



Self expression invited

Lake Roosevelt High School art student Kiana Sam works on her technique in an assignment Friday studying the art of Wassily Kandinsky, one of the founders of pure abstraction in the early 20th century. The school will hold an Art, Music and Poetry Night Feb. 26 in the library. English teacher Brian Daniels said the event

is designed to be a place where kids who enjoy exploring their creative side can be featured. “We just don’t get the time (in class) to really spend on things like that,” he said. - Scott Hunter photo

Electric City Council: no restrictions on outbuilding size

by Roger S. Lucas

Electric City’s council voted to remove any restrictions on the size of accessory buildings at its meeting last Tuesday night.

The city’s planning commission had sent up a litany of proposed changes to the building code, the accessory building question one of the items, along with minor changes in fencing and businesses in homes.

The council only addressed the size of accessory buildings after hearing a number of people from the audience ask for the proposed size of 1,728 square feet be scrapped.

Councilmember Aaron Derr moved to remove the restrictions and Marie Chuinard seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

Now the city must decide where to go from there.

The city could decide to send the issue back to its planning commission; take up the other recommendations of the planning commission

at the council’s next meeting; or declare the 60-day public comment period to begin.

When asked about the council’s decision to ignore the planning commission’s work, chairman Monty Fields said he had no comment.

The planning commission next meets March 3, at 3 p.m. at the city council chamber.

The council ignored the results of its own community survey that showed respondents 2-1 in favor of some type of restrictions on accessory buildings.

The issue has bounced between the planning commission and the city council for nearly two years.

Proponents of the larger size for accessory buildings have successfully pointed out that they have invested in a number of things such as motorhomes, boats and other recreational devices and only want to put them inside to protect their investments.

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Newsbriefs

Sewer plant updated meeting slated

The town of Coulee Dam will hold a wastewater treatment meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 25, beginning at 5 p.m. at town hall. The findings of an alternative analysis for updating the town’s plant will be discussed. The town has been encouraging citizens to attend. “We want to hear from you,” a postcard to residents said this week.

Blood drive scheduled

The Inland Northwest Blood Center, along with Grand Coulee Community Blood Drive Volunteers led by Sommer Hicks, will conduct a blood drive from 11:30 - 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23, at the Coulee Medical Center Professional Building B. The INBC needs 200 blood donors every day to meet the needs of more than 35 hospitals in the Inland Northwest.

New fire fighters on board

The Coulee Dam Town Council approved the applications of two new volunteer fire fighters at its meeting last Wednesday night. Applicants were Travis Irwin and Tia Chambers.

Chamber liquor license gets nod

The Coulee Dam council gave its approval on a liquor license request from the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce for Dec. 5, 2015. Official approval comes from the State Liquor Control Board, but these requests are run by cities and towns for local comment, if any.

The occasion is the chamber’s annual wine tasting and auction event scheduled for the town’s community room.

Tourism group to meet here

The Coulee Corridor Consortium will hold its monthly meeting, Friday Feb. 20 at noon, at Pepper Jack’s Bar & Grill. The public is invited to attend and learn of the activity of the group. The Coulee Corridor stretches from Othello to Omak.

Electric City agrees to half fund consolidation study

by Roger S. Lucas

Electric City stepped up to the plate last Tuesday night and pledged up to \$15,000 to move the idea of consolidating local cities along, and now the ball is in Grand Coulee’s court.

The city council action was a boost for the chamber of commerce, whose efforts to get the subject of consolidation a fair hearing in the months ahead picked up a little steam.

Grand Coulee’s council a month ago showed a level of interest by voting a letter of support, but no funding. They would need to vote to spend up to \$15,000 also if the full \$30,000 budget is needed.

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce agreed to take the consolidation issue on when citizens of both communities indicated an interest in the two towns getting together.

Electric City heard a presentation by SCJ Alliance’s Dan Penrose, who provided the council with a six-month plan that would give the ideas of consolidation a fair and impartial hearing.

The effort to consolidate would only move along as it receives support, Penrose stated.

Chamber of commerce Executive Director Peggy Nevsimal said that she didn’t see that the effort

would require the full \$30,000, because the chamber hoped to do some of the work, which SCJ has said would reduce the bill.

She explained that if it appeared citizens aren’t interested, then the effort could be stopped at that point.

Mayor Jerry Sands asked for a show of hands among the council and audience of who was in favor of looking into consolidation, and about three-fourths of the crowd, which filled the council chamber for other reasons, raised their hands.

Penrose said that his company would conduct interviews of the two councils during the first month, and then move on to host community forums so local residents could express themselves on the issue.

If all went well there, SCJ would develop and test a community survey, and the following month launch the survey. Then the survey results would be gathered and analyzed, Penrose said. Towards the end of the six-month period, SCJ would draft a summary report and present its findings.

It was made clear that the program would proceed as support of it was shown.

It would eventually require taking a vote of the people before consolidation could occur.

Electric City Mayor Sands resigns

by Roger S. Lucas

Electric City Mayor Jerry Sands has submitted his resignation, effective at the end of February.

In a letter to the editor that appears in this week’s Star newspaper, Sands notes that he and his wife Connie would like to spend more time with family.

Sands has steered the city through a major annexation, the construction of the arsenic treatment plant, cleaned the city up through enforcement of the city’s ordinances, and tried to lift the city’s spirit by flags welcoming visitors and getting a holiday lighting program going, all during his administration.

Other issues, however, have been contentious over the last

couple of years, including fighting over accessory buildings, disputes on the use of the city’s hotel/motel tax money, and a consolidation issue is on the horizon.

The city also struggled to get another year’s agreement on police coverage, despite the fact that voters turned down a special levy last November that would help pay for a police contract.

At its last meeting, Electric City’s council voted to lift the limits on the size of accessory buildings, going against the planning commission’s recommendation to limit the size to 1,728 square feet, a deal Sands thought had already been worked out with those who wanted a larger size.

Then in the same meeting, the council voted to end its hotel/

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Artist to visit school and area

by Roger S. Lucas

Lucinda Parker, a Portland artist who has been selected to create art for the new school, will be here next Sunday, Monday and part of Tuesday.

Parker, an abstract painter, was selected from among several artists who were recommended by the Washington State Art Commission to a local committee in charge of the project. The art project will total up to \$75,000, under a state requirement that art be placed in new public buildings.

While here, Parker will meet with school officials, drive the area, visit museums, and generally get a feel of the area before she begins sketching ideas for the art project.

She will visit one of teacher Lori Adkins’ art classes as part of her visit.

The local art selection group is made up of Nate Piturachsattit, Shelley Black, Adkins, Lisa Carlson and Susan Duclos.

When reporting to the school board on the selection of Parker, Piturachsattit said it was his hope that the artist would develop several pieces for display throughout the building.

One critic stated that Parker’s paintings show “her concerns are formal yet her pictures open up, like Chinese landscapes ever juxtaposing crags and rivers, to philosophical ruminations about permanence and change.”

Parker has done many public projects in California, Oregon and Washington.

In addition to Parker’s art work, Virgil “Smoker” Marchand will develop a piece of his sculptured metal art for someplace at the front of the building.



President Kerry Higgins congratulates Colleen Manley on the credit union’s distinction as Business of the Year. – Scott Hunter photo

Chamber honors outstanding members

by Scott Hunter

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce singled out members to honor at its annual banquet last Thursday night at Pepper Jack’s Bar and Grille.

The Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union was voted business of the year by the membership.

The credit union had what President Kerry Higgins said was probably its best year ever, despite the challenges of a year filled with news of identity theft fraud across the country and in

their own market. And they’ve been great supporters of the chamber, said Higgins, who is also on the board of the credit union.

“They’re very involved in community events,” he noted, “and they’re very strong advocates for the chamber.”

Credit Union President Colleen Manley accepted the award.

“It’s an honor to accept this on behalf of my staff,” she said. “I know how hard they work, and so the fact that you recognize how

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Final count shows heavy support for school levy

by Roger S. Lucas

After Thursday’s ballot tabulations, the favorable vote for Grand Coulee Dam School District’s special levy remained at more than 65 percent.

The final count in the mail-in-ballot election that ended Tuesday, Feb. 10, shows 734 yes votes and 381 no votes.

“A levy election is in many ways a referendum on the quality of the programs being offered in our community schools and a statement of the commitment of our community to support — through the election process — continuation of our efforts to improve our schools and programs,” Superintendent Dennis Carlson said late last week. “This result reflects the confidence our community has in the great job our school staff is doing in preparing our students to meet the challenges of our current and future world.”

Voters had just agreed to replace the district’s current four-year levy with another four-year levy with the highest “yes” vote in a number of years.

“We owe a great deal of thanks to the levy committee, especially Karen Depew, Rich Black, Aaron Derr, Joe Tynan and everyone who supported the campaign through cash donations, letters to the editor, yard signs and the wearing of the “Support Strong Schools” buttons,” Carlson said. “They were the spark that ignited the fire and kept the campaign going and put in untold hours in support of our kids.”

The new levy, running 2016-2019, will provide \$1.13 million annually for support of school programs not fully funded by the state. In addition, just for passing the levy, the school district will receive an additional \$535,000 from the state.

Patrons may have been impressed with the fact that most property owners will pay a bit less

in taxes with the new levy. Owners of a \$100,000 house would pay \$59 less in taxes under the new levy.

The new four-year levy asks \$3.95 per thousand of assessed valuation compared to \$4.54 in the current levy.

“I am truly grateful for the caring and supportive staff who work with our students every day and have earned the trust of our patrons as evidenced by the levy passage,” Carlson added.

The vote by county (as of Thursday)

County	Yes	No
Grant	386	211
Okanogan	235	102
Lincoln	38	35
Douglas	75	33

New sidewalks for Elmer City

by Roger S. Lucas

Council members in Elmer City got a glance of what the sidewalk project that will be funded by a Transportation Improvement Board grant will look like at its meeting last Thursday night.

Th town was awarded the \$225,375 grant by the Washington State Department of Transportation’s TIB.

The grant will provide sidewalks on Front Street and Williams Street, along with safety improvements, a bus stop and signalized crossing across Highway 155.

The project will also connect



Chamber director Bob Valen hands Peggy Nevsimal her Achiever of the Year certificate. — Scott Hunter photo

Chamber

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much we do, I really appreciate that.”

The membership chose their own executive director, Peggy Nevsimal, to honor as achiever of the year.

Nevsimal has created “literally a paradigm in this community,” Valen said, noting the vote was nearly unanimous.

“This is one of the funnest jobs I’ve had,” she responded. “I feel lucky to have landed here.”

Nevsimal said most of the chamber’s board of directors will remain for 2015, but Sjana Bird, of North Cascades Bank, is stepping down with her latest term completed. Wade Taylor, of Taylor Enterprises will fill that director seat.

Poised to tighten, council instead loosens tourism purse strings

by Roger S. Lucas

Electric City has voted to put all of its hotel/motel tax money in one account and asked its attorney to draw up an ordinance indicating this.

The city council, in response to the chamber of commerce’s objections to the city holding a large reserve fund, voted to fold its reserve account of about \$280,000 into its regular hotel/motel account.

The city has had a policy of holding back half of each year’s tax collection, socking it away for a future use. And the council had been considering putting most of it into an account that could only be tapped for building tourism-related facilities.

The new direction would put all of the city’s hotel/motel dollars into one basket, providing easier access for disbursement.

The council accordingly instructed Anna Franz, of the city’s law firm, who attended the meeting, to develop a hotel/motel ordinance showing only a single account.

At the city council’s last meeting, Councilmember Brad Parrish told the council that he would like to see the city get involved in putting in a trail system.

It was the first indication by the city of a project in mind for the reserve funds.

Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce officials had appeared last year at other councils to outline the effectiveness of last year’s tourism advertising efforts, showing some outstanding gains in the number of people coming to the coulee. Electric City had indicated last fall that it wasn’t necessary to appear before its council, but Tuesday the chamber made its case.

Last spring, the Electric City Council had voted to make 75 percent of the money brought in through hotel/motel tax money available for advertising use, putting 25 percent in the reserve account. Then later, last winter, the council voted to make 50 percent available and put the other half into the reserve account. Now, all of the city’s hotel/motel nest eggs will be in a single account, doing away with the proposed capital improvement account.

The council as a whole has not indicated whether it would pursue Parrish’s interest in a pathway that would connect Coulee Playland and the causeway, so that visitors as well as local people would have a safe place to walk through the city.

Buildings

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The city has until now restricted the size of accessory buildings to 850 square feet, and it was generally agreed, though not officially, that the square footage be adjusted to 1,728. That would have been more than double of the existing size restriction.

Those who are in favor of some kind of restrictions on the size of accessory buildings have failed to appear and let their concerns be heard.

The survey results were tabulated last September.

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motel reserve fund for a possible tourism related project and put all its funds in a single account. Sands said he could see the city putting the reserve funds into projects that are included in the North Dam Park master plan.


The council meetings have turned out to be contentious and seemed to cause the city to lose Sand’s systematic approach to solving the city’s problems.

Sands stated in his letter that he used to have time to play golf, take care of his various business interests, and just have time for family.

Sands became mayor in 2009 and filled out the final nine months of the late Ray Halsey’s term, then was elected mayor in November that year and again in 2013, leaving 34 months left in the current term.

John Nordine is mayor problem. He was surprised to learn Tuesday of Sands’ resignation. Nordine declined to comment.

The city’s next council meeting is March 10.



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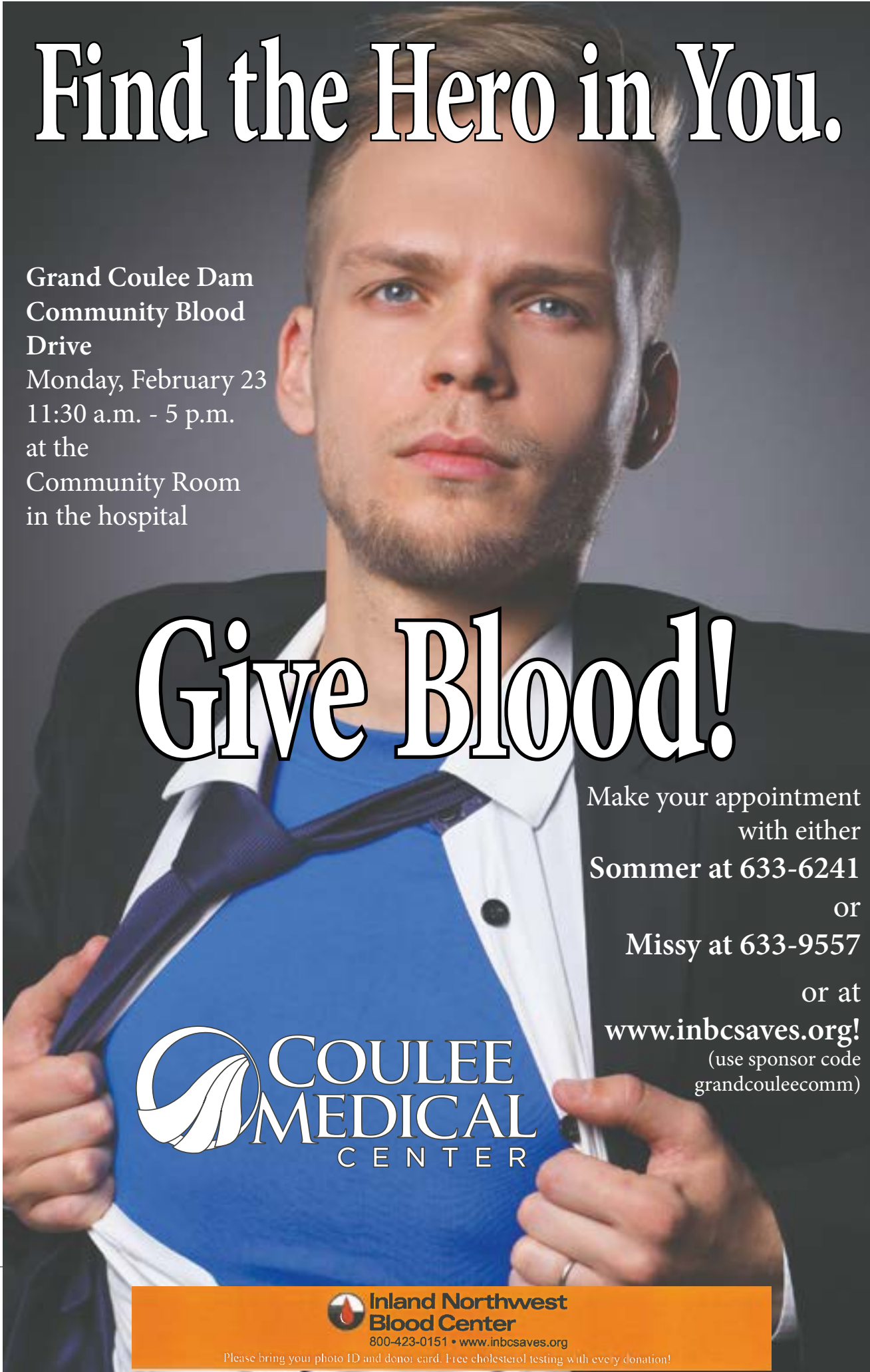
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OPINION

Letters From Our Readers

Mayor Sands explains his resignation

My wife Connie and I retired in 1999 and moved to Electric City from Seattle. We did some investing in the area, did a lot of fishing and I played a lot of golf. Then one day in 2005, Troy Ritter asked if I would consider running for Electric City Council. I finally said yes and was elected and started in 2006. Then in March of 2009, after Mayor Ray Halsey passed away, I became mayor for the last nine months of his term. I was re-

elected in November of 2009 for a four-year term and re-elected in 2013.

Connie and I have two sons and a daughter and 10 grandkids, the youngest being just 2 years old, seven in the Seattle area and three in Boise. Connie and I have decided at this time in our lives we would like to start seeing more of our kids and grandkids.

If my term was up at the end of this year, I would continue as

mayor and not run again, but because I still have 34 months left to my term, I have decided to resign as mayor at the end of February, 2015.

During the last nine years I hope that the council and I have made Electric City a better place to live.

Electric City Mayor
Jerry Sands

Levy passage to the effort of all

The voters in our Grand Coulee Area know how important it is to Support Strong Schools. The school levy passed, and it will allow the school district to maintain and operate the new debt-free school.

Several community volunteers helped by being “sign-walkers”. Steve and Sheila Sauer, Susan Kennedy, Marsha Fields, Joe Tynan, Marian Spackman, Jim Depew, myself. We also had Michael Williams walk around with a sign at the boys’ basketball game.

Megan and her son, Caden, walked in Electric City showing support for the levy.

The levy committee needed to let the community know about the levy, and that happened with the help of banner makers

Ralph Rise and Karrie Utz and the Weinstein beverage company. John Huston was a great help by distributing posters and table tents to businesses. Ian Wilder created and donated our new buttons. They were a hit. Lisa Lakin, Carrie Derr and Joe Tynan sold them at basketball games.

Businesses were willing to put up support signs. Those were: Coulee Pioneer Museum, Loepp’s Furniture, Harvest Foods, LaPreza and The Star. Hometown Pizza and Grand Grinds monetarily supported the levy. We also had signature ads provided by individuals such as: Genabug and Redstar family, Tonasket, Adolph and LaPlante family, Joan Famerisa Wak Wak, Jan and Michael Williams, the Picard Family and many others listed in previ-

ous Star issues.

Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and Lion’s Club and the Senior Citizen’s Center invited us to talk about the levy and the advantages of having it pass.

Grand Coulee Dam PTA and Foisy and Kennedy sponsored the support of the levy by placing ads in The Star.

Our committee, which included Rich Black, Joe Tynan and myself, had the additional support of Cathy Huston, Arron Derr and Roger Lucas, but the most praise goes to the voters in our community for their passage of this Grand Coulee Dam School levy.

Karen Depew
Chair of Levy Committee
Citizens for
Quality Education

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Jackson’s Chevron Service in Nespelem

Many of us can recall the days of the Service Station, a place where one went to get the gas tank filled, windshield washed, oil checked, among other things, all while one waited in the vehicle and the person at the Service Station performed the service for us. One rarely sees such things today, but we have one right among us. It is Jackson’s Chevron Service at Nespelem! They have Full Service and Self Serve pumps so one has a choice. These fantastic folks, Chick, Denny and Robert Jackson and all their other crew members

provide a wide variety of service to their customers: auto/truck repair, full tire service, gas station, propane, snack bar with free coffee, towing service, etc., all with a friendly smile and conversation.

Today was just another day for them, but not for me and my son, who, having gone for a drive on the reservation back roads, had picked the wrong place to turn around. May have looked solid, but didn’t know that under that grass was a bottomless pit of mud. Right in to the frame!

Try as we may, we could not get it out with a super winch, high lift

jack, boards, chains, etc. It was slowly sinking deeper. No one else would come for fear of getting their own rig stuck, and we well understood.

But when Jacksons knew of our predicament, they gave my son a call; it wasn’t but a few minutes and they were on the road. Within a short time the truck was free and we were on our way home. These folks are not only willing to tackle the tough ones, they really know what they are doing!

Jim Moore

Story on pathway project contained inaccuracies

I was disappointed to read an inaccurate account of what happened at last week’s Electric City Council meeting in Roger Lucas’ “Electric City pathway proposed” article in the February 11th Star Newspaper.

For clarification, the proposed pathway that Mr. Parrish was quoted as presenting at the city council meeting was barely mentioned. Mr. Parrish brought it up, gave a few general comments about the project, stated that there needs to be a committee formed to work on the idea and also mentioned that he had a meeting scheduled with the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss a pathway idea. At no time during the city council meeting were the Chamber representatives in attendance asked their opinion about the project. Mr. Lucas wrote “Chamber officials were at the meeting Tuesday night and indicated that they were opposed to the Parrish project.” We (the Chamber representatives) were

not asked for our opinion, and did not vocalize in any way our support or opposition to the topic.

Our concern regarding the Lodging Tax money currently being collected and distributed by the Electric City Council has always been that we would like to see it properly used. That means dispersing it for tourism marketing, the marketing and operations of special events and festivals, or the operations and capital expenditures of tourism-related facilities. We believe that we have demonstrated that when monies are used for tourism marketing we can increase revenue to our community via tourism. We also believe that there is good value in using the monies for a capital project that would bring tourists to town. A pathway might be just such a project, but any capital project that lodging tax money is used for must meet the “will it bring more tourism to our town” criteria. To save the money with no real idea of what it is being saved

for, versus using it to create more heads in beds (and subsequently even more lodging tax dollars), should be everyone’s goal.

As a side note, the amount of money that Mr. Lucas quoted that the council has given to the Chamber in 2015 is inaccurate as well. In 2014, Electric City dispersed \$32,100 to the Chamber. Mr. Lucas stated that in 2015, Electric City would disperse \$13,500. To date, Electric City has committed to dispersing \$24,479.58 (or approximately 35% of the total lodging tax money collected yearly by Electric City). This is a decrease of 31% from 2014. At the end of Tuesday’s city council discussion on the topic, the council members vote 4 to 1 in favor of leaving all lodging tax monies on the table for future requests.

Sincerely,
Peggy Nevsimal
Executive Director, GCDA
Chamber of Commerce

Infection prevention is up to everyone

Valentine’s month is a good time to celebrate the work that is being done to reduce healthcare-associated infections in our community and to engage consumers in their own care. After all, Coulee Medical Center shares its heart with everyone. We believe one’s family is the most important thing.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that

each year in the United States, at least 2 million people become infected with bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics. At least 23,000 people die each year as a direct result of these infections.

Our goal is to increase awareness of everyone’s role in infection prevention practices in and out of healthcare facilities. If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, remember: clean hands are

essential to preventing infections. It is okay to ask healthcare providers to clean their hands before touching you. Patients and visitors need to do the same. Infection prevention is everyone’s responsibility.

Sandy Edwards RN,
Infection Preventionist
Coulee Medical Center



More Letters
Sheriffs support House Bill 1491

The legislative session is approaching the half-way mark and there are many important issues being discussed and debated; education, transportation, the environment, public safety, healthcare, taxes, and economic development to name a few. The pages, websites and broadcasts of our local media have contained many articles and stories about the goings-on in Olympia and we commend them for keeping the citizens of our communities informed on these important issues. There is another issue of high importance to law enforcement that we want to bring to the attention of our communities. That issue is early learning.

When we say ‘early learning’ we are talking about voluntary programs for children under age five that help them be ready for success in school and in life. People are often surprised to learn that we are strong advocates for early learning. They are even more surprised when they hear that we are joined in this effort by hundreds of sheriffs, police chiefs and prosecuting attorneys

throughout Washington State. Why is early learning important to law enforcement? Because it’s a proven way to prevent future crime. According to reports from Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, long-term studies of high quality preschools in Chicago and Michigan followed two groups of children for decades. The children came from the same socio-economic backgrounds and half were assigned to attend a high-quality preschool while the others were left out. At-risk kids left out of the Chicago preschool were 70 percent more likely to have been arrested for a violent crime by age 18 than those who attended the preschool. And by age 26, those who did not participate in the program were 27 percent more likely to have been arrested for a felony and 39 percent more likely to have spent time in jail or prison. High-quality early learning programs also provide enormous returns on investment: \$22,000 for every child served, according the to Washington State Institute for Public Policy. Much of these savings are the result of lower

criminal justice costs, including incarceration. But to get these savings, the programs must be of high-quality.

There is an important early learning – and crime prevention – bill making its way through the legislature this session. House Bill 1491 aims to improve the quality of early learning programs for many of our most vulnerable children. Representative Tom Dent serves on the Early Learning and Human Services Committee in which this bill was introduced and we both spoke with him about our support of this bill. We would like to thank Representative Dent for voting yes on HB 1491 and for his support of high quality early learning and law enforcement. We are indeed fortunate to have him representing the 13th District in Olympia.

Tom Jones
Grant County Sheriff

Wade Magers
Lincoln County Sheriff

Do our youth need help? YES!

Our kids need us. That part we can all agree on, but it is the how that can sometimes get overwhelming, causing some of us to drag our feet and hope someone else will take up the cause.

The other barrier is sometimes we let the “Bad” kid or the troubled youth color our blank page for all kids, leaving us with an unfair representation of all kids in our area. Words like spoiled, undisciplined and out of control are common phrases and ideas that can sometimes bring down whole generations as we use our small example to classify the whole group.

Granted, kids these days have access to more than even kids 10 years ago did. But, (yeah, you all knew the but was coming) we do have a lot of responsibility for the attitudes we see today. I don’t want to dwell on what we did wrong or a better word failed to do for our kids. I want to challenge us all to fix it now.

For years and years, the local youth have said there is nothing to do in Coulee Country. To an extent, that is correct. In the past there were local businesses that tolerated the driving group of youngsters to “hang out” on their property. Flying J was the hang-out when I was that age; before that Rapid Roberts welcomed the young at heart. But today? There is no place for them.

So ... the need for a safe place, where kids can just hang out and be kids. Laugh together, learn together, experience what being young and a kid is all about. Once again, I will state a “safe place.” So that means this place must be controlled by responsible people who are positive influences in our kids’ lives.

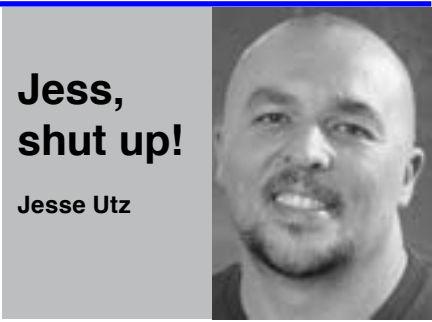
Parents, I know, this is a scary world. There are some real monsters out there and even some scarier kids, but there has to be a way to balance it all out, and I know that there are people out

there who can make a place like this happen and succeed for our kids. I don’t know what it might look like or all the ins and outs, but I know it is a need.

Positive role models. Yep, this is a big one, and as a parent and an employee of the school I know that this can be difficult to find positive things all the time. I

know I have failed my kids and students on this subject before, but I am trying to get better. The phrase “It takes a village” means more today than ever before. Our kids are experiencing

things that many adults cannot handle, and the kids have no control of some of these situations that are gripping their lives. Then we come in as authority figures and try to make them conform to a certain standard. Don’t get me wrong, I am not condoning or making excuses for disrespect or rebellious behavior. All I am saying is we need to be our best for the kids in our area “all the time.” It starts at home with parents, but that is just the foundation for their influences. The big one is, when we make a mistake we must own it and not teach our kids to blame others. Take responsibility. Work hard. Manners. Have fun.



Love. Purity. Respect.

Big lessons, and they will not be learned overnight. If we as a community, as a culture decide to change the environment we provide for the future of our area, then we are contributing to a world changing society. It starts with each of us as individuals deciding to set standards and goals for our kids. If everyone who reads these words decides that it is time for Coulee Country to change into a kid friendly, kid safe, kid nurturing and kid empowering place, this area would bloom, (not overnight) to a welcoming place for all. The school is trying, but it takes a village to change the culture of our area.

The third and maybe most important part of this change would be for the kids themselves. First, you will have to get involved in the process. Not just watch and hope you like it. You will also have to examine yourself and make changes were they need to be made. There are plenty of people out there willing to help you. We know you can’t do it on your own because most of us can’t either. Set goals, even if they seem way too big for you, and go for them. Set boundaries for yourself and stay within them. Go big. Change the place you dwell and enjoy it.

I know, these are big lofty ideas and dream vision kicked into full effect, but I have faith in the youth and in the parents and leaders of the area. We can make our kids dreams come true. Let’s do it.

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Obituaries

Myrtle Maude Wilson

After a short illness Myrtle Maude Wilson passed away at the Coulee Medical Center Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015. She was born July 15, 1917, at Emmett McLean Co., N.D., to Roy and Margaret Rosseau Wilson. She said “It was during the horse and buggy days.”

She grew up and graduated high school McLean Co., N.D., with her siblings Mernice Doris, Pattie, Edwin and Earl.

She married her husband Cecil L. Wilson at Fairview Richland Co., Mont., on November 23, 1936. That was 67 years before he passed away. They lived on a ranch at Garrison, N.D., until Garrison Dam was built and their ranch was taken from them by the federal government. During that time they had six children: Roy, Jack, Don, Cecil Jr. (Buster), Patricia (Pattie) Branchfield and Joyce Manville. Five have preceded her in death.

Cecil and Myrtle practically lived on horses and used them for most transportation. Myrtle rode horses very well and barrel raced at the rodeos. They raised cattle and pigs in addition to the six children. After the loss of their ranch Cecil began working as a carpenter for dam construction. That meant moving the entire family across the Northwest for each new job.

Myrtle always raised a garden. She canned,

baked and cooked fruits and vegetables all of her years to feed the family; and later Cecil and herself. She would make apple pies by the dozens; freeze them and baked them to be eaten hot out of the oven all winter.

They settled at Grand Coulee Dam during the construction of the third powerhouse in the 1970s. They lived at a small farm at Lone Pine and continued to ride, buy and sell horses. Myrtle purchased and ran the Alpine Restaurant by the bridge downriver from the dam. She was the manager and the cook.

After retirement they moved to Soap Lake, Wash., to be close to son Jack and his family. Then in the year 2000 when Cecil was 93 and she was 83 they moved back to Grand Coulee, Wash. She cared for Cecil until he passed away March 2004 at the age of 97. She continued

to live at Grand Coulee for the next 10 years until she also passed away January 2015 at the age of 97.

They had ridden the Pasayten Wilderness many times while they lived at Grand Coulee Dam. Cecil's ashes wait for Myrtle's and they will be released together in this land that they loved.

Myrtle is survived by grandson Troy Wilson, who cared for her during her last years and other grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Celebrating 100 years

Mary Palanuk celebrates her Feb. 14 birthday as she claimed the 100-year mark with 37 friends and family members at the long-term care center at Coulee Medical Center Saturday afternoon. She first came to the Grand Coulee Dam area in 1938 and has lived here most of the time since, raising, with her husband, Mike, three sons — Michael, Larry and Marvin. — Scott Hunter photo

Meetings & Notices

CHAMBER TO MEET AT SIAM PALACE

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce will meet this Thursday, Feb. 19, at noon at the Siam Palace on Main St., Grand Coulee. Tom Poplawski, Grand Coulee city councilman will give a presentation on what it is like to serve as a city councilman.

TAX FORMS AVAILABLE

For those needing 1040 forms and instruction books they can be picked up at the Grand Coulee Dam Senior Center on Main Street in Grand Coulee.

GRANT COUNTY FIRE DIST. 14 TO MEET

Grant County Fire District 14 will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m., at the Electric City Fire Station.

OPEN SEWING AT SENIOR ART ROOM

Tuesdays from 1-5 p.m. there will be open sewing at the senior center art room. There is no charge. For more information contact Marlene Oddiee of KISSed Quilts, 509.386.5715.

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.

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. Due to popular demand the Chapter TOPS #WA1554 will be meeting Wednesdays with weigh-in from 5 to 5:30 p.m., and the meeting from 5:30 to 6:30, prior to the SAIL exercise class which starts at 6:30. They meet at the Coulee Dam Community Church-Presbyterian. For more information call Vivian Dugan 633-2164.

SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) exercise classes meet at the Coulee Dam Community Church, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. SAIL is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65 plus. Classes are free. For more information, contact Gina Brueske 633-0255 or Vivian Dugan 633-2164.

Dorothy Ethel McClure

Dorothy Ethel McClure was born on Dec 23, 1929, to Delbert and Ethel Powell of Spokane, Wash. Dorothy had many aspirations growing up and became musically involved with singing and playing the piano.

While attending North Central High School, one of many highlights included having the lead in a musical opera and being a guest singer with the Lawrence Welk Orchestra while in college. She met Stan Roderick while in attendance and they married upon graduation having two daughters, Gail and Robin.

The marriage ended and later she married Vern Heizer having four children: Vern, Dan, Lindsey (deceased), Nancy (deceased). When the marriage ended with Vern, she became a Montessori teacher.

Then in 1972 Dorothy married Norm, a longtime



childhood friend from the Nespelem Valley, sharing life for 36 years.

Dorothy was a devote member of the Presbyterian Church and had a passion for directing the church choir. She also enjoyed reading, playing the piano, drying flowers for collages, collecting spiders and spending endless hours in the garden. She was an animal lover, caring for numerous cats, dogs and wild animals through out the years.

She leaves behind her little Bailey who will miss her so. Those preceding her in death, mother and father, husband Norman (2008), children: Robin, Lindsey, Nancy.

Dorothy is also survived by her loving brother Eddie of Oregon and 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard “Dick” Mason Sears.

On the midday of December 31, 2014, Richard passed away peacefully after a brief pneumonia infection while at Kaiser Hospital in Oakland, California. Richard was visited and comforted by his family during his final days. Richard was 79 years old.

Richard Sears was born in Mason City, Washington, now Coulee Dam, on January 19, 1935. He was the third child of Clara Margaret and Clarence Eugene Sears. His mother was very proud that he was the first male baby born in the new Kaiser Mason City Hospital.

Richard was captain of sports teams playing football and basketball in high school. Richard attended Washington State at Pullman. He served four years in the Army.

Richard worked for 31 years for Del Monte Foods in numerous locations: New York, San Francisco and Kenya. Richard retired at the age of 54 as an Information Systems Manager.



Richard and his wife Karen spent nearly 25 years in Downieville, CA enjoying the warm summer months in their riverfront cabin. They entertained a large number of loving friends. Richard was an avid fisherman, handyman, tinkerer, BBQer, bridge player and reader. His witty humor and peaceful ways will be greatly missed.

Richard enjoyed volunteering and socializing at the museum and senior center in Downieville.

Richard was proceeded in death by his wife Karen and son Robert. Richard is survived by his son, Richard E., daughter Jennifer Eells and grandsons Derek and Andrew Eells.

Donations may be sent to the Downieville Museum and the Senior Center. Condolences may be sent to P. O. Box 483, Downieville, CA 95936.

Nelson W. Snedeker

Nelson W. Snedeker was born May 30, 1918, in Perkaspie, Penn. A veteran of WWII. Nelson married Luray Cliver, Colmar, Penn., on April 13, 1950. They spent several years traveling the U.S. and settled in San Diego, Calif. Nelson was employed by the Solar Aerospace Division of International Harvester. He loved sailing the Pacific coast. When he retired they started traveling again and in 1987 bought a home next to Luray's sister, Gail Allen in Grand Coulee, Wash.

Luray passed away on April 6, 1992. In 2006 Nel-

son and Gail both sold their homes and moved to Spokane, Wash., to be near Gail's daughter. Gail was Nelson's caregiver until his passing on January 29, 2015, at 96 years old. He had a very interesting and full life.

He is survived by two sisters, Doris Leotta and Nancy Patton of Perkaspie, Penn., and nieces Sandy Derau, Wickenburg, Ariz., and Theresa Allen, Spokane, Wash.

Nelson's favorite charity was the Wounded Warrior Project.

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Three Raider wrestlers move on to state match

by John R. McNeil II

All three Raider wrestlers who competed at the Regional Tournament at Northwest Christian on Feb. 14th advanced to Mat Classic XXVII. Not all had an easy road making it to State but all three placed and as a team scored 53.5 team points to finish as a team 8th overall at the 26-team tourney.

Octavio Alejandre defended his 2014 regional championship by claiming it again in 2015 at 285 pounds. In his first match of the day, Alejandre pinned Trevor Morris of Davenport in the first round, then earned a 5-1 decision



Octavio Alejandre about in the semi finals against Tonasket. — Roger Harnack, Omak Chronicle photos

against Chad Edwards of Tonasket.

In the championship match, Alejandre squared off against Tristan Newman of Waitsburg-Prescott, who had won his first two matches handily. Alejandre held Newman off, and came away with a regional championship. Alejandre is now focusing on state and placing high in his last run.

Jacob Smith had many obstacles to overcome at 113 pounds to secure a state berth. He lost his first match to Justin Volking of Kettle Falls by pin, but then pinned Randy Ordway of Republic in 30 seconds. That set up a

rematch with Adrian Tapia of Warden.

In the past two weeks Tapia and Smith have seen a lot of each other. At regionals Smith came out of the match the winner by pin setting up another rematch for Smith, this time against Volking. In the 3-4 place match, Smith got his revenge on Volking, pinning him early in the second round to place third at regionals and move on to state.

Oscar Pakootas started his day at 132 winning with a 15-0 technical fall against Travis Knuff of Garfield-Palouse. In his next match Pakootas faced the very talented Kain Feltwell of Liberty-Spangle. Feltwell and Pakootas were evenly matched but Feltwell eked out a win, 2-0.

Pakootas rebounded against Clark Rabe of Northwest Christian, winning 6-2. In the match to determine third and fourth place, Pakootas rematched with Knuff winning again by major decision, 8-0 for third place and trip to the Mat Classic in Tacoma.

Mat Classic XXVII starts Friday at 10 a.m. in the Tacoma Dome and runs through Saturday until 9:30 p.m. The finals round starts at 5 p.m.

The LR team will leave on Thursday after a send-off at Gailord Nelson Gym.

Smith with face Kobe Christian of Ocosta in his first match Friday. Oscar Pakootas will face Riki Thompson of Ilwaco in his first match. Octavio Alejandre starts his final Mat Classic against Mark Dituri of Mary Walker (Springdale). Dituri and



Oscar Pakootas in the first round at the regional tournament.

Alejandre have faced off many times in the past three years, and this could be one very exciting match.

Team scores at regionals
Warden 159.5 (2) Reardan 113 (3)
Tonasket 107 (4) Liberty Bell 95 (5)

Republic 60
(6) Davenport 59 (7) Selkirk 57 (8)
LR 53.5 (9) Kittitas 52 (10) Liberty-Spangle 44
(11) Colfax 41 (12) Mabton 37 (12)
Mary Walker 37 (13) Brewster 34 (13)
NWC 34
(14) Garfield-Palouse 32 (15) Wilbur-

Creston-Keller 30 (16) Kettle Falls 29 (17) Okanogan 28.5 (18) Waitsburg-Prescott 20 (19) Pateros 19 (20) Pomeroy 12.
ACH, Oroville, Lind-Ritzville/Sprague, Riverside Christian, Tri-Cities Prep, and White Swan all tied for 21st with 0 team points.



Jacob Smith breaks down his Kettle Falls opponent for third place.

Lady Raiders advance to second week of district play

by John R. McNeil II

After taking second place in the league, the Lady Raiders held on in district tournament play last week with a decisive defeat of Oroville after having let Kittitas slip by in a disappointing first-round loss.

“We played good defense, which gave us opportunities to win,” Coach Wallace Pleasants said after their three-point loss to the Coyotes. “We talked about taking care of the little things so they don’t bite back; we didn’t do that tonight.”

But planning for the next game, against Brewster, Pleasants noted that they might use a game plan similar to one that had proved successful earlier in the month.

The plan worked. The Lady Raiders rebounded, taking down Brewster Feb. 14 to advance to tomorrow night’s game against White Swan.

Lake Roosevelt siezed an early lead in the game against Brewster, starting the second half with a 28-14 advantage. The Bears couldn’t recover, and the Lady Raiders took the win at 47-35.

That was a turnaround from three nights before, when Kittitas had scored first and played hard all first quarter. LR was out of sync and struggled to get anything going. Kittitas went on an 11-0 run to build a substantial lead in the second quarter.



Austin Rosenbaum draws a foul from Brewster.

Raiders still have shot at regionals

by John R. McNeil II

To stay alive in post-season basketball, the Raider boys must defeat a team they last took down at home — in overtime.

In the second week of the District 5-6 Tournament tomorrow at Eastmont High School, Lake Roosevelt will face Waterville in a loser-out game starting at 8:30 p.m. LR needs to beat the Shockers to move on to the regional tournament. If the Raiders win, they will face the winner of the Warden/Mabton game in a regional seeding game on Saturday at Eastmont High School starting at 4 p.m.

In the opening game of the district tournament, the Raiders faced the Warden Cougars Feb.

11 at Eastmont Jr. High. Warden had defeated the Raiders in the regular season and the Raiders were looking for payback.

Warden went on a 10-0 run to start the game. But LR came back with Jesse Louie and Jacob Palmer leading the charge, ending the first quarter trailing 17-10.

In the second quarter, Warden hit a couple threes that pushed the lead, one from the NBA line. Then Chance Garvin dunked the ball, sparking the Raiders to rally. With shots from Austin Rosenbaum and Jacob Palmer, LR claimed their first lead of the night toward the end of the second, and the half closed with the Raiders down by just two, 26-24.

In the third quarter, LR built

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Riley Epperson maneuvers around Brewster players Saturday. — Scott Hunter photos

The Lady Raiders recovered some ground but at halftime Kittitas was still up by four points, then outscored LR in the third.

The Lady Raiders staged a comeback in the fourth, retaking the lead for the first time since early in the first. After a quarter of trading baskets, the game finally came down to the wire as the Coyotes held on to beat the Lady Raiders 29-26. The score set a new Dis-

trict Tournament record for the lowest score in a winning game.

Tomorrow (Thursday, Feb. 19) at Eastmont High School, starting at 6:45 p.m., the Lady Raiders take on the White Swan Cougars, who lost to Okanogan Feb. 14. If the Lady Raiders win, they will take on the winner of the Oroville/Kittitas game on Saturday at 2 p.m. for the final two spots to the regional tournament.

White Swan defeated Oroville 60-32 last week, before losing to Okanogan 55-39.

Scoring vs Kittitas					
	1	2	3	4	Final
LR	5	5	5	11	26
Kitt	8	6	9	6	29

Bearcub 3, R. Epperson 10, A. Epperson 0, Ensminger 0, St. Pierre 1, Schilling 6, Moore 3, Wilson 2, Priest 0

This week in sports

Wed., Feb. 18
5 p.m., JHS Wrestling at Oroville Mix and Match.

Thurs., Feb. 19
TBD, HS Basketball - District Playoffs at Eastmont High School gym, East Wenatchee. 1) 6:45 p.m., LR Girls versus White Swan. 8:30 p.m., LR Boys versus Waterville.

Fri/Sat., Feb. 20-21
HS Wrestling State Meet, Tacoma.

Sat., Feb. 21

TBD, HS Basketball - District Playoffs, Eastmont High School.

Tues., Feb. 24
5 p.m., JHS Girls' Basketball here with Liberty Bell.

Wed. Feb. 25
6 p.m., JHS Wrestling, LR Mix and Match here.

Fri., Feb. 27/Sat., Feb. 28
TBD, HS Basketball Regionals

Sat., Feb. 28
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First buttercup claimed

Hunter Piccinini of Electric City holds the first buttercup of the year Thursday. It was found on the back side of the water tank above the city. The 1-year-old's parents are Anthony and Rose Piccinini. — Rose Piccinini photo.

Coulee Cops

Compiled from police files

Grand Coulee Police

2/9 - Choice Auto Group advised police that someone had rolled a tire down the hill into the back of its building, causing an estimated \$300 damage. Police could not find the person responsible.

- Police found the gate at the 230 Yard open. The officer closed it and about an hour later found the gate at the 500 Yard open. The officer closed this gate also.

2/10 - A caller told police that someone on Division Street was playing music too loud. Police found a man working on his vehicle with the music going. He turned it down.

- Police referred a call about a possible suicidal person to Tribal Police since the person lived on Gold Lake Road, north of Nespelem.

- A man on Sunset Drive in Electric City complained of a dog constantly whining. Police checked and found the noise was coming from an outbuilding and that the people had just moved into the area.

- Police were asked to stand by at the overlook area just above Grand Coulee Dam by the Bureau of Reclamation because officials there were in the process of dismissing an employee.

- A woman on Granger Avenue reported that someone had entered her house and asked to use her phone and for a gas can. She yelled for the man to leave the house. Police learned of the name of the person and are asking the prosecutor to file charges of residential burglary.

2/11 - An Electric City man told police that he had been threatened because he talked with the sister of the person making the threat. Police said he should try to avoid any fight and suggested he send any information he has in a statement to police.

- A woman on Stevens Avenue in Electric City reported that two of her tires had been slashed, both on the driver's side. She asked that patrols drive by her place.

2/12 - A Tekoa man was stopped for faulty equipment on his vehicle and told police that he probably shouldn't be driving because his license was suspended. When asked in which state, he said he thought Idaho, Montana and maybe Washington. He was cited and told not to move his vehicle until he had a licensed driver to do so.

- A man on Roosevelt Drive complained about a barking dog. The officer planned to mail an infraction notice to the owner of the dog, who wasn't home.

- A person on Hillcrest Place in Electric City told police that two dogs were kept nearby and one of

them had his ribs showing. Police contacted a relative of the owner of the one dog and said it stopped eating when the owner was jailed. Police were advised that the dog is being hand fed.

2/13 - Police responded to a call that a man was staggering up the hill by the Visitor Center and had fallen. The man told the officer that his knees were bad, and he was given a lift to his residence at Continental Heights.

- Police were called to Coulee Medical Center because of a possible combative patient. Police had to help restrain the patient until soft restraints were in place.

2/14 - An officer observed an intoxicated woman try to get into a car at closing time at Bank's Lake Pub. She told the officer that she was not the driver, her sister was. Another woman came to the driver's door and when asked if she was sober she responded, "Yes, well kind of." The owner of the Pub took her keys and arranged for another person to take them home.

- Police checked on a man reported as sleeping along the road by Coulee Playland. The officer found the man had been drinking. He stated he had a room in a Coulee Dam motel. A motorist stopped to tell the officer that she had nearly hit the man. The officer gave the man a courtesy ride to his motel.

- Dispatch advised police that there were two people involved in a disturbance on Grand Avenue in Electric City and that one was armed with a knife. Police found the men. Neither was armed, and they were advised to keep the noise down.

2/15 - An officer was flagged down by a man on Electric Boulevard who complained that the woman in the apartment next door was playing music too loud. The officer told her to turn the music down and if he had to return she would be cited.

- Police responded to a request by Coulee Medical Center to be on hand when a tribal ambulance arrived because the patient in the ambulance was combative. Police were there while the man was worked on and left when a second tribal officer arrived.

- A woman on 4th Street NW in Electric City told police that someone had put 71 nails three inches long or longer in her driveway after she left. She told police who she thought might have done it, and police went to the door but no one answered.

- Police stopped a go-cart operating in Electric City at 4th and Sunny Drive and gave a 22-year-old man a ticket for driving on the roadway without proper registration.

- A Keller man was issued a driving under the influence citation after he was stopped for operating his vehicle in Electric City after dark without having his lights on. The police report noted that the man tested well over the legal limit for having consumed alcohol. The man's vehicle was towed and a relative came for the driver.

All Indian basketball tourney results

The Nespelem All Indian Basketball Tournament was held February 14-15, 2015. This year we had 31 Teams competing in (4) brackets: Young Men, Women, 35 and over, and 50 and over bracket. This year was the largest All Indian Basketball Tournament in the Nespelem and Grand Coulee Dam area.

The following represents how the teams placed, the tournament all stars, MVP's, Mr./ Ms. Hustle, Most Points in one game, Most Threes in one game, tournament sponsors, and recognition of assistance.

Team Places:

35 and Over

1st Place Lapwai; 2nd Place Descendents; 3rd Place Hickam; 4th Place White Swan

50 and Over

1st Place Cayuse Legends; 2nd Place Womer and Associates; 3rd Place North Dakota Warriors; 4th Place Suquamish

All Stars 35 and Over

1. Ed Wolfe Jr-Descendents
2. Kurt Schwamp-Lapwai
3. Joel Mofill-Suquamish
4. JT Ball-White Swan
5. Chuck Simpson-Eagle Strikes
6. Uriah Palmanteer-Hickam
7. Jayme Brashears-Descendents
8. Brent Jordan-Hickam
9. Doug Sobotta-Descendents
10. Matt Dixie-Lapwai
11. Greg Jose-Lapwai
12. Roy Spoonhunter-Abe's Wrecking Crew

MVP-Curt Schwamp
Mr. Hustle-Glen Jones
Most Points-Curt Schwamp
Most 3's-Rocky Three Irons

All Stars 50 and Over

1. Merle Smith-Coyote Creek
2. Edwin Marchand-Omak
3. Rudy Edwards-Womer and Associates
4. Al Estimo-Black Wolf
5. Joe Peterson-Tacoma
6. Leonard Forsman-Suquamish
7. Tex Hall-North Dakota Warriors
8. Buck Jones-Cayuse Legends
9. Duane Garvais-Womer and Associates
10. Scott Williams-Cayuse Legends

MVP-Josh Leighton
Mr. Hustle-Marshall Pakootas
Most Points-Merle Smith
Most 3's-Merle Smith

Bowling Scores

TUESDAY HI LO'S

TEAM	W	L
Riverview Lanes	24	8
Coulee Internet Serv	20	12
Fullers	20	12
Sunflower Graphics	16	16
Pepsi	9	23
Team 6	0	24
High Game: Riverview Lanes 438; Karen 186		
High Series: Riverview Lanes 1169; Karen 465		
Splits: Bonnie 3-7-10; Karen 2-7		

THURSDAY MIXUPS

TEAM	W	L
Fry Bread Power	55.5	24.5
Fighting Chipmunks	47	33
Shut Up & Bowl	44	36
Gutter Fingers	41	39
The Shire	39	41
Flyin W	35.5	44.5
Team 7	34	46
3 Blonds and 1 Ndn	23	57
High Game: Fry Bread Power 83; Leo Levac 232; Briana Bob 249		
High Series: Fry Bread Power 931; JR Jensen 586; Briana Bob 626		
Splits: John Stensgar 2-4-8-10; Marvin Bob 4-7-9		

DAM KEGLERS

TEAM	W	L
R&A	96	44
Spring Canyon Alpacas	79.5	60.5
Moose Lodge	77.5	62.5
Vaagen Bros.	70	70
Brew Crew	68.5	71.5
KCCO	66	74
Flyin W	52	88
Native Spirit	50.5	89.5
High Game: Brew Crew 798; CJ Bjorson 244; Candy Weed-Butz 212		
High Series: Brew Crew 2205; CJ Bjorson 616; Candy Weed-Butz 511		

COLUMBIA LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L
Chewy Const. S	19.5	16.5
Harvest Foods	19.5	16.4
Lucky Strikes	18	18
Live to Bowl	17	19
Riverview Lanes	15	21
Vacant	1	7
High Game: Live to Bowl 711; Chance Epperson 243; Sharey Redthunder 183; Alex Gleave 241		
High Series: Live to Bowl 2022; Chance Epperson 637; Sharey Redthunder 487; Alex Gleave 517		

Young Men's

1st Place Nespelem Savages; 2nd Place Goonies; 3rd Place Suquamish; 4th Place Lapwai

All Stars

1. Angelo Tupper
2. George Hill III-Suquamish
3. Coby Dick-Nespelem Savages
4. Bobby-Lapwai
5. Leighton Boyd-Young Bucks
6. Rocky Three Irons
7. Magic Smith-Descendents
8. Zach Mills-Goonies
9. Colton Peone -Mixed Breeds
10. Blake Marchand-Womer and Associates
11. Charlie Thomas-Goonies
12. Ed Wolfe-Nespelem Savages

MVP-Ed Wolfe
Mr. Hustle-Tyson Fryberg
Most Points-Magic Smith
Most 3's-Coby Dick

Women's

1st Place: Sylix; 2nd Place: Tatunka; 3rd Place: Suquamish

All Stars

1. Kooipo Fontes-Suquamish
2. Mariah Brisbois-Hoopaholics
3. Shelbi Strom-Yakama
4. Kim Swennumson-Tatunka
5. Chelsea Pakootas-Tatunka
6. Eva Green-Sylix

MVP-Toddy Holiday
Ms. Hustle-Chanell
Most Points-Toddy Holiday
Most 3's-Amanda Montgomery

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Jesse Louie against Brewster.

Boys

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and maintained a small lead, outscoring Warden by 10 points to start the fourth with a 36-28 advantage.

A series of turnovers that started in the third carried over to the fourth quarter, when LR almost succumbed to a Warden comeback before capitalizing on critical Cougar mistakes to seal the win for the Raiders 46-40.

The heroes for LR against Warden were Jesse Louie, Jacob Palmer, and Austin Rosenbaum. All three made clutch shots and plays that kept the Raiders going in the down turns and pushing ahead in the up swings.

On Saturday at Eastmont High, the Raiders matched up against the Brewster Bears for the third time this season. The final score was the closest of any

matchup this season. Brewster came away with its third win over LR by the final of 65-39.

Tomorrow's opponent, Waterville, lost its first game of the tournament to Okanogan 80-43, then squeaked past Liberty Bell 51-45. LR defeated the Shockers on Jan. 10 in Grand Coulee in overtime 75-67.

Scoring vs Warden

	1	2	3	4	Final
LR	10	14	12	10	46
War	17	9	2	12	40

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