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David Thompson Bicentennial

by Peggy Mandin



The journeys and explorations of David Thompson who surveyed and mapped the Columbia River will be celebrated in Kettle Falls June 16-19. The Focus will provide details regarding the schedule of events as they become available; several committees and organizations are involved in developing

a series of activities to commemorate Thompson's accomplishments. *The Mapmaker's Eye*, a book by Jack Nisbet, is an excellent source of information about the life of David Thompson, as well as his book *Sources of the River: Tracking David Thompson across Western North America*. I thought it would be interesting to read about and share some things about Thompson prior to the bicentennial celebration. Please note that this is a very brief summary of a richly detailed life. Both of Nisbet's books are available at the Libraries of Stevens County as well as at the Kettle Falls Historical Center

After much uncomfortable traveling in the cedar canoes, and more Indian difficulties, David and his party reached and traveled down the Spokane River, which led to the Colville Valley. They crossed the Colville River and moved up the valley.

The party arrived safely at the falls (Kettle Falls) on June 19, 1811, which David referred to in his diary as 11th koy ape Falls of the Columbia River. There they encountered a significant "Village of the Natives who have given their name to these Falls, which are about ten feet of descent in a steep slope, in places broken." He recorded that upon their arrival the Chief presented them with "a roasted Salmon and some Roots". These were the first white men that the tribe had ever seen; the tribe probably included both the Colville and Lakes tribes.

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APRIL IS ...

**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH AND
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**
(See our Special Feature Page 5, 6 & 7)

Five Vie For Miss Kettle Falls

submitted by Melody Young, edited by Susan Urhausen

Five young women will take the stage on April 2, 2011 to compete for the title of Miss Kettle Falls. The annual event will take place at the Middle High School Gym at 6:30 PM. Tickets for this event are available at Kettle Falls Pharmacy or at the door. The theme this year is "Celebrating Spectacular Young Women". This scholarship program judges young ladies in five categories: Interview, Scholastic, Talent, Fitness and Poise (self-expression).



2011 Miss Kettle Falls contestants from left to right: Jamee McIntosh, Dylanie Robertson, Mache' Hansen, Jocelyn Lehman and Corina Hammond.

Melody Young, who has been with the program for a number of years, will serve as the chairperson of the event. She also acts as chaperone for Miss Kettle Falls and the runner-up as they travel representing the Kettle Falls community throughout their one-year reign.

Emcee for the 2011 program is Jessica Grub. She is a 2005 alumna of Kettle Falls High School, and she will be returning to her hometown from her new home of Portland, OR for this event. Ms. Grub served as Miss Kettle Falls during her junior year. The current Miss Kettle Falls, Cara Walsh and her alternate Justine Moss will be on hand performing their last duty as 2010 Royalty, handing off ambassador duties to two new representatives.

This year's contestants (in alphabetical order) listed with their talent performance are:

- Corina Hammond, daughter of Tom and Lori McCune. Corina will perform a monologue from "Annie Get Your Gun".
- Mache' Hansen, daughter of Dave and Buffy Hansen will sing "Only Hope" by Mandy Moore.
- Jocelyn Lehman, daughter of Loren and Cyrena Lehman will do a monologue from the Book of Revelation.
- Jamee McIntosh, daughter of Rob and Michell McIntosh will dance to "Dynamite" by Tiao Cruz.
- Dylanie Robertson, daughter of Alan and Tammie Robertson will dance to "Wanna Be" by the Spice Girls.

For those wishing to present flowers to these contestants or to the royalty during the final walk; flowers will be available to purchase during the evening. Young urges the community to attend the Miss Kettle Falls program and support these young women, two of which will go on to represent this community in 2011 and into 2012.

Kettle Falls - News in Brief



On March 5 the Friends of the Kettle Falls Public Library held a Spring Tea to raise money for the library building fund. MC Steve Schott led the program which included readings by local authors. A total of \$1,800 was collected and added to the fund for a new library.



Kettle Falls Chief of Police Scott Sherland reads to local children at the KF Library's weekly story hour. Law enforcement personnel across the Tri-County area are reading to children at numerous libraries to draw attention to Child Abuse Prevention Month. Parents and children receive activity bags with information aimed to raise awareness of law enforcement's role in helping families deal with child abuse issues. Law enforcement personnel want to foster relationships with children in their communities and let them know that kids and families can turn to them for help, care and understanding.



Kettle Falls Middle School students held a penny drive during March to raise money for Meals On Wheels. There was competition between ten 5-8th grade homerooms to see who could raise the most money. First place went to Mr. Kroiss' class, second place to Mrs. Henry's class and third place to Mrs. Rosen's class. A total of \$809.19 was raised for the Meals On Wheels program. Way to go KFMS students!



Kettle Falls Mayor Dorothy Slagle, far right, meets with Meals On Wheels delivery drivers Dutch and Sharlene Lofts to recognize their efforts and lend support to the program. Mayors nationwide helped deliver meals to raise awareness of senior hunger and Meals On Wheels. Meals delivered in the Kettle Falls and Colville area are prepared at Little Gallea restaurant, in Kettle Falls, for distribution.