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Newsbriefs

Celebrating 80 years

The Moose Lodge will celebrate its 80th anniversary Saturday, June 25, with a potluck dinner from 4-7 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 surplus 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 open-air concert will 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 supertanker aircraft and crews practicing in a firefighting training exercise. Global Supertanker Services scheduled flights over the Keller Butte area Saturday with a Boeing 747 tanker to practice flying in a mountainous area in advance of the coming fire season.

The supertanker can carry 19,600 gallons of water, retardant or gel, or a mixed load of two of those, and drop it from about 200 to 500 feet up. It can drop in multiple areas with the same load, but can also cover almost 2 miles in about 15 seconds. It would take 25 small firefighting planes to carry a similar payload, according to company statistics.

Global alerted authorities to the practice runs last week, and flew out of Moses Lake.

Barbecue set for fund-raiser

"Pig in the Park" will be held this year on Saturday, Sept. 10, in the park-like area behind city hall in Electric City. The community BBQ picnic raises funds for the development of the city's newest park, behind the fire hall. The Whitelaw brothers, Dave and John, will again be in charge of preparing the meat for the occasion. Last year's picnic raised about \$2,500 toward development of the park.



Faces forward

Young performers in the Wenatchee Youth Circus smile for the crowd during choreographed moves, swinging on ladders 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

They'll fire 2,000 rockets off the dam

by Roger S. Lucas

It takes a lot of coordination and planning to put on the fireworks display over Grand Coulee Dam on July 4, according to Rocketman Pyros owner Dan Verheul.

It all begins with the firm's broker in China, and the selection of some 40 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.

The fireworks display "will last about 18 minutes," Verheul stated. The Grand Coulee Dam show will be just one of 20 that his firm will be putting on across the region.

"There's from 91 rockets in a case to just 18, depending on their size," Verheul said.

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National quilt show bringing art to coulee

by Scott Hunter

A major art show, drawn in cloth and stitches, and honoring the National Park Service in its 100th year, will arrive in Coulee Dam just in time for the Fourth of July.

The "Inspired by the National Parks" Quilt Show will be on display in the Lake Roosevelt Elementary School gym July 1-4, with more than 180 art quilts.

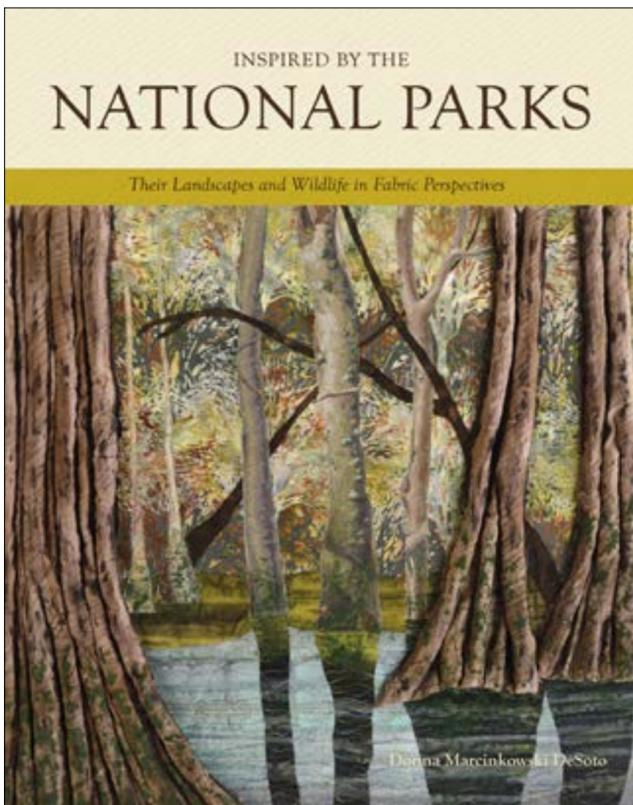
Don't think about those warm blankets sewn from scraps that may first spring to mind. These quilts depict something inspirational from the nation's most beautiful places.

Detailed and hailed 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, their Landscapes and Wildlife in Fabric Perspectives," details the choices of the artists who were asked for their top eight ideas on 59 parks.

The 177 quilts in the 272-page book, richly illustrated with photos of them, offer a celebration of the national parks from Acadia in Maine to Haleakala in Hawaii.

The Discover Your Northwest sales outlet at the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Center has the book on sale for \$34.99.



DeSoto's book is available to purchase at the visitor center.

DeSoto launched the project soon after completing an earlier one in which she asked quilters for pieces inspired by The Beatles. That gave her the network needed to accomplish the big task.

"Other people collect quilts," she said, "I collect quilters."

The show in Coulee Dam will also include five local entries.

Marlene Oddie, who owns KISSed Quilts in Grand Coulee,

Plans for big Grand Coulee hydro project detailed

by Roger S. Lucas

Chamber of commerce members Thursday heard details on a proposed project that could put huge conduits for water under the community to produce more power and create jobs.

The proposed Banks Lake hydroelectric pumped storage project could be operational by the year 2025.

Tim Culbertson, and a team from Columbia Basin Hydropower, outlined a project that could require some 2,600 workers during construction and as many as 100 permanent employees.

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

He said licensing could take as long as three years, with seven years or more construction time.

The project would take water from Banks Lake through a large penstock (pipe) to a pump-generator station near Crescent Bay on Lake Roosevelt, generate elec-

tricity and then pump the water back into Banks Lake later. That process would actually result in a net loss of energy, but would be flexible enough to supplement the burgeoning renewable energy sector (wind and solar power) that has no way to store energy.

Culbertson said that a large 35-foot, or two 20-foot, pipes would go underground and take water from the bottom of Banks Lake about 400 feet south of North Dam.

The Banks Lake project would provide up to 500 megawatts of energy and capacity to offset the retirement of some coal-fired energy plants in the Northwest.

Culbertson said while the project could provide 35 hours of continuous generation, it is unlikely that the duration of continuous operation would last that long. He said that the level of Banks Lake would drop no more than one or two feet during long operating periods.

Columbia Basin Hydropower is owned by three irrigation districts in the Columbia Basin —

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Almira congregation to take over Coulee Dam church

by Roger S. Lucas

The Almira Community Church will soon occupy the former Presbyterian Community Church in Coulee Dam.

The Almira congregation voted overwhelmingly June 12 to acquire the historic stone church and develop a second campus.

Almira pastor Paul McArthur said Tuesday that the congregational vote was 49-0 in favor, with one undecided.

"We plan to have our opening in Coulee Dam on Oct. 2," McArthur stated.

The church plans later to address a roof problem, and plans some work days.

"We are very happy to add the new campus, and look forward to serving the communities there," McArthur said.

Jerry Kennedy, who sat on the Presbyterian committee that made the decision in favor of the Almira congregation, said Monday that the church ownership

will pass as soon as the title can be cleared.

The two groups had been in negotiations for several weeks, working out the details of the transfer.

The stone church has been idle since the end of last year when the Presbyterian congregation, which had dwindled to just a few families, decided to close the doors.

It had been reported that the Almira congregation is made up of well over 100 members, and that there was interest in developing a second sacred campus.

The stone church will pass from one group to another, without any monetary exchange.

Kennedy, a longtime member of the Presbyterian Church, said he was pleased that the property will pass on to another church organization.

The Rev. Paul McArthur and members of the Almira congregation had met with presbyterian officials several weeks ago and then scheduled the vote of their congregation.

Hospital meets with WSU medical college

by Scott Hunter

Hospital officials met last week with Washington State University officials working to make that institution's new medical school a reality.

Kenneth Roberts, the vice dean for academic and community partnerships for the WSU College of Medicine, along with Jeffrey Bell, a partner at Gallatin Public Affairs, stopped at CMC to give officials there an update on WSU's progress in launching the new medical school.

They've also been touring ru-

ral hospitals to understand the needs and capabilities they have for teaching medical students, which they said vary widely. The two had been to Lincoln Hospital in Davenport, and planned to visit hospitals and clinics in Omak, Chelan, Ephrata, Moses Lake and Odessa on the two-day trip.

CMC has been successfully involved in the University of Washington's medical school program, which reaches out to rural hospitals in four states to provide training in rural hospital settings.

Dr. Andrew Castrodale, CMC's chief of staff, considers teaching

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

Culbertson said operation of the pumping plant could be run by permanent employees or through a contract arrangement with the Bureau of Reclamation's John W. Keys III Pump-Generating plant.

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 talks with Reclamation are going better than they once were.

The underground pipe would be 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 Culbertson didn't think that would pose a problem.

Fireworks Continued from front page

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

"We will get off the dam about 3 a.m.," he said.

Altogether there will be about 2,000 rockets set off during the show.

"Part of our reward is to hear the crowd show their appreciation when the show is over," Verheul said.

This year's show takes on a special local flair because it is sponsored by the Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union, in honor of its 75th anniversary.

Crowds begin to gather at the park below the Visitor Center early in the day and the crowd grows by the hour.

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.

This will be the second season for Rocketman Pyros, out of Spokane, to display their pyrotechnic skills on top of Grand Coulee Dam.

This firm was selected again by the overall sponsor of the Festival of America event, the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce, which heard a lot of positive comments after last year's show.

The celebration begins on Sunday, July 3, with all the features of the festival, save the fireworks

Quilts Continued from front page

reconnected with a former quilting partner one day and learned of the project. One of the nationally-renowned quilters selected for the book, Ricki Selva, had spoken at an event Oddie attended.

Oddie became acquainted with DeSoto and the two friended each other on Facebook.

In the spring of 2015, when Oddie and her husband, Duncan, headed to Virginia to a high school reunion, DeSoto saw where they were and contacted Oddie on Facebook to say she lived just 20 minutes away. They had a "fabulous" visit, Oddie said, and the relationship helped book the major exhibit in Coulee Dam before NPS headquarters could secure it for the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area had already gotten the show for the July 4 weekend.

The quilt collection to be on display in LR Elementary's air conditioned gym drew 4,000 visitors at a show last weekend, DeSoto said. It has been appraised at about \$74,000.

To see the show

Where:
Lake Roosevelt Elementary School gym
503 Crest Drive, Coulee Dam

When:
July 1, 1-4 p.m.
July 2-3, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
July 4, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Current chairman trails in poll vote

by Roger S. Lucas

Most races were close, and all incumbents but two appeared to be headed for re-election in the Colville Business Council general poll election Saturday.

Absentee ballots could change most races, but the unofficial tally Monday showed that incumbents in Inchelium District, Position 1, and Nespelem District, Position 1, were both in doubt.

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

In the Nespelem District 1 race, incumbent William "Billy" Nicholson II trailed Willie Womer, 113-94.

In other general election races, Sheliah Cleveland, in Nespelem District Position 2, was leading Brian Nissen, 111-95. In Inchelium District Position 2, Marvin Joseph Kheel led Larry K. Allen, 85-60.

In Keller District Position 1, Joseph L. Somday led Billie Jo Bray, 32-17.

In Omak District position 1 race, Edwin L. Marchand led Darlene "Dar" Burke, 66-33. And in Omak District 2, Michael E. Marchand, was edging Karen Condon, 52-46.

Absentee ballots will be counted later this week.

Bull ride winners announced

by Roger S. Lucas

The three top winners in the Fifth Annual Cleatis Lacy Memorial Bull Riding event last Friday picked up nearly \$3,200 in prize money.

The Friday night event at the Ridge Rider Rodeo Grounds was a memorial to the Grand Coulee cowboy whose friendliness and rodeo fame touched a lot of people during his 86 years.

The Ridge Riders had added \$2,500 to the prize money for the event.

Placing first was Ryan Prophet, of Rigby, Idaho, who picked up \$1,596.76, in prize money.

Second was Wyatt Wilks, of Dixie, Idaho, who got a check for \$834.67.

An Omak cowboy, Francis Marchand, won third place and took home \$762.09 in the bull riding event.

In addition to the bull riding and a wild horse race, the event added contests involving grown cowboys, and also children, working with small, untamed ponies.



Top - A young would-be pony rider hangs on with tenacity as a pony drags him across the entire length of the arena at the Ridge Riders Rodeo Grounds Friday. A bull rider and his ride part ways immediately after their brief time together at the Cleatis Lacy Memorial Bull Riding event. More photos are available online at grandcoulee.com.

— Scott Hunter photos

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\$5 for 25 min, \$30 for all day

NPS "Inspired by the National Parks" Quilt Show
July 1 1:00pm-4:00pm
July 2-3 10:00am-4:00pm
July 4 9:00am-1:00pm
Free admission

Food & Beer Garden
Sunday 5:00pm-10:00pm
Monday 5:00pm-11:00pm
Located in the Melody parking lot with great food, beer, and views of the dam and fireworks

Live music
Rock a Bar
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The Jesse Quandt Band
Monday 7:30pm
Free admission

Vendor fair
Sunday & Monday 10:00am-9:45pm

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Fireworks
Monday 10:30pm

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We want to ensure that you have the resources available to help manage your health. For our Medicare patients, the Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is designed to detect illness and focus on disease prevention. We do this by meeting with you, once a year, for a one-on-one session with a skilled registered nurse. Using the AWV, our team is able to develop a personalized prevention plan just for you. Our hope is that through these preventive care visits, we can help you live a longer, more enjoyable life.

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Appointments

The AWV appointment occurs once every 12 months and a typical visit lasts one hour. If any problems are identified, the primary care physician will schedule a separate visit to see you within a few days. Please note that medications are not refilled or prescribed during this visit.

How Do I Enroll?

There is no enrollment process. As a Medicare recipient, you are automatically eligible and covered for the AWV. Simply call your primary care physician to schedule your first annual visit. (If you are new to Medicare, please speak with your primary care physician about scheduling a "Welcome to Medicare" physical exam prior to an AWV.)

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