like a bad song that gets stuck in your head and won't leave. One chief, one mayor, one council making decisions for the whole area, for the good of all of us. Not just Grand Coulee and what's good for them or Electric City and what is best for

them. The good of all of us should be at the forefront of all decisions. Not to mention the big contract with USBR that has ended up crippling one of our departments and causing a rift between agencies that must rely on each other as a safety matter.

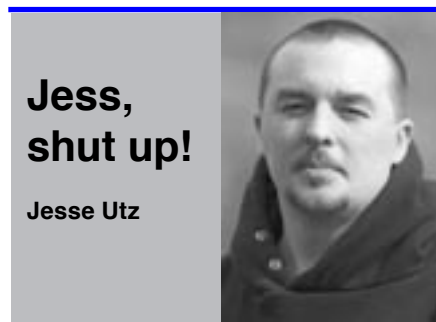
One. Sometimes it can be a big number.

The issue with emergency services in Coulee Dam would have been solved long ago if a united force was governing it. First off, all I am going to say about this is, personnel issues should never be discussed in public forum. Not in the paper or in a council meeting. This issue should be taken care of in the fire house or in the mayor's office. Granted, the state has stepped in, but the personnel issues should be handled in a private setting.

But with all that being said, if one fire chief or medical director was handling this and staying on top of it, we would not be here right now, tarnishing the good names of many people that have done nothing but good for our community and causing even more strife in a volatile community. One.

All our projects would be better served if we all worked together as One. That includes government, businesses and us as average citizens. If our cities' coffers were combined and we put a good balance in our council members, people who looked out for the better good of all of our citizens, we would be in a much better place financially. Business would boom, and we'd have a more effective police force, a combined effort in emergency situations and a community that knew where it stood as a whole.

The days of the Tigers vs. Beavers is over. Let's come together and fix these things for good. One. It is a good number and the beginning of bigger and better things.



Jess, shut up!

Jesse Utz

### Coulee Recollections

#### 10 Years Ago

In what resembled a crime scene from television, area law enforcement closed down Pole Park for several hours Friday until a U.S. Army bomb squad could safely dispose of a foot high round of unexploded ammunition. The bomb was disposed of after four hours with no problems.

Local athlete, Mike Williams, a sophomore at Lake Roosevelt returned from the State's Special Olympics with a first place medal in the softball throw, a second in the 200-meter walk and a fifth in the 100-meter dash.

#### 20 Years Ago

Local businessman, Jerry Kennedy, was named Agent of the Year by the Professional Insurance Agents of Washington/Alaska at the organization's annual conference Monday. It is the highest honor awarded by his professional peers.

A crime spree that started in Electric City and spread to Wilbur, Creston, Davenport and Rearden ended in Entiat, when one of the suspects was arrested. A total of five cars were stolen and numerous other smaller items by a 17-year-old Delano youth who was stopped while driving one of the stolen vehicles. The youth is

being held in Chelan County Jail awaiting trial.

John Utz was named Father of the Year for 1994. The Star Newspaper held a contest and his sons Jesse and Jamie submitted a letter and was picked as the winner.

#### 40 Years Ago

A \$75,000 claim has been filed against the Town of Elmer City by Mrs. Thelma Purcell, who allegedly suffered back injuries when the town garbage truck backed into her near her home in Elmer City.



## Sixty-six Years Ago

June 1 1948 - This is the west bank of the Columbia, skirting the town of Coulee Dam. During the 1948 flood extensive damsgge was done to the rippapped slopes on both banks for nearly a mile downstream. To protect critical areas, government forces worked around the clock for nearly two weeks, hauling replacement riprap. The discharge on this date was 535,000 cfs.

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## Obituaries

### Norman D. Easterly

Norman D. Easterly, 75, of Grand Coulee, passed away Friday, June 6, 2014, in his home. His wife Daveline was by his side at his time of death. Mr. Easterly had been sick for the past nine years.

There will be no local services held per Mr. Easterly's request. He will be laid to rest in Marion, Ill., with a graveside service at a later date.

## Cruzin' in style

Lyle and Ester Brown's 1956 Dodge Royal Lancer took the People's Choice award at last Saturday's Coulee Cruizers Show and Shine event at Banks Lake Park. — Scott Hunter photo



## Bible study to begin July 9

Beth Moore Bible Study "Sacred Secrets" will begin Wednesday, July 9, at Banks Lake Bible Church. This is a six-week study and will be held from 7-8 p.m., Wednesday nights.

To register, please call 509.633.0670 or 509.647.0210 and leave a message with your name and number. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, June 25.

## Meetings and Notices

### CHAMBER TO MEET

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday, June 19, at Merv and MaryJo Monteithis (44581 State Coach Rd., Grand Coulee) at noon. The group will be touring Spring Canyon Alpacas with their two new baby additions and also the lavender fields of D&M Gardens. Tropical Pig will be catering the event. Cost for lunch is \$10. For more information call Peggy at the chamber office 509.633.3074.

### 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 am. 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.

### 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.

### LOCAL AA MEETINGS

Confused in the Coulee AA meetings are held on Mondays 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.

In Nespelem the group Bound and Determined holds its meetings Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Church. Contact Myrna 634-4921 for more information there.

### SENIORS HAVE WHEELCHAIRS, CRUTCHES AVAILABLE

A program is available through the Grand Coulee Dam Senior Center to members and other persons who for a short time need a wheel chair, walkers, crutches, canes, bath stools and other items of this type.

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## Plant problem diagnostic clinics being offered

Plant Problem Diagnostic Clinics have started at the WSU Extension Office located in the Okanogan County Courthouse, room 101. These clinics are a part of the public service that the Okanogan Master Gardener volunteers contribute to the community and are designed to help the backyard and non-commercial gardener identify, diagnose and provide solutions to various problems they may be having in their own gardens. Gardeners are encouraged to bring in a specimen of a plant or insect problem for the Master Gardeners to identify. Plant Problem Diagnostic Clinics are held every Tues-

day; now until October, 9 a.m., until noon at the WSU Extension Office in the County Courthouse. For more information call 509-422-7245 or email okanogan.county@wsu.edu.

## 2014 Coulee Cruizers Show and Shine Winners

### CARS

Pre 35: 1<sup>st</sup>, Darrel Francis, 1932 Ford Roadster  
35-48: 1<sup>st</sup>, Bill Trefry, 1938 Chevy Deluxe; Tom and Judy Shaw, 1940 Ford Coupe  
49-59: 1<sup>st</sup> Gorden and Linda Jorgensen, 1956 Chevy Delray; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wes Wittinger, 1949 Ford Coupe  
60-69: 1<sup>st</sup>, Frank Henley, 1967 Chevelle SS; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Karl Hjorten, 1964 Ford Galaxie  
70-79: 1<sup>st</sup>, Victor Tarr, 1970 Chevelle SS; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gary Phillips, 1979 Corvette

### PICKUPS

43-54: 1<sup>st</sup>, Dave Keller, 1950 Chevy PU; 55-66, 1<sup>st</sup>, Terry Knebel, 1966 Chevy PU; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Paul Brock, 1950 Ford F100 PU  
67+: 1<sup>st</sup>, Karl Hjorten, 1978 Chevy Van

### MOTORCYCLES

1<sup>st</sup>, Mike Chamberlin, 2014 Indian Chieftain; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Leon Desautel, 2008 Harley FXDL

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Lucas Bird, Baby Grand Race Car

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Larry Hernandez, 1978 Ford Thunderbird

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Lyle and Ester Brown, 1956 Dodge Royal Lancer

**CLUB RECOGNITION AWARDS**  
Ron Knighten, 1938 Chevy Coupe; Dave & Linda Volker, 1937 Ford Club Coupe; Russ Young, 1958 Chevy Impala; Steve Moser, 1951 Mercury Coupe; J.E. Brownson, 1941 Chevy Sedan; Ed Moyer, 2013 Harley Sporster; Kevin Womack, 1971 Harley Sporster

Out of 34 entries there were 25 trophies and awards presented.

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For more information, call (509) 754-2505.  
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Ashley Clark and Arin Wall pause for a picture prior to crossing the stage at the BBCC GED/HS21+ graduation ceremony on the main campus of Big Bend Community College Wednesday, June 11. Not pictured, Marshall Boord, who also completed the program and is continuing his education at BBCC.

## GED graduates take the stage

Ashley Clark and Arin Wall of Grand Coulee were among ninety of the GED and HS21+ diploma recipients whose accomplishments were celebrated at Big Bend Community College's completion ceremony Wednesday evening, June 11, in Moses Lake.

More than 225 students earned GED certificates through Big Bend Community College's Adult Basic Education/GED Preparation program during the 2013-14 academic year. The work was completed by attending traditional and/or online GED preparation classes and taking the GED tests in key academic subject areas.

Since January 1, 2014, thirty Big Bend Community College students enrolled in basic skills programs in Grant County earned high school diplomas in the HS21+ program specifically designed for students who are at least twenty-one years old. HS21+ aligns with Washington

State Adult Learning Standards and the College and Career Readiness Standards and includes competency-based assessments that target gaps in academic learning and work readiness. HS21+ is a pathway for students to build a learning portfolio for high school completion based on prior knowledge, past GED test scores (from the 2002 Series GED exams) work, life, military, and community service experiences. Many students who have some but not all of their high school credits used this program to efficiently meet the requirements for a high school diploma in less than six months.

Students interested in earning a GED certificate or an HS21+ diploma may contact Linda Black at 633-3611, lblack\_ged@yahoo.com, or Valerie Wade, (509) 793-2300, valeriew@bigbend.edu for information.

## 5th grader wins writing contest

Tyler Palmer, a fifth-grader at Grand Coulee Dam Middle School, won the SHARP Kids writing contest with his story about a time machine.

Over the last eight weeks, students were asked to write a story on a topic picked for them. Entries were to follow the basics of creative writing — setting, character, problem and resolution — and judging included points for spelling, punctuation and creative thinking.

Palmer's entry, the winner among 20, is continued on page 8.

## Testing deadline approaching

Reading and writing tests for students in grades 10-12 and non-enrolled 12th graders in the 2013-14 school year will be held Aug. 12-14. Registration closes June 26.

The High School Proficiency Tests are for students who did not meet standards, who did not participate in testing or those who transferred from other states or were in private schools.

Student registration is now open through "Test Registration" (TR) system at <http://www.k12.wa.us/testregistration/> with a full support line at 800.725.4311, option 3. This will allow help for students who have difficulty with online activity or do not have access to the Internet.

Writing (day 1) will be administered Tuesday, Aug. 12 and on day 2, Aug. 13, both times at 8 a.m.

Reading will be administered, Thursday, Aug. 14, also at 8 a.m.

All testing will be at the Grand Coulee Dam Middle School.

Those with questions should contact Hope Hansen at the Grand Coulee Dam School District office, 633-2143.

## Rock stars of reading

John McNeil, of the Masonic Lodge, presents Center Elementary School's top readers in the school's Accelerated Reader program with the bicycles they won for reading a lot of books. The lodge will continue its Bikes for Books program this summer with the summer reading program through the library in Grand Coulee. The winners, at the final assembly in the school, June 10, from the left: Angelina Greene, fourth grade; Dustin Bertrang, third grade; Celeste LaPlace, second grade; and Logan Marconi, third grade.

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# Coulee Cops

Compiled from police files

## Grand Coulee Police

6/9 - A person called police about a dog that had been left in a vehicle on Main Street during the heat of the day. Police called the firm and the situation was solved.

- A Grand Coulee woman who had been banned from Safeway for a year, was arrested and cited for trespassing when she entered the store before the year was concluded. She had been banned for the theft of groceries, the report stated.

- Two brothers, who reside on Hill Avenue, were arrested and taken to Grant County Jail on charges of fourth-degree assault. One of the two told police that they were just trying to find out who was tougher.

- Police went to an address on Cardinal Road when a person there said someone had pointed a gun at another person. When told that they were not wanted on the property, the person with the gun and others left on foot leaving their vehicle behind. The vehicle was towed and police, while taking inventory of what was inside, found a Glock gun and bullets. Police could not find the suspects.

6/10 - Police found a vehicle with its light on and running in the parking lot of Jess Ford in the middle of the night. After looking

for the owner of the vehicle police took the keys and secured it, and are awaiting contact by the owner.

- Police found two boys in a building playing with their toy guns. They were told that they shouldn't be in the building and were turned over to their parents. The boys were 8 and 12 years old.

6/11 - A man on Stevens Avenue in Electric City was cited for breach of the peace for playing music too loud in his truck. He refused to give the first officer information until the second officer showed up. He had been warned before for loud music.

6/12 - An officer served civil papers on behalf of the Whatcom County clerk's office on a resident of Burdin Boulevard.

- A man on Burdin Boulevard told police that a man threatened him about his dog pooping in the yard next door. Police told the man it was a civil matter. He asked if he could defend himself if it came to that and was assured he could if he used equal force.

- A man who was reported as causing problems with an employee at Safeway was being sought and will be banned from the store for a year at Safeway's request.

- Police called the city crew after finding that a tree had been blown over and was blocking traffic on Nelson Road.

6/13 - Police checked on a report of a man yelling outside The Wolf's Den on Main Street. Police found a man who had a bloody nose and a small laceration on his forehead. Others nearby said the man who had hit him had left. The officer told all of the people that had gathered to leave the area.

- A man on Mead Avenue re-

ported to police that a woman from a nearby residence came over to complain that his former girlfriend was driving by at a high rate of speed. He said he had no control over how fast she drove and didn't want the woman to come over anymore.

6/14 - Police responded to a 911 call on the death of a woman on Division Street. The coroner was called and reported that a post-mortem examination would be made to determine the cause of death.

6/15 - A Kent man was stopped for driving 70 mph across the causeway. Police were interested in the man and vehicle after it was reported that the occupants had driven to H&H Grocery in Electric City and broken open a container holding firewood, taking several bundles. The man is being charged with theft and malicious mischief, both in the third degree.

- USBR Plant Protection called about a strange package in the 115 kV Switchyard parking lot. Police found a cooler near a vehicle with its lid open. A man said he had spilled something inside and was letting the cooler air out.

## Coulee Dam Police

6/9 - A man on Central Drive complained that his neighbor had undermined his dog kennel area by spraying water under the fence. Police went next door and could see that the woman hadn't sprayed under the fence. She said the man called her a bad name repeatedly so she sprayed him with her hose. The man stated that he had hoped that a tribal officer would respond. He complained that the officer was

taking sides. Both parties were warned that if police were called back someone might go to jail.

6/10 - A man reported that a window had been broken in his vehicle while he was on an EMT call with the fire department. Nothing was taken.

- A woman on Birch Street reported that two youth had come to her house and asked for help because of the way their mother's boyfriend had been threatening

them. Since the two were Native American, Colville Tribal Police were called.

6/11 - Police were called because a man was sleeping on the floor of the post office. The man told police that he went into the post office to get warm and didn't know anything until police woke him.

6/13 - Police responded to Convallescent Boulevard in Nespelem on an assist call because a man

with a knife appeared suicidal. By the time police got there tribal police had him in the back of their patrol car.

6/15 - Police arrested a man, who said he had consumed a 12-pack in the past three hours, for domestic violence against his wife, who said he gets violent when he drinks. He was taken to Okanogan County Jail.

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# Essay winner

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## “Back to the Future”

By: Tyler Palmer

Once upon a time there was a boy named Tyler and his grandfather had told him a story about a time machine. He also told him how it worked, just in case he ever ran into it. So one day, years later, Tyler's class had a field trip to the museum. During the tour they saw dinosaur bones, knights armor and other old things. Then they came upon a time machine. Tyler asked his teacher, Miss G, if he could go to the bathroom. He then acted like he was going to the room. When the whole class went around the corner he dashed to the time machine. He quickly climbed inside.

In the back of the machine sat a witch, unnoticed by Tyler. He did notice a cat though in the front. He bent over to pet it. When he did, the door slammed shut with a BOOM. So Tyler did what his grandfather said to do in the story. Turn that knob, flip that switch and press a button. Then with the roar of a lion, it traveled to the future.

The time machine arrived. The door slowly creaked open. As soon as it was open the witch flew out of her hiding spot, carrying her broom. The witch immediately started destroying the world, starting with the city the machine had landed in. The cat jumped from the machine and after Tyler did. The witch then turned to the cat and somehow zapped it and turned it into a monster. She must have hypnotized it to attack, too, because it ran towards Tyler. With an I'm going to kill you look in its eyes.

So Tyler slipped back in the

time machine. He repeated the procedure in reverse and traveled back to the museum. When he got back, the class was there waiting for him. Miss G asked “Where were you?” Tyler answered her, “I went to the future and a witch is destroying the world there.” So the whole class crowded into the machine, including Miss G, and headed to the future.

When they got there, they noticed the cat monster was sleeping but the witch was not and was waiting for them. Half of the class immediately disappeared and were missing. Then we heard screaming and yelling. We looked around and noticed a hole in the ground. When we looked into the deep hole the witch swooped down and pushed Tyler, Miss G, Aleeka and Chelsea down the hole. When they landed, and after brushing themselves off, they noticed a strange looking door. On the other side of the door was the missing half of the class. When Tyler's small group went through the door a cage fell down on the rest of the class, just missing Tyler's group. The floor started to rise under them all. It quickly stopped at the top of the building. The witch was there but she did not see that she had not caught Tyler, Miss G, Aleeka or Chelsea in her trap. They saw a ladder nearby that led to where the kids were being held hostage. They got up to the kids and were able to release half of the kids but the witch noticed and grabbed Aleeka and Miss G. She started to fly off with them. The witch turned and zapped the cat again. At that moment Aleeka fell off the broom, screaming. Miss G quick-

ly grabbed Aleeka's hand before it was too late. Miss G held on with all her strength as the class just stared from below. Tyler quickly jumped to action; he saw this was his only chance. He ran to the other building, got to the edge of the roof and jumped. Landing on the broom and with all his might, he pushed the witch off of the broom. The witch crashed down where the other students were standing. They trapped the witch with her own cage. They all then returned to the time machine and took the witch back to our time to put her in the jail the rest of her life.

The End.

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