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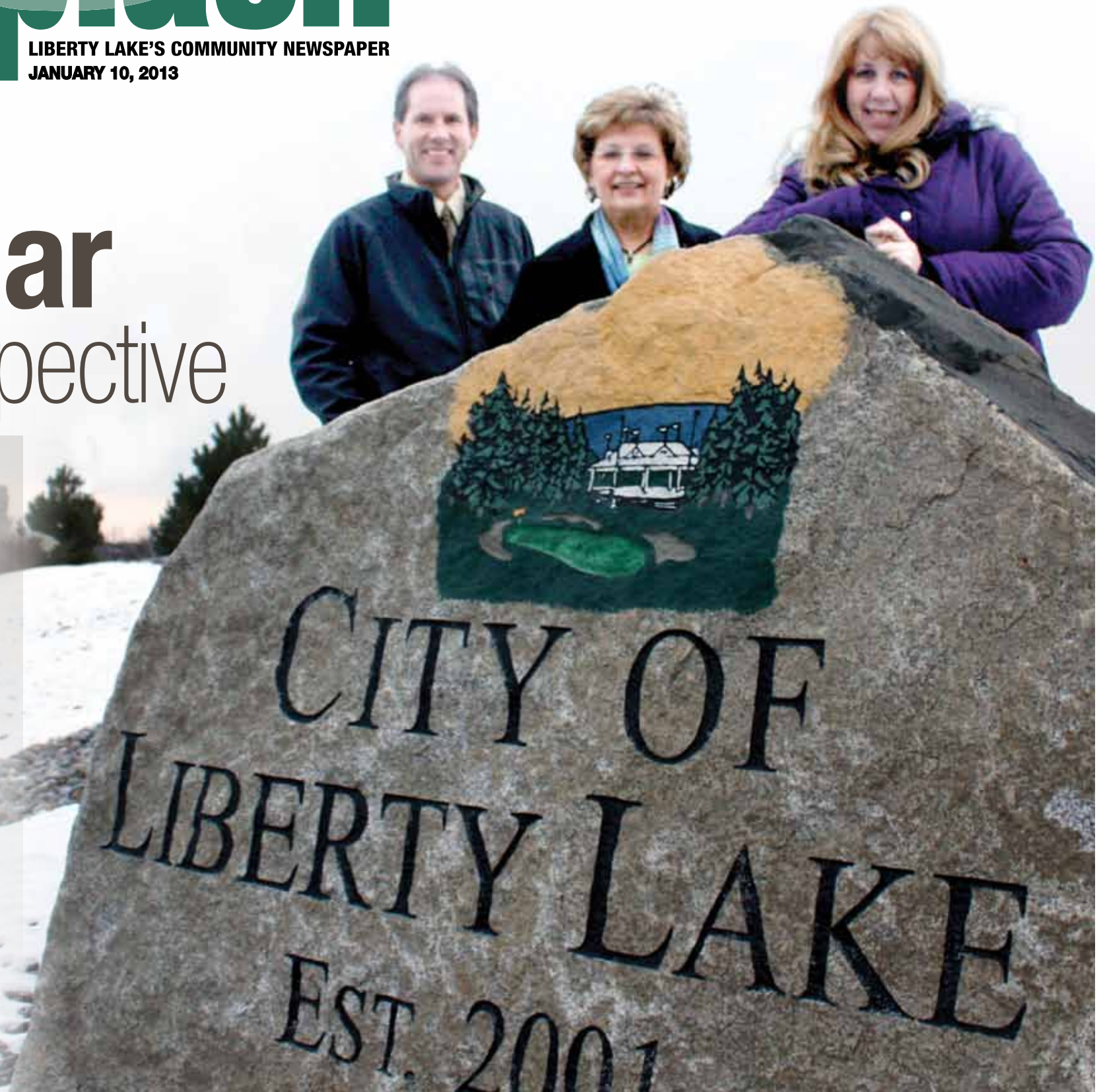
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A year ago, this open salon space occupied by Rachel Stratford looked like the 1981 barn that it is. The remodeling project paved the way for Stratford to open My Hair Girl, a women's only salon.

'Hair Girl' transforms barn into beauty salon

By Valerie Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

"Barn with a little bling" is how Rachel Stratford describes her new Liberty Lake business.

"This kind of started out as a joke," said Stratford, laughing about the remodeled barn behind her home. "When we first looked at this, I would say, 'Oh that could be a salon someday,' and then turns out it is."

Joke or not, last fall Stratford opened the barn doors to My Hair Girl, a women's only salon.

"I didn't know what to expect when I drove up, but you open the door and it's beautiful inside," said Randi Brunt, who started going to My Hair Girl after a recommendation from a friend. "It was exactly what I was looking for. The setting is so beautiful and peaceful."

Though the barn is on Stratford and her husband's 18-acre parcel of property, she doesn't consider it a home-based salon.

"This is totally separate," Stratford said about her business. "I really want people to know that it's a relaxing, unique atmosphere. We've all been at the busy crazy hair salons. This is more of a place where they can recharge, relax and feel pampered."

Stratford designed and constructed the 1,100-square-foot salon using a section of the north side of her barn. The south side of the building, separated from the salon by a wall, provides space for feed and tackles for her and her husband's horses.

Beginning in January 2012, Stratford

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MY HAIR GIRL SALON

About
By appointment only, the salon features hair services, including cuts, colors, highlights as well as natural nail manicures and paraffin dips. In February, esthetic and facial services will be available. Eventually, Stratford plans to offer massage therapy.

Venue service
Stratford supports women-owned businesses and offers her salon to those wishing to host parties, such as makeup, purse or candle.

Fun fact
The home and barn were built in 1981, the first residence built on this particular ridge south of Liberty Lake.

For more
The salon is located at 2009 S. Molter Road. My Hair Girl can be contacted at 742-0896.

and her husband, Travis, along with friends, family and a hired crew, transformed the 1981 barn over the course of four months into a tranquil, elegant salon.

A large open space was transformed into three rooms. The dirty cement floor, old cabinets and a large garage door were replaced with hard wood flooring, marble counter top, two large picture windows and crystal chandeliers.

"You would never know you're in a barn," said Jessica Sheneman, who started going

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Calendar of events

COMMUNITY

Feb. 8 | Van Gogh and Merlot painting event 6:30 p.m., Twisp Café and Coffee House, 23505 E. Appleway. Instruction, supplies, appetizers and one glass of wine are all included for \$45 in this fundraiser for Friends of Liberty Lake Library. Sign up at Twisp, or for more info: 474-9146

March 2 | "Evening in Paris" Father Daughter Dance 7 to 9 p.m. Save the date for this eighth annual event sponsored by the Liberty Lake Kiwanis and K-Kids. Advance tickets go on sale Jan. 24 for \$20 per person (if purchased by Feb. 25). For more: www.libertylakekiwanis.org

Recurring

Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of every month, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays, Liberty Lake City Hall, 22510 E. Country Vista Drive. For more: www.libertylakekiwanis.org

Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club Noon Thursdays, Meadowwood Technology Campus Liberty Room, 2100 N. Molter Road

Liberty Lake Lions Club Noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, Barlow's Restaurant, 1400 N. Meadowwood Lane. For more: 927-2193 or cheshierll@aol.com

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Eight-week Story Time Plus program is Thursdays from Jan. 10 to Feb. 28. Registration is required, and space is limited.

Liberty Lake Toastmasters 5:45 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District building, 22510 E. Mission Ave. For more: 208-765-8657

Senior Lunch programs 11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, and 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Talon Hills Senior Complex, 24950 E. Hawkstone Loop. Seniors age 60 and older invited; recommended donation \$3.50.

CIVIC & BUSINESS

Jan. 11 | Women Executives of Liberty Lake (WELL) meeting 1 p.m., LLSWD building, 22510 E. Mission. Networking begins at 12:45 p.m. Professional organizer and Reclaimed Spaces owner Cindy Vanhoff will be the guest speaker.

Jan. 18 | Chamber Business Connections Breakfast 6:30 a.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan, Spokane Valley. Coffee and networking begins at 6:30 a.m., program 7 to 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 for members and guests and \$35 for non-members. For more:spokanevalleychamber.org

Jan. 26 | Gem of the Valley Gala 6 p.m. Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan Rd., Spokane Valley. Hosted by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber, this semi-formal event includes dinner, silent auction and a celebration of two outstanding Businesses of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Chamber Member Volunteer, Ambassador of the Year, District

Educators of the Year and the Harry E. Nelson Citizen of the Year. Tickets: \$55 each or \$600 for table of 8. For more: 534-9142 or gemofthevalley@hotmail.com

Feb. 9 | Eastern Washington/North Idaho Regional Lakes Conference 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Spokane Community College Lair, 1810 N. Greene St., Spokane. RSVP by Jan. 31. For more: bijay@libertylake.org

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Central Valley School Board 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, CVSD administration building, 19307 E. Cataldo, Spokane Valley

Liberty Lake City Council 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

Liberty Lake Municipal Library Board 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

Liberty Lake Planning Commission 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

Special 4 p.m. meetings have been called for Jan. 23, Feb. 27 and March 27

Liberty Lake SCOPE 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District Board 4 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

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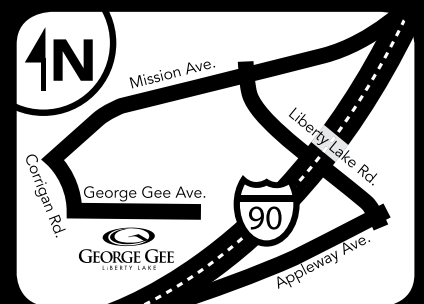
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Council paves way for new trail

Rocky Hill tract decision, snow removal update also covered at meeting

By **Craig Howard**
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

One of the most pedestrian-friendly cities in Washington could have another path forged by this autumn.

The Liberty Lake City Council voted unanimously on Tuesday night to approve an interlocal agreement with Spokane County that would allot \$264,160 for the design and construction of a new trail along the north side of Sprague Avenue from Liberty Lake Road to Molter Road. Completion of the project is anticipated by October.

"Right now, it's a gap in the trail system," said City Administrator Katy Allen, who introduced the topic at the meeting.

The funds were generated by something known as Transportation Benefit District, or TBD, formed in September 1999 by residents of the Liberty Lake area who agreed to tax themselves in order to pay for construction of local trails. The TBD originally sprang from the Pavilion Park Trail Committee, a group comprised of about 50 residents who supported the idea of increased amenities for walkers, joggers and cyclists.

With the TBD about to expire, the remaining funds must be spent by the city on trail construction, effectively zeroing out the TBD account. The idea for the Sprague trail was originally included in the Liberty Lake Trails Master Plan adopted by Spokane County prior to the incorporation of Liberty Lake in 2001. The Spokane County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution last month to

IF YOU GO ...

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday. It will include a public hearing on a proposed amendment to political signage in the municipal development code. Although City Council meetings are normally two weeks apart, the Council is meeting for consecutive Tuesdays because the first regularly scheduled meeting of the month would have fallen on New Year's Day.

transfer the leftover TBD revenue to the city for the purpose of building the trail.

While Allen pointed out there is currently no city money dedicated to the trail project, she said there has been some talk of the Liberty Lake Historical Society adding some features along the route, possibly in the form of monument signage.

In another land-use discussion on Tuesday, the governing board gave its blessing to the city to turn a parcel in Rocky Hill Park over to property owners in the area. The terrain in question was deeded to the city by the Meadowwood Homeowners Association in 2010, but, in Allen's words, "is not a functional use of the park and the homeowners have requested that the city declare this property surplus so they can take steps to acquire this parcel individually."

Several residents of the area spoke in favor of the land interchange on Tuesday, including John Munro, who has appeared before council in the past with concerns over the state and use of the

property.

"Hopefully, this will be something that is beneficial for us all," Munro said.

While comments over the Rocky Hill tract took up part of the meeting, crickets could be heard when council addressed Ordinance 98-A, an amendment to the municipal noise ordinance. Nary a word was spoken during the public hearing on the matter, which was approved by council and changes the regulation on construction within city limits — and its accompanying clamor — from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Allen also provided an update on snow plowing throughout city limits on the heels of the heaviest snowfall of the winter. Newman Lake-based Peplinski Construction — a longtime contractor with the city for de-icing and snow clearing services — took to arterials and residential streets on Sunday and Monday with a cost to the city of \$9,000. Allen said the city will typically spend between \$30,000 to \$75,000 on snow removal each year, depending on the severity of the weather. Meanwhile, city crews are responsible for moving ice and snow from local trails.

Lee Mellish, general manager of the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, and Kottayam Natarajan Jr., the newest member of the LLSWD Board of Commissioners, were in attendance at City Hall as council authorized Mayor Steve Peterson to sign a memorandum of understanding with the district regarding the policy for review of stormwater regulations. Under the agreement, LLSWD would handle review of stormwater facilities for a single residential development in areas where the watershed is within city limits, while the district and the city will collaborate on the review of a project involving a major development or commercial enterprise.

"I think this will clarify things for developers," Allen said.

Council also finalized appointments for each of the three municipal committees for 2013, starting with community development, which will include Dan Dunne, Shane Brickner and Lori Olander. The finance committee will be comprised of Odin Langford, Brickner and Olander while the public safety committee consists of Keith Kopelson, Josh Beckett and Cris Kaminskis. Council representatives on an ad-hoc committee to discuss the future of the field purchased from the Central Valley School District last year will be Brickner, Dunne and Olander.

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Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Jan. 1-7.

Incidents and arrests

• **Agency assist** — The LLPD greeted 2013 with a request to assist the Spokane County Sheriff's Office at 1:30 a.m. Jan. 1 with a disorderly person call at a bar located at the 18000 block of East Appleway. An intoxicated subject was reportedly inside the bar starting fights with other patrons, and additional fights were breaking out as officers were responding. The complainant armed himself with a metal pipe and told the dispatcher he was going to use it if needed. Several officers arrived on scene, the subject causing the disturbance was asked to leave and the case was turned over to the Sheriff's office.

• **Domestic violence assault** — A 13-year-old Liberty Lake boy was arrested at 5:15 p.m. Jan. 1 at the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive for domestic violence assault. Officers were dispatched to the location for a report of an argument between the boy and his mother, and reports that the boy had slammed his mother against the wall in the home and hit her. When the officer arrived on scene, he could hear yelling coming from inside the apartment. When he entered the home, the 13-year-old ran through the apartment, away from the officer and locked himself in a room. The officer was able to get the 13-year-old to unlock the door and placed him in handcuffs. During the investigation, police determined the boy had assaulted his mother and was on probation for domestic violence assault. He was booked into the juvenile detention facility.

• **Welfare check** — At 5:30 p.m. Jan. 1, LLPD was dispatched to the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive, where a woman reported that her nephew was an alcoholic and was incoherent in his bed. Officers contacted the subject, who was extremely intoxicated. He requested to be taken to the hospital, and he was transported to Valley Hospital.

• **Stolen vehicle** — At 1:45 p.m. Jan. 4, LLPD received a report of a vehicle theft at Freedom RV, located at the 19600 block of East Cataldo. The complainant advised that sometime between Dec. 3 and Jan. 4, a 2013 Forest Ridge Sunseeker 23-foot class C motorhome was taken from the lot at the dealership. Officers checked the VIN to determine if a vehicle had been recovered in that timeframe, and there was no record that the vehicle had been located. The vehicle was entered into the system as stolen.

• **Argument and arrest** — At 1 p.m. Jan. 5, LLPD was dispatched to an argument at

the 23000 block of East Valleyway. While en route to the call, dispatch advised that a 29-year-old male involved in the argument was refusing to leave the residence and had an outstanding arrest warrant. When the officer arrived on scene, he placed the man into custody for the outstanding arrest warrant. The officer talked to the complainant and determined there was a verbal argument only, and no crime occurred. The subject was booked into the jail on the warrant.

• **Suspicious circumstances** — At 5:30 p.m. Jan. 5, LLPD was dispatched to a suspicious circumstances call at the 21900 block of East Country Vista Drive. The complainant said two subjects were spray painting a van behind a building near Legacy Ridge Drive and the main gate entrance to the hillside development. The subjects were contacted, and it was determined that one of the subjects was the owner of the van, and they were painting it to get rid of the yellow color and wanted to change it to black. When asked why they decided to paint the vehicle at the location where they were contacted, officers were told the subject's father owned the building where they were painting the vehicle.

• **Theft and outstanding warrant** — A 50-year-old Otis Orchards woman was arrested — and she and her husband were trespassed from the store — following a shoplifting incident 9 a.m. Jan. 5 at Albertsons, located at the 1300 block of North Liberty Lake Road. An LLPD officer was dispatched to Albertsons, where store officials were reporting that they were detaining a shoplifting suspect. The woman was observed taking a package of sausage and a brick of cheese and some other grocery items and concealing them in her purse. She then went to the cash register and paid for the grocery items she had in her cart. When confronted about the items, she concealed in her purse, she denied it. However, the cashier noticed the items in the purse when the suspect was paying for the other items. As the subject was leaving, she was confronted again and cooperated with store personnel. The subject's husband was waiting for her in a car in front of the store. An officer contacted him, and the store advised that both subjects have been tracked to involvement in numerous theft cases from Albertsons stores and requested that the couple be trespassed from the store. During the investigation, it was determined the woman had an outstanding arrest warrant for DWLS. She was issued a criminal citation for the theft and booked into the Spokane County Jail for the outstanding warrant.

• **Suspicious vehicle** — At 8:20 a.m. Jan.

6, LLPD was dispatched to a suspicious vehicle at the 22300 block of East Appleway. The complainant reported a vehicle parked in front of the garbage dumpsters at the business for more than 90 minutes with a dog inside and nobody around. Officers were finally able to locate a number for a relative of the registered owner of the vehicle, who then provided a cell phone number for the owner. Officers called the registered owner, and she advised that she would move the vehicle.

• **False alarm** — At 7 p.m. Jan. 6, LLPD was dispatched to a commercial alarm at Camping World at the 19600 block of East Cataldo. A store representative responded to the scene. The outside and interior of the business was checked, and all was secure. It was determined the alarm was false.

• **DWLS** — LLPD officers made three arrests for driving with a suspended license during the reporting period, including:
- A 26-year-old Liberty Lake man at 5:50 a.m. Jan. 4 at Harvard and Mission;
- A 35-year-old Post Falls man at 2:30 a.m. Jan. 5 at the 25000 block of East

Appleway;
- A 29-year-old Post Falls man at 10:05 p.m. Jan. 6 at Appleway and Liberty Lake Road.

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Van Orman, Crump and Owens were all part of city's first decade of existence



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From left, Dave Crump, Wendy Van Orman and Judi Owens stand on the stairwell of the Liberty Lake Portal. The building, located at 23403 E. Mission Ave., was the site of many late-night meetings the trio attended as City Council members during the formative months of the city of Liberty Lake more than a decade ago.

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

In December, Judi Owens vacationed in Oregon and found herself evaluating lighting fixtures on a city street. Dave Crump notices curbsides and parking features when he drives through different towns, while Wendy Van Orman reflects on building codes in areas she visits.

Welcome to life after municipal government.

For Owens, Crump and Van Orman — representatives of the very first Liberty Lake City Council — the notion of preserving

and improving their community continues despite being away from public office for over a year. The trio stepped away from City Hall in December 2011 after a combined three decades of civic service.

“What I miss the most about being in public office is the focused attention and information on topics for the public good,” said Crump, who also spent time as mayor pro tem. “I also miss working with others on ideas and projects to help move services forward in a positive direction. I enjoyed listening to the public, hearing from staff and trying to make the wisest decision pos-

sible.”

Van Orman, who served on the governance study committee leading up to the vote to incorporate Liberty Lake in November 2000, said the vision of establishing a city with reliable amenities and a healthy balance between residential, commercial and open space formed the foundation for the Liberty Lake of today.

“It was an opportunity to set up our community to be self-sustaining, provide services and do it collectively,” she said. “We spent a lot of time together as a council, researching and taking the best of the best

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— DAVE CRUMP

from other cities in the state and country. I think it paid off with tremendous dividends.”

From inadequate police protection to roads layered with snow during the winter months, pre-incorporation Liberty Lake found itself relying on a Spokane County government that, in Crump's words, “had good intentions, but just couldn't get to it all.”

As a springboard to incorporation, the area featured a rich history of civic involvement integral in creating a world-class trail system and a popular community venue like Pavillion Park. When ballots were cast in the fall of 2000, nearly 65 percent of voters approved the idea of a city. The following April, another election would take place, this one implementing the first governing board in the city's history.

In addition to Owens, Crump and Van Orman, the premier collection of city brass included Tim Shea, Brian Sayrs, Scott Bernhard and Dennis Paul on council with Steve Peterson as mayor. The first council meeting was held on May 8, 2001. Arlene Fisher (city clerk), Lewis Griffin (city administrator), Doug Smith (community development director) and Brian Asmus (police chief) were among the inaugural hires at City Hall.

“I'm proud to have been a part of the beginning,” said Owens. “Lots of people get to serve on a City Council, but there are only limited opportunities to actually start a city from the ground up. I loved being part of the city team and hiring the first of our employees.”

While the City Council and municipal employees are now housed in a well-established City Hall just east of Trailhead Golf Course, lodging arrangements following the incorporation vote read like a community directory of commercial space. The transition team — led by former Washington Secretary of State Lud Kramer and consisting of committees focused on topics like roads, open space, zoning, law enforcement and the budget — gathered at a variety of venues, including the Liberty Lake Portal, Greenstone's Liberty Square Building and the headquarters of the Liberty Lake Sewer

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and Water District named after Denny Ashlock.

Meanwhile, council members and staff donated their own computer gear and furniture as the city began to find its feet. Representatives of council garnered a humble wage of \$75 a month.

“We really built this city on a shoe-string,” Owens said.

Meetings routinely stretched out to four hours and beyond in that first year as the council discussed and approved nearly 170 ordinances.

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The governing board also crafted a mission and vision statement for Liberty Lake and established a municipal symbol that is now seen everywhere from the city letterhead to the entrance at City Hall. The first few years of the city also included landmark campaigns to form a police department and municipal library, the purchase of Pavillion Park from Spokane County and the establishment of codes for signage and development that set the tone for the city’s distinctive look.

“I like the things we’ve put in place,” Owens said. “We worked so hard to establish a community we could be proud of. I don’t think you need to give up on your high standards. I think you need to be collaborative and work with people and hold those standards — they will bring businesses here. It makes me very nervous that we won’t maintain that. That’s the one thing that bothers me about not being on the council.”

Crump, who was behind the idea of supporting local commerce with monument signage that meshed with existing aesthetic values, agreed.

“Liberty Lake has an identity,” he said. “I don’t want to see that go away. Set your standards and live to that. I don’t think we need to settle.”

Van Orman dealt with debates over signage and development issues while serving as mayor from 2008 to 2011. She said the city’s signature regulations are directly correlated to its success in drawing new commercial ventures.

“Our city was incorporated for the protection of the beauty of our area,” she said. “One of the main reasons was the creation of our development code and the signage provisions incorporated into it. We want to help our businesses remain competitive and successful, but also want to keep pro-

tections in place so the beauty will be here for future generations.”

While City Council meetings, executive sessions and committee discussions may not be part of the agenda for Owens, Crump and Van Orman these days, each remains plenty occupied in their respective professional fields. Owens works in administration for the Central Valley School District and serves on the Washington State Investment Board. Crump is director in student services at Spokane Public Schools District 81 and Van Orman operates a successful flooring business that has been in her family for decades.

All three city pioneers say the best part of the past year away from City Hall has been the opportunity to spend more time with family, while each expresses gratitude for the sacrifices and understanding of their families during the time they were in office.

As for any advice they would pass on to those who now sit around the dais, Owens begins by recommending that current council representatives should “be truthful and remember they represent all of the community.”

“I try to keep my distance from what’s going on and just pray that the qualities and values that are important will rise to the top,” Owens said. “It would be easy to pass judgment on the folks that are doing the work now, but I’m not sitting in their seats and not privy to the background on every issue, so I’ll just say that I’d be disappointed if the foundation that we put in place were compromised.”

Crump said he does have concerns over a number of municipal issues, including the budget, the utility tax, open spaces, community congruity and use of LIFT and TIF funds. Still, he says he will approach speculations about the city’s health and growth from the standpoint of informed citizen, not lingering ex-council member.

“I know that when I stepped out of public office my role needed to change, and the new public representatives deserved the freedom to do their best,” he said. “I have followed city news by speaking with citizens and reading articles about the process and decisions. The current City Council is doing an excellent job. I greatly appreciate their time and dedication.”

Van Orman expressed hope that the city would be “very deliberate with our finances” by stretching the tax dollar to fund basic services like law enforcement and road maintenance. Based on the last two years of rebounding revenue from sales tax and permit fees, the former mayor said “there is no need for a utility tax.”

“I believe each council member is there for the betterment of our community,” Van Orman said. “It is a tough job and a lot of responsibility to read through the packets and ask the tough questions, but we are counting on you to make good decisions based on the information you receive.”

In Biz

Great Harvest closes doors

The Liberty Lake Great Harvest Bread Co., 21651 E. Country Vista Drive, has closed due to low sales volume.

Owner Ross Umbdenstock thanked Liberty Lake residents in an email to The Splash “for their support over the last five years.” He encouraged residents to visit Great Harvest’s South Hill location, 2530 E. 29th Ave., where gift cards and other redeemable items could be used.

LL dealers participate in RV show

Liberty Lake-based Freedom RV and RnR RV are among the dealers who will be participating in the 25th annual Inland Northwest RV Show and Sale, coming Jan. 24-27 to the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center in Spokane Valley.

The indoor event features more than 160,000 square feet of displays, more than 50 brands and more than \$13 million in RVs.

General admission is \$7. For more in-

formation, visit www.spokanervshow.com.

Portal offers executive office space

The Liberty Lake Portal, 23403 E. Mission Ave., is completing the remodeling of what was formally a large dental office space into executive suites. The suites are expected to be available in late January or February.

With footprints large enough for one or two people, the suites offer an alternative for small businesses or executives who do not need a large square-footage imprint. The space also comes with conference room and small break room for the exclusive use of the new suites, as well as 24-hour security service, janitorial services, internet and utilities.

For more information, visit www.llip.net or call 343-0103.

In Biz features Liberty Lake-connected business items. Contact The Splash with business news at editor@libertylakesplash.com.

News Briefs

City seeking library board member

The city of Liberty Lake is accepting applications for the volunteer position of library board member. The position is by appointment by the mayor and is for a term of less than one year, renewable for five years.

Applications are due by Jan. 25 and can be downloaded at www.libertylakewa.gov/forms.

For more information, contact Pamela Mogen, director of library services, at 435-0777.

Ryan service scheduled

A service for longtime Liberty Lake resident Alyce Ryan, whose obituary appeared in the Jan. 3 Splash, has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Jan. 18 at the Alpine Village North Condominiums, 23120 E. Inlet Drive No. 3.

Special story time scheduled

A special story time program for preschoolers ages 3 to 5 will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library.

The eight-week Story Time Plus program will run Jan. 10 through Feb. 28 and includes a math or science activity.

Registration is required, and space is limited. For more or to sign up, call 232-2510.

CVSD offers developmental screenings

Each year, the Central Valley School District Special Services Department conducts a “Child Find” search to identify preschool children with developmental delays. A free

screening tool sponsored by the school district, “Child Find” seeks children residing within the Central Valley School District who should be referred for possible diagnostic assessment and recommended for appropriate services.

Children identified by the search may be screened in the areas of speech, language and cognitive and physical development. Free screening clinics are held monthly throughout the school year.

Call 228-5860 to learn more or request an appointment.

Bloomsday registration open

Online early bird registration is open for the 37th annual Lilac Bloomsday Run scheduled for May 5. Sign up by Feb. 10 at www.bloomsdayrun.org to be automatically entered to win one of three Apple iPad minis.

Full details of the event will be released in early March, at which time printed entry forms will be available at locations throughout the Inland Northwest.

CVHS donates to Christmas Fund

Central Valley High School students donated 1,500 stuffed animals and \$75 cash for the Spokesman-Review’s Christmas Fund. Led by the school’s Technology Student Association (TSA), donations were collected throughout the month of December and finalized Dec. 14 during a home basketball game with a “Teddy Bear Toss” to the gym floor.

The total surpassed last year’s contribution by 500 stuffed animals.

'Big Three' scoring nearly three-fourths of CV points

By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Much of the credit for Central Valley's 9-0 boys basketball start is attributable to the sharp shooting of the team's "Big Three."

Beau Byus, **Austin Rehkow** and **Adam Chamberlain** literally share the wealth while accounting for 43 points of CV's average 60 per game.

Remarkably, the three have nearly identical scoring averages. Byus scores 14.8 per game with double figures in the last six; Rehkow 14.3, and Chamberlain 14.0, their contributions spread throughout different times during the season.

"Well, we knew those three would be the catalysts," coach **Rick Sloan** said. "(But) you don't see that (kind of balance) very often."

The holidays over, the unbeaten Bears (9-0) get down to business with their final 11 GSL games spread over the next month, four of them this week.

Tuesday they hosted a pivotal game against Ferris. The Saxons were 5-2 in league and 7-2 overall heading into the contest. They complete the first half of the season against improved Mt. Spokane at home tomorrow, are at Mead Saturday followed by U-Hi in the Stinky Sneaker game at the Spokane Arena on Tuesday.

"It's a tough stretch for us," Sloan said. "The next four games will tell us a lot about the rest of our season."

Stingy "D" leads to wins

Following a rugged start that featured five games against top-end Greater Spokane League teams, Central Valley's girls basketball team earned a reprieve.

The Bears have run off three wins since, improving to 2-5 in league and 4-5 overall.

The defense proved stingy, limiting their foes to an average of 25 points per game.

CV beat North Central 48-22, Richland 42-28 and Rogers 76-27. Tuesday they faced vastly improved Ferris (6-3 overall and tied for third in the GSL).

Madison Hovren continues to be CV's force. She is averaging 20.3 points per game this season.

Time to strap it on

The GSL wrestling season likely comes down to three matches.

A biggie came Wednesday when defending champion Mead traveled to University, which has been on a tear. One of those teams will absorb its first loss.



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Adam Chamberlain, who is averaging 14 points per game, shoots during the CV boys game against Rogers High School on Friday. CV beat Rogers, 76-42.

Central Valley coach **John Owen** will be watching with interest. His young unbeaten Bears travel to Mead next Wednesday. They finish the season at home against once-beaten Mt. Spokane Jan 17 and in the Battle of the Bone with U-Hi on Jan. 24.

Through the first five matches, junior **Carson Graham**, 106 pounds, freshmen **Bryson Beard**, 113 and **Kyle Neil**, 120, sophomore **Blake Beard**, 126, junior **Colton Orrino**, 132-38, and senior **Tanner**

Davis, 182, have perfect GSL records.

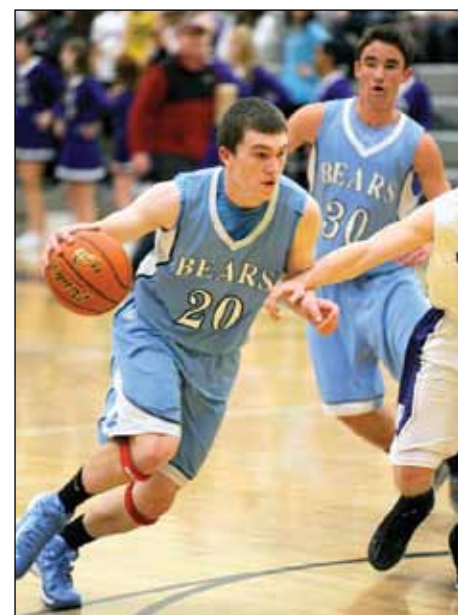
Gymnasts going strong

Before Central Valley returned to gymnastics competition after New Years they had already faced some of their toughest competition, GSL power and defending state champion Mead twice and University once.

Last week, the Bears swept a five-way match to improve their overall record to



Liberty Lake's A.J. Knudsen attacks the basket (above), while Austin Rehkow drives around a Rogers defender (below) during last week's game.



8-3 (0-1 in league standings with the loss to U-Hi). **Issabella Erdem** and **McKinzie Carter** shared all-around (four events) first place with a score of 33.8 and accounted for wins in three of four disciplines.

Erdem won uneven bars and floor exercise, the latter at 9.55, and Carter won vault.

Five league counters remain, following yesterday's match with Mt. Spokane and Shadle Park.

Scoreboard

BOYS BASKETBALL

1/4 CV vs. Rogers 76-42 W

GIRLS BASKETBALL

1/4 CV vs. Rogers 76-27 W

GYMNASTICS

1/2 CV vs. Ferris 154.825-151.1 W

1/2 CV vs. Mt. Spokane 154.825-132.3 W

1/2 CV vs. North Central 154.825-120.925 W

1/2 CV vs. Lewis and Clark 154.825-119.575 W

WRESTLING

1/3 CV vs. Gonzaga Prep 63-12 W

SCHEDULE

JANUARY 11

CV Wrestling at Rocky Mt. Tournament, Missoula Sentinel HS

5:30 p.m. CV Girls Basketball vs. Mt. Spokane

7 p.m. CV Boys Basketball vs. Mt. Spokane

JANUARY 12

CV Wrestling at Rocky Mt. Tournament, Missoula Sentinel HS

2:45 p.m. CV Girls Basketball at Mead

4:15 p.m. CV Boys Basketball at Mead

JANUARY 15

5 p.m. CV Girls Basketball at University

7:15 p.m. CV Boys Basketball at University

JANUARY 16

6 p.m. CV Gymnastics vs. Lewis and Clark, North Central,

Rogers at Rogers

7 p.m. CV Wrestling at Mead

JANUARY 17

7 p.m. CV Wrestling vs. Mt. Spokane

CV girls crush Rogers



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Mariah Cunningham elevates over a defender Friday in a game against Rogers High School. CV's defense proved mighty in the 76-27 win.

Molly Barnhart drives for a layup (bottom left), and leading scorer Madison Hovren reaches for two more in the victory.



Starting off the year with a splash



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Local Lens
 Share your snapshots for The Splash's photo page. Email photos@libertylakesplash.com with scenes from around town, community events and Splash Travels.

The Millikan, Andrews and Merkel families pause for a photo prior to participating in the Polar Bear Plunge 2013.

A winter first



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Hailey Fischer recently enjoyed ice skating for the first time on Liberty Lake with her dad, David Fischer, and brother, Derek Fischer.

Shutterbug snapshot



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jim Klosterman captured this deciduous tree, once totally barren but then refoliated with hoar frost and ice crystals due to the cold temperatures and fog earlier this month.

Stillness on the green



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Nancy Hill shared this shot of a recent winter morning on MeadowWood Golf Course.

Splash Editorial

One Valley Initiative

Four issues we will be focusing on in 2013

If you picked up The Splash's sister publication, The Current, in the last week, you may have noticed the One Valley Initiative. In 2013, both publications will be doing some focused reporting on four "threads" that impact not just Liberty Lake, but the greater Spokane Valley region that our community is a part of.

For more on this initiative, pick up the January copy of The Current, which is on news racks all month and can also be checked out online at issuu.com/valleycurrent.

The basics, however, are as follows. The One Valley Initiative is simply focused coverage on four key issues. In the greater Spokane Valley community, the following four issues have a huge impact on our present — and on our future.

The community is invited to be a part of shaping the stories and sharing the perspectives that will lead to progress. The whole process is much like setting a New Year's resolution to focus on a particular area and then working as a team to follow through.

We are calling these four topics "threads" because we believe them to be important enough that we are weaving a major component of our story planning around them in the coming year. The threads include:

• Growing business

The financial foundation of the Valley

About the Opinion Page

The Splash opinion page is intended to be a community forum for discussing local issues. Please interact with us by sending a letter to the editor or Liberty Lake Voices guest column for consideration.

About the Opinion Page

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As with all content, opinion page submissions may be edited for space, style or clarity. This is a community newspaper, so be relevant to the Valley for the best chance at publication.

"In all debates, let truth be thy aim, not victory or an unjust interest. And endeavor to gain, rather than to expose, thy antagonist."

— William Penn

is woven through the health of our business community and the strength of our economic development. This topic will focus on business and job recruiting, industry clustering opportunities and business education. It will also consider the ways that business standards and practices impact the overall health and livability of a community and what a balanced perspective means for our community.

• Poverty in the Valley

With the formation of the new Valley Homeless Network and the increased demand for social services, The Current has invested a lot of ink in its formative year telling stories that show that poverty is a very real thing in the greater Valley. That said, it often looks different than one might expect. This "thread" is intended to bring further awareness and discussion to providing an infrastructure that meets the needs of community members facing an upside-down future while exploring upstream solutions that provide a bridge to future self-sufficiency.

• Healthy Valley

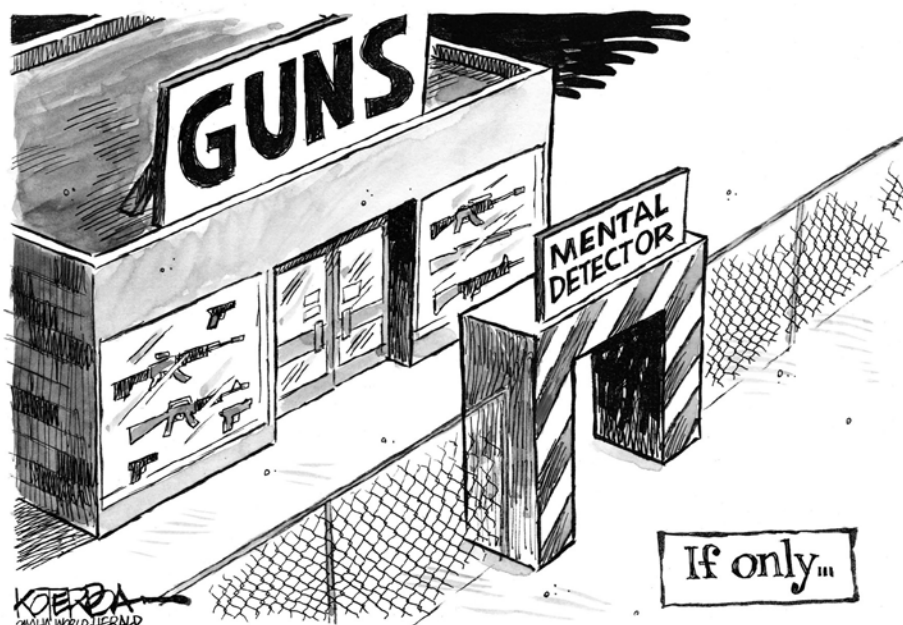
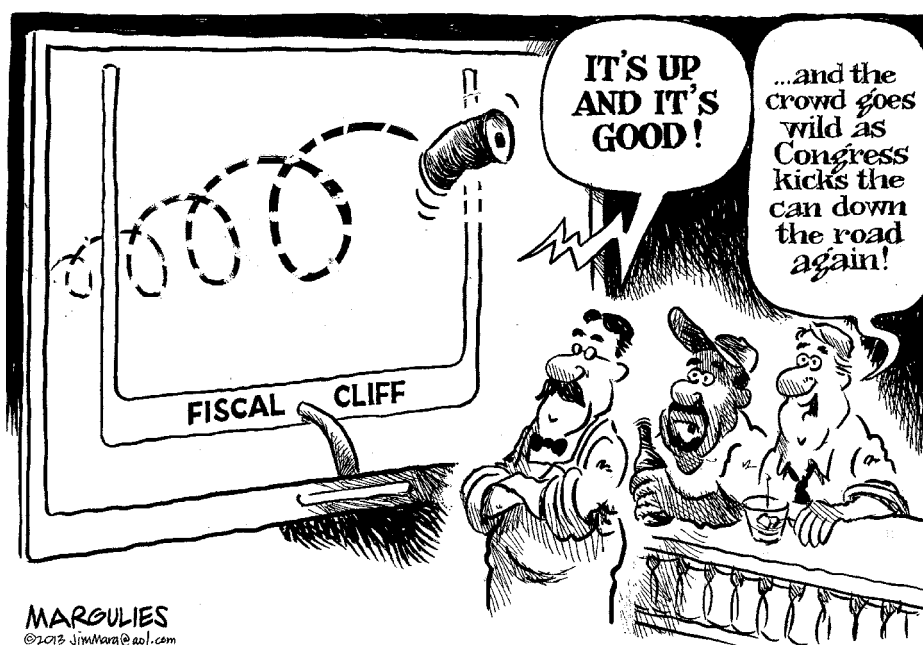
Health is a glue that binds many aspects of a community together. Financial, physical, environmental — there are many aspects of "health" that define a truly robust community. This thread will focus chiefly on physical health and wellness and its myriad impacts on quality of life. From our individual bodies to our community's natural resources as a whole, true wellbeing requires attention and upkeep.

• Innovative education

The Valley is quite blessed by a number of pioneering educational programs, some new like the formation of Spokane Valley Tech, and some established as a model like West Valley's truancy program featured elsewhere in this issue. Continued innovation is critical in any industry, and in few places more so than the realm of education. Another component to innovation, however, is funding, and residents need look no further for the difficulty local districts have had in passing school bonds to know that the way voters and districts define success hasn't always meshed.

If you would like to be a part of receiving updates and having opportunities to be a part of this conversation, email the subject line "One Valley Initiative" to editor@libertylakesplash.com.

Editorial Cartoons



OPINION/PROFILES

Let's be fair: Redefining 'college' for today

My parents are proud to have four children who all graduated from four-year colleges with a bachelor's degree, and two who obtained their master's degree. Although every parent would be proud of this accomplishment, it's especially meaningful to my mother, who only attended elementary school until the third grade, and my father, who attended high school until the ninth grade. They were both forced to drop out of school at an early age and began working full-time, traveling with their migrant families across the United States seeking seasonal agricultural work. Not having the opportunity themselves, it was never really a question of whether their children would attend college, only a matter of where.

Now, as a first-time mom to an 18-month-old son, I have the same college dreams for him that I experienced myself. I want him to experience the unique opportunities offered by attending a four-year university, such as living in the dorms, playing intramural sports and the pride of cheering on your alma mater.

With this in mind, I wonder how I might feel if my son were to say to me, "I was thinking about going to a vocational school." Honestly, I would be torn between my instincts as a parent to support my son in whatever makes him happy and at the same time wish for him

the same wonderful college experience I had.

Working in education and specializing in helping prepare students for college, I know it isn't fair to have a preconceived idea of what type of post-secondary school he should attend. But to be fair to myself as a new mom, I think I'm experiencing the same shift in defining what "college" should look like as is the rest of the country.

As the GEAR UP coordinator for the West Valley School District, my job is to provide opportunities to students that will allow them to explore their post-secondary education options. Admittedly, over the past few years, I have planned more opportunities for students to visit two and four year colleges in comparison to vocation schools. This makes me reflect on whether I'm being fair to all students by sending the message that these schools are the "best" and "only" option.

Although everyone agrees that a high

school diploma is no longer sufficient, in recent years, discussions have increased amongst researchers and educators that we should be encouraging and providing more opportunities for high school students to attend career and technical or vocational schools. Not only is it a fair way to support students who want to pursue careers in fields not offered by colleges and universities, it supports the fact that a traditional college experience isn't a good fit for every student. A report published by the Harvard Graduate School of Education states that only 56 percent of students enrolling in a four-year college graduate after six years and less than 30 percent graduate from a two-year college after three years. The same report, called the Pathways to Prosperity Project, claims that the United States has the highest college dropout rate of any industrialized country.

In the West Valley School District, our mission statement is to graduate every student ready for college. Although it's a mission likely held by many high schools across the nation, we're working to prepare students for all types of post-secondary options and to individualize these goals to each student.

This month will open the doors, both literally and figuratively, to offering new opportunities for students in the Spokane Valley. This January, the new Spokane Valley Tech skills center, located

on the corner of Sprague and University, will offer programs including cosmetology, sports medicine and aerospace and advanced manufacturing. The center is a consortium of Central Valley, East Valley, Freeman, and West Valley school districts and will offer even more programs in the upcoming school years.

We should all be proud that our community and school districts are offering opportunities that are fair for all students in pursuing a post-secondary education that is the best fit for them. Rather than focusing on the traditional idea of college, let us support and provide the education needed to succeed in all post-secondary avenues, whether that be a community college, university, vocational training or an apprenticeship.

Rosalie Sigler is the special programs coordinator in the West Valley School District and coordinates the GEAR UP grant (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), which serves the class of 2017 at Centennial Middle School. She earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in social work from Eastern Washington University. She and her husband met at EWU and are the parents of an 18-month old son. This column was written as part of a monthly series highlighting the PACE (Partners Advancing Character Education) trait of the month. The trait for January is "fairness."

SALON

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to the salon in June, prior to its official opening. "It's a completely different salon, and Rachel does a great job. It's a two for one package. Get to relax and have your hair done."

Having worked at three other salons over the past 15 years, Stratford included her favorite design elements of each into her salon.

The idea for the large brick wall, constructed by her uncle, came from Details Hair Design.

"We were in an old warehouse building," Stratford said about the Missoula-based salon. "Our stations were up against the original brick wall. I love the texture of that."

The Spa's crystal chandeliers were derived from Bella Sauvage, a Missoula-based beauty and day spa.

The layout of the hair station came from Regis Hair Salon in South Dakota.

"They're real good at designing their vanities and layout," Stratford said about Regis. "I had the space to do whatever I wanted in here, so I did the same set up I had there because I liked it so well."

Stratford's hair station also features two large picture windows on either side of a large mirror. The windows allow patrons to enjoy the stunning view of the valley.

"She is very knowledgeable," Brunt said. "She educated me on things about my hair that I have never been told before. I would recommend her to anyone."

At an early age, Stratford discovered she wanted to work with hair.

Growing up in the Black Hills area of South Dakota, she recalls spending time cutting and styling her dolls hair.

Her first exposure to a stylist came when she was about 6. Her Aunt Char, who owned a hair salon in Minnesota, gave her an "'80s perm" and pierced her ears.

"I could not wait," Stratford said about getting her ears pierced. "I would tell her that I wanted to be a hair stylist just like her when I grew up. Now I have nieces who come here and do the same thing."

During high school, she visited her aunt's salon and experimented on color and cuts.

"I learned a lot from my aunt," said Stratford, who cuts and colors her own hair. "She let us do whatever we wanted in that hair salon."

After high school, Stratford enrolled at Opal Concepts, a cosmetology school in South Dakota. Her first professional job was with Regis Hair Design in South Dakota, where she worked for more than nine years.

By Rosalie Sigler
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



Beginning in 2007, she worked as an independent contractor for two salons in Missoula.

"That's what probably prompted this a little bit," Stratford said about being independent prior to owning her own salon. "When you go off on your own, it's hard to work for somebody again."

Stratford worked in Missoula

for five years. After getting married, the Stratfords moved to Liberty Lake in July 2011. The salon name came from how Stratford's customers would refer to her when they met in public.

"I would see customers with their families, and they would refer to me as 'their hair girl,'" Stratford laughed. "That's what everybody called me."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS THAT: The City of Liberty Lake City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2012 City Development Code Amendment concerning Political Signage. Attendees will have the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned proposed amendment. The public hearing will be held Tuesday, January 15, 2013, during the regular City Council meeting beginning at 7pm @ the Liberty Lake City Council Chambers, 22710 E. Country Vista, Liberty Lake, WA. A brief presentation on the proposed 2012 City Development Code Amendment concerning Political Signage will be conducted at the beginning of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Liberty Lake Planning & Building Services at 755-6708. Information and the proposed amendment list is also available on the City website at http://www.libertylakewa.gov/development/public_notices.asp. Individuals planning to attend the meeting who require special assistance to accommodate physical, hearing, or other impairments, please contact the City Clerk at (509) 755-6729 within 48 hours of the meeting, as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOKANE

In the Matter of the Estate of No. 12-401531-9
ONEITA J. NYDEGGER, PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Deceased. RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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/s/ John T. Nydegger
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/s/ Clayton R. Boehrig, Jr
CLAYTON R. BOEHRIG, JR
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In the Matter of the Estate of No. 13-400011-5
GEORGE E. CLOUGH, PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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/s/ Michael C. Clough
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/s/ Rick W. Clough
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SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF SPOKANE

In re the Estate of No. 12-4-01486-0
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by Linda Thistle

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Answers

Answer

At the Liberty Lake PORTAL

No Surprises from Family Friendly Agency

In November 2012, The State Farm Emily Osborne Agency moved into their custom designed space at the Liberty Lake Portal. Because Emily Osborne takes a unique approach to providing insurance and financial services, she needed a unique space and the Liberty Lake Portal was happy to oblige.

"This has been a really great move for us," Emily stated. "It was important that the space be family friendly, convenient for clients, and inviting," she explained. "Throughout the process, building manager Bob Olson has been wonderful in making sure everything was ready for us to move in."

Emily moved from Minnesota to Liberty Lake in 2007, and started her State Farm Agency from



Jessica Kovac, Miranda Remington, and Emily Osborne hang out in the play kitchen built by Emily and enjoyed by the children of many clients.

scratch. Because she did not know anyone in the state of Washington, getting her business up and running was extremely time intensive. "There were times when I was working six to seven days a week," she recalled. "Luckily, I have a very supportive husband who believed in me and a supportive community. We live here and we love the people and culture."

Her original location, just down from Albertsons, offered a good starting point, but she is now enjoying more natural

light, more space, and more competitive lease rates at the Liberty Lake Portal.

In 1999 Emily started her career with State Farm as a claims adjustor in the Midwest. Helping families who had lost everything in a tornado or fire was part of her regular routine. "As an adjustor, I saw cases where the client had not met with their agent in 20 years and they thought they had coverage that they didn't have," she recalled.

Determined to ensure there were "no surprises," Emily adopted a proactive approach in meeting regularly with clients.

"If anything should happen, we want to know we did the best job possible to protect against devastation," she explained. If we are proactive, there are not going to be any surprises. Our clients will know exactly what coverage they have."

With so many coming to her office at the Portal, Emily felt a children's area would be very helpful. As a mother of two young children, she knows how difficult it is to focus on a conversation when a child needs attention. The kitchen play area makes it possible for the youngest members of the family to enjoy themselves while the parents see to those important family issues such as insuring against disaster, saving for a rainy day, and planning for retirement.

"We do really have the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives every day," Emily explained. "At the age of 25, my brother was killed in a car accident and that was a shocking reminder of how fragile life is and how crucial it is to have a solid financial foundation in place. Life happens, it doesn't age dis-

criminate, and what we do can provide for those left behind and enable them to maintain their lifestyle, regardless of what happens."

"Our mission really is to help people manage their risks and realize their dreams," Emily added. "And we love to do it."

The Language of Forgiving

Charlie Finck has spent the last 28 years teaching people how to forgive. And while his formal education is extensive (Psychology degree from St. Maries University in San Antonio, Master's degree in Human Resource Management from Gonzaga University in 1980, and two years at EWU studying marriage and family counseling), his life experience truly enhances his ability to share what he knows with others throughout the world.

Charlie operates Liberty Cross Ministries from the Liberty Lake Portal, offering biblical based counseling to couples and individuals. When he first came to lease space in the Portal, the building manager asked him what he needed. The result was a space tailored to his counseling business, complete with additional insulation for soundproofing. "I absolutely love being in the Portal," Charlie remarked. "It's quiet, it is always clean, and I look out my window and see Mica Peak. I've been here eight years and the best part is the building management, who create a professional, yet relaxed environment."

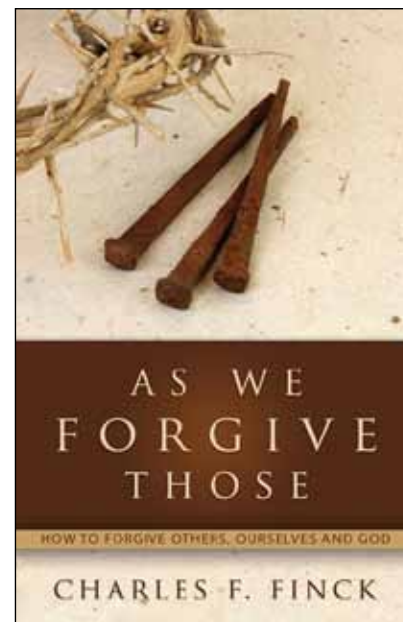
In recent months however, Charlie has divided his time between counseling and the creation of a work he hopes will reach around the world. His first book, entitled "As We Forgive Those; How to Forgive others, Ourselves, and God," will be available online and in print February of 2013. The book covers what makes forgiving difficult, why it is important to forgive and how to go about doing it.

"I have been teaching on forgiving for 28 years," Charlie explained. "I've seen it literally change thousands of people's lives." Through his years of study and counseling, Charlie has identified a six step process based on biblical principles and prayer. Shortly before completing the book, Charlie stumbled across his grandfather's wallet, and found inside several scriptures on forgiving, along with a note that said, "Forgive always."

This discovery helped confirm his belief that many could be helped through this book.

From time to time, Charlie has taken his expertise outside of Liberty Lake, traveling to Germany and Mexico to teach. He believes that people all over the world can benefit from learning more about forgiving. "I am going to incorporate every method I can to get this book distributed," Charlie said, "and I am hoping that many will share it with friends and family."

He plans to distribute the book through retail stores, Amazon, iBooks and Google books. Anyone trying to find his book can visit www.libertycross.org for help. He hopes the book will enjoy a reception that enables him to arrange future publications in Spanish, German, and many other languages.



In early February, this book will appear on bookstore shelves and online outlets.

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- Emily Osborne, State Farm

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