Celebrating 80 years

The Moose Lodge will celebrate its 80th anniversary Saturday, June 25, with a potluck dinner from 6-7 p.m. The dinner will be followed by live music from 7-11 p.m.

Potentially cool deal

Three-air-conditioning units now servicing city hall in Electric City, which will soon be replaced, have been declared obsolete by the city council. Anyone interested in acquiring them can contact city hall.

Navy brass to play

A Navy brass quartet will give a 45-minute concert just before the Laser Light Show Sunday, June 26, beginning at 9 p.m. The quartet is to be performed in front of the seating area at the Visitor Center and has been arranged by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Huge tanker practiced over reservation

If you saw a huge aircraft flying low over the Colville Indian Reservation, you likely saw the world’s largest super-tanker aircraft and crew practicing in a firefighting training exercise. Global SuperTanker Service, a private tanker company, planned several flights over the Colville Indian Reservation with Boeing 747 tanker to practice firefighting over the reservation in advance of the coming fire season.

The tanker can carry 19,600 gallons of water, retardant or a mix, of about the size of a double-decker bus, 197-feet-long, or about 300 times the load, but can also cover almost 200 to 500 feet up. It can drop a 2 miles in about 15 seconds. It is a 500-gallon tank, but it can be used to lay out the firebreaks, starting at about 9 a.m. and getting done about 12 hours later. “We will lay out the displays from one end of the spillway to the other,” Verheul said last week. “We will lay out the displays from one end of the spillway to the other.”

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They’ll fire 2,000 rockets off the dam

It takes a lot of coordination and planning to put on the fireworks display over Grand Coulee Dam on July 4, according to Rockerman Fire, Chief Operator, Tom Verheul. It all begins with the firm’s broker in China, and the selection of some 45 cases of carefully selected fireworks. Then when it’s time to set up, it takes 6-8 people to lay out the fireworks, starting at about 9 a.m. and getting done about 12 hours later. “We will lay out the displays from one end of the spillway to the other,” Verheul said last week. “We will lay out the displays from one end of the spillway to the other.”

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The Grand Coulee Dam show will be just one of 20 that his firm will be putting on across the region. “There’s from 31 rockets in a case to just 18, depending on their size,” Verheul said. See FIREFORKS page 2

National quilt show bringing art to coulee

A major art show, drawn in close collaboration with the National Park Service in its 100th anniversary, will be on display in the Lake Roosevelt Elementary School gym July 4-14, with more than 150 art quilts.

Don’t think about those warm blankets seen from afar that may start to sing in your mind. Those quilts depict something inspirational from the nation’s most beautiful places.

Detailed and hallowed in a new book by Donna DeSoto, the quilts cover a wide range of styles and depict everything from an overhead view of a blue river through a rocky brown landscape to an intricate forest scene to the earth below a volcano. Some are literal interpretations, some are more impressionistic. None of them look like your grandmother’s quilts.

DeSoto’s book, “Inspired by National Parks, State Landscapes and Wildlife in Fabric Perspectives,” details the stories of the artists who were asked for their top quilt ideas on 59 parks.

The 177 quilts in the 470-page book, bibly illustrated with photos of them, offer a celebration of the national parks from Acadia in Maine to Hawaii to El Yunque in Puerto Rico.

The Discover Your Northwest sales outlet at the Bureau of Reclamation’s Visitor Center has the book on sale for $49.99.

Faces forward

Young performers in the Wenatchee Youth Circus smile for the crowd during choreographed moves, swinging on bouncy high above the ground. The circus, brought to the Lake Roosevelt football field for Kids Fest Saturday by the Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union and its 75th anniversary, put on two shows, despite rain during the first one. — Scott Hunter photo

Plans for big Grand Coulee hydro project details

Chamber of commerce mem-
ber Thursday board details on a proposed project that could put hugeconda for water under the community to produce more pow-
er.

The proposed Grand Coulee hy-
dro project’s development pro-
ject could be operational by the year 2021.

Tim Culbertson, and a team from Columbia Basin Hydropower,
 knockout our project that could require some 2,500 workers dur-
ing construction and as many as
100 permanent employees.

Culbertson spoke at the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce’s weekly luncheon at The Swan Palace.

He said licensing could take as long as three years, with seven or more years or more construction time. The project would take water from Grand Coulee Dam through a large pipe at the Snake Dam just in time for the Fourth of July, according to Rocketman Pyros owner Dan Verheul.

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Project

East Columbia Basin, Quincy Columbia Basin and South Columbia Basin.

 Culhente said operation of the pumping plant could be run by

Columbia Basin Hydropower currently has seven power producing units under operation, with the power going to the cities of Tacoma and Seattle.

He said the firm’s talk with Recreation is going better than

The underground pipe was from 6,000 feet to 9,000 feet long, depending on where engineers decide to locate the overall system. The underlying granite rock formations are ideal for drilling, and Culhente didn’t think that would pose a problem.

Fitness

For him, and his crew, it’s a long night.

“We will get off the dam about

2,000 rockets set off during the

final, at about 10:30 p.m., the

for Rocketman Pyros, out of Spo-

and Seattle.

modern,” he said.

The celebration begins on Sun-

day, July 3, with all the features

This year’s show takes on a

“Part of our reward is to hear

By Roger S. Lucas

Most races were close, and all

incidents but two appeared to

be handled for resolution in the

Culhente Business Council general

poll election Saturday:

Absentees ballots could change

most races, but the unofficial tally

Monday showed that incumbents

in Inchelium District, Position 1, and

Nezperem District, Position 1, were both in doubt.

In the Inchelium District 1 race, incumbent Chairman Jim Band trailed challenger George Simpsov, 95-49.

In the Nezperem District 1 race, incumbent William “Billy” Nicholson II thrilled Willie Warner, 115-94.

In other general election races, Shirley Cleveland, in Nezperem District Position 2, was leading Brian Nissen, 119-85. In Inchelium District Position 2, Marvin Joseph Kheel led Larry E. Allen, 85-60.

In Keller District Position 1, Joseph L. Sunday led Ellis Ho, 52-17.

In Omak District position 1 race, Edwin L. Marshand led Darlene “Dar” Burke, 66-33. And in Omak District 2, Michael R. Marshand, was edging Karen Cundeh, 52-48.

Absentees ballots will be count-

ed later this week.

To see the show

Where: Lake Roosevelt Elementary School gym

When: July 2-3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 4, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

There will be bands, arts and crafts and food booths, a water park, the Laser Light Show, and finally, at about 10:30 p.m., the fireworks.

These will be the second season for Rockey-Pyros, out of Spa-

kane, to display their pyrotech-

nic skills on top of Grand Coulee

Dam.

This firm was selected again by

the overall sponsor of the Festival of American event, the Grand Cou-

lee Dam Area Chamber of Com-

merce, which heard a lot of posi-

tive comments after last year’s show.

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