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Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District General Manager BiJay Adams sees opportunities and challenges ahead for the district.

Utility man

Adams reflects on new challenges as LLSWD manager



NewsMaker Q&A

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

You won't find BiJay Adams diving among aquatic plants in Liberty Lake this spring as he has for more than a decade. Instead, the former lake protection manager for the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District has traded his fins in for an administrative badge, winning out over nearly 30 candidates to be named the utility's newest general manager back on Jan. 11.

Adams replaces longtime general manager Lee Mellish who stood at the district helm for 20 years. LLSWD Commissioner Steve Skipworth said Adams made sense as a replacement because of his background as someone "who cares about the community and has a proven record of excellence as a member of the district staff."

Adams was originally hired by LLSWD in 2002, taking on duties as a water resource educator in addition to his responsibilities overseeing lake protection. As part of the ongoing push to protect the Spokane River, Adams was integral in campaigns to ban phosphorous-laden dishwashing detergent and fertilizer, adding to a list that began with laundry soap products containing the mineral found harmful to aquatic life. Along the way, he became the first person in Washington state to be certified as a lake manager with the North American Lake Management Society and served as president and a board member for the Washington State Lake Management Association.

Adams takes over a district that has his-

torically adapted to the times — online bill pay and credit card payment options are on the way for customers in 2013 — but faces its share of challenges in the years ahead. The Splash caught up with Adams at LLSWD headquarters recently to learn more about what it takes to navigate the waters of a stand-alone sewer and water district.

Q. You officially took over for Lee Mellish on March 1. How have your first few weeks as general manager gone?

A. It's been good. There was a little transitioning in the last month with Lee. I guess the most difficult part of it is coming in on some of the projects that are in motion, just trying to get some background on what has happened a few months prior, so that's been a little bit of a challenge. But we have a great, knowledgeable staff here. I'm used to working with all those individuals already, so that's helped.

Q: You had been with LLSWD for almost 11 years as lake protection manager and water resource manager when you were named as Lee's replacement. How much has that experience helped as you transition into the new role here?

A: Being an employee here before certainly helps me understand how the district operates, what our core values are and the

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ADAMS

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emphasis on community and customer service. So, I have a good knowledge of how the district is run. In terms of the actual job duties, they're distinctly different. Some of the water/sewer operations are new to me, but being here, I've also aided in some of these operations previously. While I do know everyone here, I'm meeting with each individual on the staff to talk about what they do and what we might be able to do better.

Q: Lee was such a fixture for the district and in this community over the years. How conscious are you of the legacy he leaves behind and what are you trying to do to establish a leadership approach that acknowledges his footprint, but still sets you apart?

A: I'm just looking to find my niche. I certainly learned a lot from Lee, so there are a lot of things I took away from his management style. Some of those will apply, but there are other areas that I want to put my stamp on. I have a good working relationship with the entire staff, and I want to carry that into my management role. I'm definitely not a micromanager type — that wouldn't work here.

Q: Speaking of your last role here, I know you put a lot of work into making sure the lake remained healthy. Do you think the average person appreciates what it takes to achieve that?

A: I don't. In the Northwest, we're blessed to have an abundant amount of lakes, but, unfortunately, many of those lakes don't receive the amount of dollars or attention from state and federal programs. In Washington, the lakes that get that attention are going to be Lake Washington, Lake Sammamish, Lake Roosevelt perhaps, some of the larger lakes, but lakes like Newman Lake or Liberty Lake need that group of local citizens or local government to protect it, because they don't get that funding.

Q: Going back to the early days of the district in the early 1970s, there was a lot of community involvement that really helped form the foundation for the utility we see today. These days, LLSWD is such a smooth-running machine that it seems most people just kind of take it for granted. Does that ever get to you?

A: No, not really. We have such an emphasis on customer service here. We just want to continue that legacy that we've established. When we do customer surveys, we get good feedback as well as negative. We take the negative and work on it to see where we can improve.

Q: Within the past few months, the district has lost quite a bit of institutional knowledge with the passing of long-time Commissioner Frank L. Boyle last fall and the retirement of Lee. What is that like to know that you're part of the

next generation of leadership as the district moves into the future?

A: Some of my initial thoughts were that some places get one new boss, and we were going to be getting two. We lose a lot with those two. You just forge on and try to build upon what they've left behind.

Q: Back in December, the LLSWD board of commissioners approved a sewer rate increase of 8.5 percent, bringing the monthly charge for an equivalent residential unit to \$35. Now that you're district manager, what's your take on rate hikes?

A: Education plays a key part in that, just telling people why. I'm certainly not speaking for everyone, but it's relatively common knowledge in this area about the issues with the Spokane River and wastewater treatment. If you look at our sewer rates and our water rates, it's not a water issue; it's distinctly a sewer issue. I think people hear about and read about it and they're a little more knowledgeable about why we have to raise our rates. We have large, high-dollar capital facility projects on the horizon.

Q: Speaking of wastewater treatment, you have a \$12.6 million dollar mandatory upgrade of the water reclamation plant that needs to be online by March 2018. Would you say that's the top priority of the district right now?

A: I would say so. It starts with engineering then we can move on to try and secure other funds. We need to get the money. I'll be going to some meetings on funding to educate myself and see what other funds are available and do our due diligence. Rate increases aren't usually used to pay for the construction, they're generally used to pay off the loans you've received. Liberty Lake is in a good place in terms of what our current costs are, when you compare us to someone like the city of Spokane. Unfortunately, there are not a lot of grants that are out there or that we are eligible for, but there are a number of loan programs and then we may research into revenue bonds. We'll look at all avenues.

Q: You were around in the days after the incorporation of Liberty Lake when the city was trying to take over the district. Those were pretty contentious times with a lot of legal battles and heavy costs accrued on both sides. I know a lot of that is water under the bridge now, but how would you characterize the district's current relationship with the city?

A: I think what came out of that is the district wanting to improve the working relationship with the city. Communication is the key. I think that respect is mutual. The city's goals are similarly aligned with ours. We meet more on a project basis, like the roundabout that's coming up. The commissioners are probably talking more with the mayor and city administrator than I am.

NEWS

News Briefs

Trailhead to host seminar

Trailhead, the city of Liberty Lake-owned golf course, will host a training seminar for the "First Green Foundation" on June 26 with local golf course superintendents instructing representatives from the Washington State Agricultural Teachers Association.

Utilizing the standards of golf course maintenance, the program provides lessons in science surrounding topics like soil and water management.

Liberty Lake man is Spokane's officer of the year

Cpl. Kevin Keller of the Spokane Police Department was honored last month as its employee of the year.

More than 30 Spokane police officers who've gone above and beyond the call of duty were honored for bravery, professionalism and commitment to the community. Keller is a resident of Liberty Lake.

Moments in Time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan is shot in the chest outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by a deranged drifter named John Hinckley Jr. In an impressive feat for a 70-year-old man with a collapsed lung, Reagan walked into George Washington University Hospital under his own power.

- On April 2, 1513, near present-day St. Augustine, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon comes ashore on the Florida coast and claims the territory for the Spanish crown. Ponce de Leon is credited with the first recorded landing and the first detailed exploration of the Florida coast.

- On April 4, 1949, the United States and 11 other nations establish the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), a mutual defense pact aimed at containing possible Soviet aggression against Western Europe. The signatories agreed, "An armed attack against one or more of them ... shall be considered an attack against them all."

- On April 12, 1945, U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt dies of a cerebral hemorrhage in his home at Warm Springs, Ga. The only man to be elected to four terms as president of the United States, Roosevelt is remembered for his New Deal social policies and his leadership during wartime.

- On April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth, an actor and Confederate sympathizer, fatally shoots President Abraham Lincoln at a play at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. The attack came only five days after Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

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Police Report

The following incidents and arrests were among those reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department between Feb. 25 and March 18.

• **DV or not DV** — At 11:40 a.m. Feb. 25, LLPD was dispatched to a suspected domestic violence incident at the 25000 block of East Hawkstone Loop on report of yelling and the sound of something being kicked around in an apartment. Upon arrival, officers did not locate anyone at the apartment and later determined that the people who live in the apartment were out of town.

• **Missing TVs** — At 2:30 p.m. Feb. 25, LLPD received a report of a theft of three 60-inch Panasonic Led flat-screen televisions from the 2300 block of North Molter Road. The complainant said the TVs were taken sometime over the weekend from the business' downstairs office, which is currently being remodeled. Officers spoke to the contractors working on the remodel, and they stated they did not take the televisions. The case was assigned to Detective Ray Bourgeois.

• **Vehicle on fire** — At 8:15 p.m. Feb. 26, LLPD received a report of a vehicle that was on fire at the intersection of Appleway and Liberty Lake roads. Upon arrival, officers observed a vehicle parked on the shoulder of the road with the hazard lights on and a woman walking toward Walgreens. The woman stated her car's engine had blown up and she was making arrangements to have the vehicle towed.

• **Vehicle prowl** — At 9 a.m. Feb. 27, LLPD received a report of a vehicle prowling incident at the 1800 block of North Pepper Lane. The complainant reported that the front passenger window of the vehicle was broken while parked at the hotel overnight, and \$320 in sales samples were taken. While taking the report, officers were contacted by another subject at the hotel stating her vehicle was also broken into overnight while parked in the parking lot. In this case, the passenger window was also broken out, but nothing was taken from the vehicle.

• **Suspicious circumstances** — At 1:15 a.m. Feb. 28, LLPD received a report of suspicious circumstances in the area of Country Vista Drive and Eagle Bend Lane. The officers observed a dark blue Blazer driving on Country Vista. When the driver saw the officer, the vehicle quickly turned down a side street, parked the car and the driver and passenger got out of the vehicle and walked away from the area. The officers contacted the subjects, who both had extensive history for burglary and theft. Officers located several open garage doors in the area where the subjects were contacted but contacted the homeowners and determined nothing was missing. Both subjects were released.

• **Fraud and vehicle theft** — At 4:30 p.m. Feb. 28, LLPD received a report of a fraud and three counts of vehicle theft at the 21500 block of East George Gee. The complainant stated several vehicle transactions were conducted via email and online through several auto auction companies, with the cars to be delivered to Jacksonville, Fla. When the subject whose name was provided making the transactions received a letter from a bank stating it would not finance the vehicles he was purchasing, he immediately called the dealership and advised he did not have any knowledge of the purchases being made. The three vehicles were delivered to Florida. All three cars were entered into the system as stolen, and the case was assigned to Detective Bourgeois. A copy of the case was also provided to the Jacksonville Police Department.

• **DUI/DV arrest** — A 48-year-old Spokane Valley man was arrested at 6:10 p.m. March 1 at Mission and Harvard for DUI. LLPD was requested to assist the Spokane County Sheriff's Office with a domestic violence call involving a weapon at the 23000 block of East Euclid. While in route, LLPD located and stopped the fleeing suspect's vehicle at Harvard and Mission. During the investigation, it was determined the driver was DUI. The Sheriff's Office also determined that it had probable cause to arrest the subject for the domestic violence assault. He was taken into custody and booked into the Spokane County Jail.

• **Vehicle prowls** — A pair of 15-year-old boys, one from Liberty Lake the other from Spokane Valley, were arrested at 11:40 p.m. March 2 in the area of Homestead and Knudson for vehicle prowling, theft and possession of stolen property. Officers were dispatched to the area of the 500 block of North Homestead after being advised that a male subject dressed in all black was attempting to steal a golf cart and had entered several parked cars in the area. When the officers arrived on scene, they observed a citizen running the street carrying a handgun. That subject told officers he was chasing one of the suspects breaking into vehicles. He told officers he had witnessed the suspect running from the area of the crime carrying items stolen from a vehicle in his hands. He also advised that there was another suspect involved who was driving a small black car that was now parked in a secluded area of Colony Court and Knudson. Officers located the car and saw it was occupied by a male subject dressed in dark clothing who was laying in the back of the car in a fetal position. Officers detained the boy, who agreed to talk to officers. He stated he was involved in several vehicle prowls in the area, and he identified his accomplice, who allegedly tried to get back into

ALSO IN THIS ISSUE

Recently resigned police records clerk Bobbi Anderson made an impact on LLPD. **PAGE 30**

his car to escape but was unable to do so and fled the area on foot. The boy told officers his friend was carrying items in his hand that he had taken from one of the vehicles. Officers obtained an address for the other juvenile in Liberty Lake and located him at his house. He agreed to talk to police and told the officers he and his friend had planned to commit thefts that night by breaking into cars. He admitted to entering several unlocked cars and stealing two Garmin GPS units and jewelry. He also admitted to attempting to steal a golf cart. The subject told officers he had hidden the items behind a fence in the area of Colony Court after being chased by one of the victims. Officers went to the location and recovered the items. Officers were able to locate the owners of the GPS units, but not the jewelry. The suspect told the officers he entered so many vehicles he could not remember which car he took the jewelry out of. Both subjects were released into the custody of their parents, and a charging request was sent to the juvenile prosecutor's office.

• **Lookalike weapon** — At 3:05 p.m. March 3, LLPD was dispatched to a person with a weapon call at the 20000 block of East Indiana Avenue. The complainant reported he saw three teenage male subjects walking in the area carrying rifles. The subjects were contacted, and it was determined they were carrying airsoft rifles. They were warned.

• **Back to jail** — A 44-year-old Liberty Lake man was arrested at 4:30 p.m. March 4 at the 1400 block of North Aladdin Road for possession of stolen property — this following a Feb. 23 LLPD arrest for being in possession of a stolen vehicle. During the Feb. 23 arrest, the officer observed credit cards in the man's wallet with a different name on it. The case was referred to Detective Ray Bourgeois. While following up on the case, Bourgeois determined the credit cards were stolen out of Spokane Valley. He contacted the man, who had already been released from jail, and was told the credit cards had belonged to a friend of his who lost the cards in his car months ago, and he put them in his wallet. Bourgeois contacted the victim, who stated she does not know the man who was arrested and that she had never been in his car. She said the cards were stolen during a Jan. 31 visit to the Spokane Valley Mall. The Liberty Lake man was then re-contacted and arrested for possession

Calls for service

Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Feb. 25-March 18

Abandoned vehicle	1
Agency assist	5
Animal problem	1
Alarm	2
Citizen assist	4
Deceased person	1
Domestic violence	2
DUI	1
Failure to appear	1
Fraud	1
Fugitive	1
Harassment	1
Juvenile problem	3
Lost or found property	1
Malicious mischief	2
Property theft	2
Suspicious person/circumstance	10
Threatening	3
Traffic accident	1
Traffic offense	19
Trespassing	1
Vehicle prowl	4
Welfare check	5

Citations

Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Feb. 25-March 18

Dangerous weapons	1
Defective muffler	1
Disabled parking	1
Driving without license/ID	1
DUI	3
DWLS	17
Failure to stop/yield at intersection	1
Failure to yield left turn	2
Following too close	2
Ignition interlocks	2
Improper pass at curve	1
Improper signal	1
Liability insurance	11
License and plates required	4
Malicious mischief	1
No splash aprons/fenders	1
Speeding	17
Use of cell phone	1

of stolen property and booked into the Spokane County Jail.

• **Party theft** — At 7 p.m. March 5, LLPD was dispatched to the 21000 block of East Mill River Lane for a report of a theft. The complainant told police that before a Feb. 24 party at his house that was attended by several people he did not know, he had a watch and \$550 in cash on his dresser. The items were now missing. The complainant provided some of the names of guests at his party, and the watch was entered into the computer system as stolen.

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NEWS

Council hears pitch for regional sports venue

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The scenario was familiar — a representative from a community sports organization outlining the lofty potential of a multi-purpose facility that would have a profound long-term impact on the local economy.

Only this time, the pitch did not include visionary plans for the HUB Sports Center, Liberty Lake's once-embattled, now thriving mega-gym on East Cataldo Avenue.

Instead, Eric Sawyer, president and CEO of the Spokane Regional Sports Commission, appeared before the Liberty Lake City Council on March 5, equipped with the ambitious notion of a regional sports venue a couple miles to the west of the HUB that would host everything from indoor track championships to ice hockey.

The capital facilities blueprint serves as the centerpiece of a plan known as "Project Sports," championed by Sawyer and the SRSC as a way to upgrade local facilities and draw higher profile tournaments and events

to the Spokane area. The first phase of the project included extensive interviews with what Sawyer described as "the local sports community," ultimately resulting in an inventory of sites ranging from the Spokane Arena to Plantes Ferry Park.

At Plantes Ferry, a sprawling greenspace to the west of Liberty Lake, the renovation of two soccer fields to artificial turf has already been approved by the Spokane County Commissioners, with plans to also include stadium lighting. Sawyer added that the long-term upgrade of the park would ideally involve transforming five softball diamonds into "tournament quality fields" with the addition of features like press boxes and more bleachers.

While refurbishing Plantes Ferry has been established as a priority of Project Sports, the cornerstone remains a yet-to-be-built venue that Sawyer described as a "major indoor sports complex and multi-use facility, not just a gym like the HUB." While a trio of sites have been identified for

agreement with the Spokane Regional Transportation Council and authorize Mayor Peterson to sign the paperwork. The new arrangement will assure Liberty Lake of its own seat at the SRTC policy board. Peterson currently serves as chair of the board.

- Council unanimously approved the Washington Associate membership agreement and authorized Mayor Peterson to sign the agreement.

- Council accepted the nomination of Jared Von Tobel to the full-time voting member position of the city Planning Commission. Von Tobel previously served as a non-voting member.

On the Docket:

April 9*

- Finance Director RJ Stevenson will give the City Council a presentation on property tax and other taxes.

- The Council will consider authorizing purchases of a John Deere ProGator and a drive range vehicle.

April 16

- The Council is scheduled to hear a utility tax and street pavement plan presentation.

- The final installment of a months-long comprehensive plan overview is scheduled to be given by Council Member Dan Dunne. The presentation will focus on capital facilities.

* Normally the first and third Tuesdays of the month, the regular City Council meeting schedule has been altered in April due to spring break scheduling conflicts.



The Spokane Regional Sports Commission is proposing a new multi-use fieldhouse, that would include an indoor track and hockey rink. One of the proposed locations would be near the Spokane Valley YMCA. The project was presented to the Liberty Lake City Council in March, and discussion included the potential positive and negative impacts the project could have on the HUB Sports Center.



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IN THE BOOKS, ON THE DOCKET

A look back and ahead at business conducted by the Liberty Lake City Council

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

In the Books:

March 5

- Police Chief Brian Asmus announced that Sakti Hiatt was hired as the new police records clerk. A former employee of Spokane County, Hiatt replaces longtime clerk Bobbi Anderson who is retiring to travel and spend more time with her family.

- Council unanimously passed Resolution 13-168, designating Wilbert Vault Company as the supplier of precast garden beds for the Liberty Lake Arboretum. The site near City Hall will add eight more concrete planter beds this spring.

- Council unanimously approved a resolution selecting The Spokesman-Review as the official newspaper of the city.

- Council unanimously approved a resolution for the purchase of Vortax (sales tax reporting software) from Spokane County.

March 19

- The City Council — minus Shane Brickner and Keith Kopelson, who both had excused absences — voted unanimously to approve the revised interlocal

agreement with the Spokane Regional Transportation Council and authorize Mayor Peterson to sign the paperwork. The new arrangement will assure Liberty Lake of its own seat at the SRTC policy board. Peterson currently serves as chair of the board.

the project, Sawyer concentrated his discussion for the City Council on a tract of land off Mirabeau Parkway near the Spokane Valley YMCA.

"It's a great, centrally located site with a lot of potential," Sawyer said.

Design drawings by ALSC Architects feature a footprint of 127,600 square feet at cost of between \$20 million to \$25 million. The price does not include acquisition from the landowner, Centennial Properties. Sawyer said the completed project would emphasize flexibility and feature space for an indoor track, basketball, ice hockey, wrestling, table tennis and many other sports.

"It's kind of a lot of open space, and that's what we need," said Sawyer.

When asked by Council Member Shane Brickner if the new facility might take events away from the HUB, Sawyer said it was a possibility but quickly added that the two venues could collaborate to bring larger events into the area.

"What we need is an events center, not a gym," Sawyer said. "I've talked with (HUB Executive Director) Phil (Champlin) about this being a companion site to the HUB."

Sawyer said the prospects for adding onto the HUB were limited because "the site is landlocked and can't be expanded and still have the necessary parking."

Sawyer and his colleagues are now await-

ing the findings of an economic and feasibility study involving the Mirabeau location that should be completed this month. Funding sources for the project have yet to be finalized.

"Everything we've been hearing has been positive," Sawyer said. "We feel confident that this would be a great success story."

City Administrator Katy Allen provided the governing board with an update on a sports venue closer to home on March 5, indicating that a topographic report on the future site of the Liberty Lake Ball Field is now complete and has been turned over to landscape architect Mike Terrell. Allen said Terrell will have design scenarios for the location ready by early April, after which time the field committee will meet to discuss plans for the site.

Pat Lutzenberger of the Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club made her pitch for another capital improvement at the meeting, noting that the city still lacks a viable community center.

"We really don't have a place that can hold over 100 people," Lutzenberger said.

Regarding the available channels for promoting civic events, Lutzenberger said Liberty Lake should consider electronic reader boards near each entrance of the city.

"I think it would be a great public service

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to announce events," she said.

When it comes to Liberty Lake announcing municipal business in the form of legal ads, the Spokesman-Review will now be the official city newspaper. Council voted unanimously in favor of Resolution 13-166, despite a significantly lower bid by the Spokane Valley News Herald. Taking into account the News Herald's meager subscription base in Liberty Lake, council members concurred that the Spokesman's higher price was offset by broader circulation.

"I think we owe it to our citizens to have that information more available," said Council Member Cris Kaminskas.

The Council also learned at the March 5 meeting that the city received 361 replies to a community survey intended to help form the city's approach to economic and retail development, according to Mayor Steve Peterson. Students from Eastern Washington University conducted the survey on the city's behalf.

Forecasting difficult when it comes to sales tax

The City Council is spending some time this spring to learn more about revenue forecasting, the first opportunity for which came at the city's March 19 meeting when

Finance Director RJ Stevenson zeroed in on the sales tax.

Some of the backdrop for the discussions happened about three months ago, when Stevenson stood before representatives of the City Council and gave the abbreviated history of municipal revenue sources.

Harkening back to 2007, when proceeds from sales tax reached a peak of \$2.24 million, Stevenson advised the governing board that the city had not quite returned to the boom days that preceded the nationwide recession. Projected income from sales tax for 2013 was pegged at \$1.95 million.

"Sales tax can be an unstable revenue source," Stevenson said on Dec. 18. "We haven't quite fully recovered to where we were in 2007, even though there is some encouraging news out there. We need some other revenue source to pay for the capital needs of the city."

Later in the same meeting, council members unanimously approved the 2013 budget, opting to retain the 3 percent utility tax on electric, gas, cable, phone and waste management services. In his budget, Mayor Steve Peterson counseled that the funds should be earmarked specifically for road maintenance.

While the 3 percent toll on utilities has remained in effect for the first part of the year, there have been some rumblings from certain members of City Council that the

tax should be removed, or at least restructured in a way to reduce the percentage paid on electric and gas, thereby lessening the burden on local businesses and on citizens' less discretionary services.

Meanwhile, the city has been working to gather cost estimates on a pavement management program that is the beneficiary of the utility tax. Spearheaded by City Engineer Andrew Staples, the report is expected to be finished by mid-April.

At the March 19 City Council meeting, Stevenson delivered the first of three presentations on revenue forecasting, beginning with a rundown of sales tax. Similar summaries on property tax and the utility tax will follow at council meetings in April.

In Liberty Lake, sales tax revenue represents 35 percent of the overall budget for 2013, with the funds being utilized for public safety, city parks, administration, general services and capital. In comparison, the utility tax comprises 13 percent of the budget.

While Liberty Lake residents join their Spokane County neighbors in paying 8.7 in sales tax on retail purchases, the highest toll is paid by those who reside in King County at 9.5 percent. On a \$100 purchase, Stevenson broke down the destination of the additional \$8.70, starting with the state of Washington at \$6.50. The city of Liberty Lake is next, with \$1 going into the general

fund and 20 cents finding its way to public safety. The remaining dollar is split between Spokane County (40 cents) and the Spokane Transit Authority (60 cents).

Stevenson noted that the passage of streamlined sales tax legislation — in which the tax is collected at the destination point of the product, rather than the point of sale — explained the local drop in sales tax associated with manufacturing over the years. Washington state adopted the streamlined sales tax law in 2008.

In 2012, revenue from businesses specializing in sales of motor vehicles and parts in Liberty Lake constituted 64 percent of the overall sales tax income in the retail category, or \$710,000. While Stevenson and his colleagues at City Hall are the first to applaud a thriving retail market, the finance director pointed out on Tuesday that sales tax revenue can often sway in the wind of a fickle economy.

"Unlike property tax, sales tax can be unpredictable," Stevenson said.

Also at the March 19 meeting, Peterson advised the community development committee to take up the discussion of electronic billboards after the topic was raised again during citizen comments.

The next meeting of the City Council is 7 p.m. April 9 at City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, a week later than normal due to spring break scheduling conflicts.

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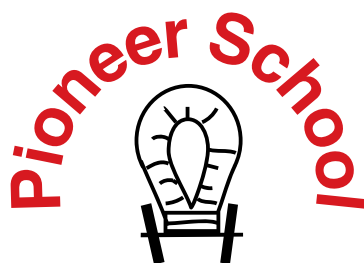


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Famed blues guitarist Robert Cray will bring his band to Liberty Lake for an Aug. 17 concert at Pavillion Park.

Blues Hall of Famer headlines FOPP lineup

Robert Cray to play Pavillion Park Aug. 17

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Singer, songwriter and Hall of Fame blues guitarist Robert Cray and his band headline this summer's schedule of concerts and performances at Pavillion Park.

The full schedule was finalized in March and features some familiar staples, including a third consecutive appearance by the traveling bards from Montana Shakespeare in the Parks.

The concerts and performances are part of the 2013 Friends of Pavillion Park Summer Festival Series. FOPP Vice President Bob Schneidmiller said the accompanying slate of movies, which are traditionally organized by Greenstone Homes and Neighborhoods, will be released at a later date.

All FOPP events are free thanks to funds raised by the nonprofit at its annual Holiday Ball. The 2013 Holiday Ball will be held from 5 p.m. to midnight Dec. 7 at the Davenport Hotel.

The 2013 Summer Festival Series performances, in chronological order, include:

6 Foot Swing and Tuxedo Junction
5 p.m. July 4

These two popular Inland Northwest

bands will serenade Pavillion Park leading up to the annual fireworks show launched from Liberty Lake at dusk.

6 Foot Swing is a Spokane-based band that plays 1920s to 1940s swing, jazz and jump blues. The band was voted Best of the Inland Northwest in the Inlander's 2012 awards, an honor it has received multiple years.

Tuxedo Junction brings its Big Band back to Liberty Lake on Independence Day once again. The band, which features music from Big Band's golden era as well as standards from today, also headlined the Fourth of July concert at Pavillion Park in 2003, 2006 and 2010.

For more: www.facebook.com/6FootSwing and www.tuxedojunctionbigband.com

The Robert Cray Band
7 p.m. Aug. 17

The legendary blues guitarist and singer will bring his band to Pavillion Park for the first time. A five-time Grammy Award winner, Cray was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in Memphis, Tenn., in 2011. He has toured with artists such as Eric Clapton, and his latest release, "Nothin But Love," was named Guitarist Magazine's 2012 Album of the Year.

For more: www.robertcray.com

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"Henry V"

Performed by Montana Shakespeare in the Parks

5 p.m. Aug. 25

After performing comedies in its first two trips to Pavillion Park — "Much Ado About Nothing" in 2011 and "Twelfth Night" in 2012 — Montana Shakespeare in the Parks will bring a more serious performance to Liberty Lake for the first time with "Henry V," a play about the life of the English King during war with France.

For more: www.shakespeareintheparks.org

Spokane Symphony

6 p.m. Aug. 31

The traditional summer-closing concert by the Spokane Symphony once again falls on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The concert is officially called the Lud Kramer Memorial Spokane Symphony Concert for the late Liberty Lake resident, FOPP supporter and former Washington Secretary of State.

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10 TO DO

The city gears up for a larger-than-normal list of capital projects in 2013

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

It's spring. The sun is shining a little longer each day, the dirt is getting easier to move and the staff at Liberty Lake City Hall are turning their attention to the annual checklist of capital projects.

If in 2013, that list appears more crowded than in recent memory, it's because it is.

"I think there's been maybe over the past two years a growing need — "backlog" generally has a negative connotation to it — but there's been some deferred activities," City Administrator Katy Allen said. "Now we don't want to defer them any longer. We really want to put a plan together to move things forward."

While the specific details of many of these projects will be revisited as they further crystallize throughout the year, Allen sat down with The Splash in late March to help take a 30,000-foot overview of 10 major projects the city will be tackling this year.

Some will change depending upon grants or funding, some will adapt as more details come in — and a couple are already all-but-completed. Following is a capsulized look at 10 items on the 2013 municipal to-do list.

Task 1: The Harvard Road Roundabout

What will be accomplished by this project?

In partnership with the Washington State Department of Transportation, one of Liberty Lake's most dangerous intersections is getting a complete makeover. The intersection of Harvard Road, Mission Avenue and the westbound Interstate 90 off-ramp is a traffic bottleneck that many locals avoid during the busiest times of the day. The present configuration of stop signs for east-west traffic only will be replaced by a roundabout. Included in the roundabout design is low-rising and low maintenance vegetation, a greener perimeter and a brick monument sign that welcomes the off-ramp traffic into Liberty Lake.

"It's very much consistent with the other brick monument signs that we have," Allen said.



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Work on the Harvard Road roundabout is scheduled to begin July 8.

What is the timeline for completion?

City and DOT officials met with citizens and local businesses again March 21 to prepare for the traffic impacts of this construction and mitigate the impact on businesses. For this reason, construction is scheduled to begin July 8 — immediately after the Ironman/Hoopfest/Fourth of July gauntlet that is busy for the restaurants and hotel near that intersection. Allen said the entire project is expected to last 60 days.

How will it be paid for?

The construction of the roundabout will be paid for with a combination of federal funding, and the city will



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This monument sign would be placed on the east side of the roundabout, greeting Interstate 90 off-ramp traffic.

be using money collected over the years into the Harvard Road Mitigation Fund — which was established in 2002 to collect funds from developers of projects that impact traffic along the thoroughfare — to pay for matching components to the project.

The preliminary estimate for the total cost of the project is between \$1 million and \$1.3 million, Allen said.

"It won't be any more than that," she said. "We're thinking we have more than sufficient funding."

Task 2: Public art for the Harvard Road Roundabout

What will be accomplished by this project?

As part of the new roundabout's design, a 12-foot diameter, 20-foot high space for public art has been set aside. It would be located closer to the west side of the roundabout — or opposite the "Welcome to Liberty Lake" brick monument sign greeting the off-ramp traffic. A citizen group has been assembled to help select an artist and review a submittal for the City Council to approve. The reputation of Liberty Lake as a place for "gathering, music and recreation" is an anticipated theme for the project, Allen said.

"We want that art to become part of Liberty Lake's vocabulary," Allen said. "So when you're at that intersection, people will say, 'You know that "blank," that's where you (turn).'"

What is the timeline for completion?

As a separate project from the DOT's involvement in the roundabout, Allen said the public art component won't be installed until sometime after the roundabout's completion — likely in 2014. Allen said the intent is to make sure it is designed and procured this year, however, so that fabrication and installation could take place as soon as all of the associated factors make sense.

How will it be paid for?

The Harvard Road Mitigation Fund, which had a balance of more than \$550,000 when the project was first being discussed last summer, will be tapped for the matching roundabout costs first, with remaining funds to be utilized for the public art project.

Task 3: Sprague Avenue Trail

What will be accomplished by this project?

A 10-foot wide asphalt trail will be constructed along the north side of Sprague Avenue between Liberty Lake Road and Molter Road as well as from the Liberty Lake Golf Course clubhouse down the hill to where Sprague

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curves into Neyland Avenue. The new sections of trail would effectively serve as connectors between pedestrian pathways already constructed.

What is the timeline for completion?

The city hopes to proceed with the project as soon as the bids are returned. Allen estimates construction to start in “the June to July timeframe.” The project shouldn’t take long once construction begins, but even if things are delayed, the project is almost sure to happen this year. An interlocal agreement stipulating the usage of the funding (see below) requires the trail to be completed by October 2013.

How will it be paid for?

The trail will be completely funded by Transportation Benefit District monies. Liberty Lake voters approved the TBD in the late 1990s as a way to tax themselves to build trails in the community. The funds, similar to the Harvard Road Mitigation Fund, have already been collected and are awaiting usage so the TBD can be closed out. Spokane County, which controlled the purse strings on the TBD as it was created prior to the city’s incorporation, approved an interlocal agreement with the city of Liberty Lake at the beginning of this year, and the TBD balance of \$264,160 will be applied to the design and construction of the trail.



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

The city plans to implement a six-year street maintenance program in 2013 that would target roads the city inherited from Spokane County, such as Mission Avenue (pictured).

Task 4: TBD Street Maintenance Project**What will be accomplished by this project?**

Currently wrapping up and assessing the results of

studies of the condition of Liberty Lake streets, Allen said the staff plans to present a six-year street maintenance program to the City Council on April 16. Specifically, this plan will target improvements to what she refers to as roads that “were built for another era” — those inherited from the county and originally built for a more rural use. Allen said these roads are truly the “backbone of our transportation system” and include thoroughfares such as Liberty Lake Road, Molter, Mission (stretches in both west and east Liberty Lake), Valleyway and Appleway.

“What we want to do is rebuild these roads, so there has been a lot of coring going on, we’re going to get those results and then we’re going to prioritize how to come in and rebuild or overlay these roads,” Allen said. “And we want to do one project this year. We haven’t decided which one yet because we want to see the data, but I will say the most complaints we get right now is on Mission (in east Liberty Lake).”

Allen emphasized that doing the job right is paramount to the city’s rebuilding projects, saying that focus on drainage and substructure will be key to preserving the life of the roads.

“If you don’t fix them correctly, you will spend dollars after dollars, year after year, trying to band-aid a repair,” she said. “We want to do it right, and we want to do it efficiently. We have seen communities that aren’t able to take care of their roads, and the price tag gets bigger and the roads get worse every year that it’s deferred, so we want to take care of the county roads that we inherited.”

What is the timeline for completion?

The construction timeline will be determined after the project is identified, but funds are set aside for a major project to be completed in 2013.

How will it be paid for?

Allen said there are two parts to the funding. First, the city has approximately \$1 million in its street capital fund, which is also used for plowing, striping, lighting and a variety of other things — including maintenance. The city also has identified \$440,000 in utility tax funding to be used this year for the project. Money that has accrued in these accounts will be used strategically as part of the road maintenance plan over time, Allen explained.

“My gut tells me what it’s going to look like is that every other year we spend \$800,000,” she said. “Every year we’re collecting dollars, and then we do these projects every other year, so we get the efficiency of doing it right, but we’re paying for it as we go.”



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Only the painting remains for the completion of the new library entryway, shown here from its original design.

Task 5: Library entryway**What will be accomplished by this project?**

The entryway to the Liberty Lake Municipal Library

received a new covering and improved accessibility late in 2012. The only remaining portion to be completed is a “kind of a Wazzu red,” Allen said.

What is the timeline for completion?

The construction work was finished last November and December. The painting will be done in April, weather permitting, Allen said.

How will it be paid for?

Baker Construction was awarded the project last fall with a \$53,000 bid. Allen said the library capital fund — with significant support from fundraising efforts by the Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library and the Liberty Lake Library Foundation — covered the cost of the project as part of the 2012 budget.

Task 6: Glass wall partition for library children’s area**What will be accomplished by this project?**

It is exactly what it sounds like: a glass wall is scheduled to be constructed to help section off the children’s library from the rest of the library.

What is the timeline for completion?

Allen said this project will likely be accomplished in the fall.

How will it be paid for?

Allen said funds are available, but not yet earmarked in the library capital fund for the project. No estimate on the cost of the project has been made yet, but when it comes in the Council will be asked to make a budget amendment to direct funding to the project.



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

Additional planters were added in March to the Nature’s Place at Meadowwood Arboretum to help relieve the waiting list of residents wanting one of the city’s community garden plots.

Task 7: New planters for community gardens**What will be accomplished by this project?**

Last year, the city’s popular community garden plots at Rocky Hill Park and Nature’s Place at Meadowwood Arboretum filled quickly with eager green thumbs — and incurred a waiting list. The city recently added 12 new beds to the Arboretum Community Garden, a comfortable increase over the eight that were already in place.

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What is the timeline for completion?

The project was completed in March.

How will it be paid for?

The 2013 city budget included \$25,000 set aside for Arboretum costs. The new raised beds cost about \$6,500 of this budget.

Task 8: Liberty Lake Ball Fields

What will be accomplished by this project?

This is the large vacant field next to Liberty Lake Elementary School the city purchased from the Central Valley School District last year to improve — until the time comes when the district is ready to build on the site. The eventual intention is to build ball fields on the site. In 2013, Allen said the goal is to grade, seed and irrigate the site. She does not anticipate any public usage for the site in 2013.

What is the timeline for completion?

In April, a site concept by landscape architect Mike Terrell will be completed that will enable to the city to begin pricing out what the costs will be for build out. With the funding set aside for the project in 2013, it's anticipated that the groundwork will be laid for usage in 2014, if further funding is available at that time.

"It would be very good if we can get

some seed down this year on the site, and that way it will be established next year," Allen said. "Our goal is to target playing ball in the summer/fall of 2014. That's going to require more resources than we have right now, but it doesn't diminish our commitment to the project."

How will it be paid for?

The 2013 budget set aside \$500,000 for the project in 2013, and the city will be forming a plan to see how far that will go in the coming weeks. Allen said that based upon the feedback from the Council, the project is likely going to be pay-as-you-go, so the estimates that come in from the site concept will be factored into the 2014 budget to help determine future strides on the site.



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This circuit course concept gives an idea of the types of equipment planned for installation this year at Rocky Hill Park.

Task 9: Fallen Heroes workout station at Rocky Hill Park

What will be accomplished by this project?

The Fallen Heroes Circuit Course



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This vision for Town Square Park is the least likely of the 10 items on the list to be completed this year. The street on the bottom side of the rendering is Meadowwood Lane, and the red car is shown in an area where the Liberty Lake Farmers Market is normally set up. The vegetation on the right side of the drawing represents a buffer to the building that currently houses Barlows Family Restaurant.

is an outdoor exercise feature that is planned to eventually be installed at five city-owned properties in Liberty Lake, spanning a five-mile loop to honor each respective branch of the military. The first installment is intended to be placed in Rocky Hill Park in an area between the play area and the tennis courts.

What is the timeline for completion?

Allen said the project will be done in the early summer.

How will it be paid for?

The city has allocated \$35,000 toward the project, and an additional \$4,350 is being raised privately. Donations to close the remaining gap on the \$4,350 are currently being sought. To help with this project, call 389-6060.

Task 10: Phase 1 of Town Square Park

What will be accomplished by this project?

Well, it depends. Funding is currently being sought from the state legislature to construct parking, trails and an amphitheater as a first step to development on the 6.4-acre site the city owns adjacent to the Liberty Lake Farmers Market. Allen described the prospects for

receiving that funding as "very challenging."

However, the city still hopes to talk to STA on joint work that would at least build out the parking portion of the site. The nearby STA lot is constantly overflowing, and building the parking lot portion of the site this year would help STA in the near term as well as the Farmers Market on the weekends.

What is the timeline for completion?

Allen said the city will know by late April whether it will be getting state funding for the project.

"If funding materializes from the state, then we would want to move the project forward to the summer/fall of 2013," Allen said. "If it doesn't happen, then we're revisiting a reduced scope and coordinating with STA, and at this point, if that's the route we have to go, it would be difficult to get something done this year" — unless the project received a sudden priority from a stakeholders in the project.

How will it be paid for?

A state grant would help pay for a price tag of nearly \$850,000 — in the improbable event it is approved. Should the funding not come through, the city wouldn't likely spend money on the project this year, but instead make plans with STA on a future project.



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

From near the backstop at Liberty Lake Elementary School, one can gaze through the fence at the site that the city of Liberty Lake hopes to transform into competition-level ball fields that could be used by the community as early as the 2014 season.



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Calendar of Events

COMMUNITY

March 29 | Good Friday Service 7 p.m., Lakeside Church, 23129 E. Mission. Childcare provided. For more: lakesidechurch.cc or 210-9779

March 30 | Ebay class 10 a.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Library Tech Specialist Travis Montgomery will be offering a free class on how to use Ebay. The class will cover basic set up of an account for purchasing through Ebay as well as how to use Ebay to sell. For more: 232-2510

March 30 | Liberty Lake Community Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m., Pavillion Park. Egg hunt for toddlers through fourth grade. Registration is six plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy or \$3 per child. Registration will be held at Liberty Lake Municipal Library 3 to 8 p.m. March 28. For more: 921-6746 or davis72205@hotmail.com

March 31 | Easter

March 31 | Easter celebration 8:30 and 10 a.m., Liberty Lake Church, 704 S. Garry Road. For more: libertylakechurch.com or 255-6266

March 31 | Easter drama and worship service 10 a.m., Lakeside Church, 23129 E. Mission. For more: lakesidechurch.cc or 210-9779

April 3 | Liberty Lake Children's Academy open house and registration 10 a.m. to noon, 1322 N. Stanford Lane. The academy is registering now for the 2013-14 school year. For more: 922-6360 or libertylakechildrensacademy.com

April 3 | NW Heritage Alliance Forum Speaker Series: Accessing History Electronically 6 p.m. Spokane Valley Library, 12004 E. Main Ave. Dr. Larry Cebula, EWU history professor, will speak on how to use today's technology in your personal history search. Presented by the Spokane Valley Heritage Museum and hosted by the Spokane Valley Library.

April 4-5 | Book reading and signing 7 p.m. (Thursday) and 11 a.m. (Friday), Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Charles Finck will be reading from his book, "As We Forgive Those—How to Forgive Others, Ourselves and God." For more: 255-9244

April 7 to 13 | Inland NW Baby's Stuff the Bus Community Diaper Drive Donation barrels will be located at participating Walgreens in

the area. The bus will be at the Walgreens store located at Sprague and Sullivan from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 13. The biggest need is for diaper sizes 5 and 6, but all sizes will be accepted. For more: www.inlandnwbaby.org

April 11 | Running Start Information Night 7 p.m., Spokane Community College, Lair-Student Center Sasquatch Room, Bldg. 6, 1810 N. Greene St., Spokane. High school juniors and seniors, as well as their parents or guardians, are invited to learn more about earning college credits while completing high school. For more: 533-8062 or www.ccs.spokane.edu/runningstart

April 13 | All Fools Hunt 8 p.m., Trailhead Golf Course, 1102 N. Liberty Lake Road. This event, which is open to students in grades 5 through 12, costs \$5 per participant. Hosted by the Liberty Lake Youth Commission, all proceeds benefit Crosswalk, a youth homeless shelter. For more: 710-3638 or john.cvhssstudent@gmail.com

April 14-20 | National Library Week Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. The library will hold events that celebrate the library as the heart of the community.

April 15 | Gardening class 5:45 to 7:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Master Gardeners will provide helpful answers and will get everyone inspired for spring gardening. Kathy O'Neill will be teaching a free class on basic vegetable gardening.

April 15 | Relay for Life meetings 5:45 p.m. (team captains) and 7 p.m. (committee meeting), Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District building, 22510 E. Mission Ave. The public is invited to learn more about this event that will take place July 19 at Meadowood Technology Park. For more: relayforlife.org/libertylakewa

April 16 | Running Start Information Night 7 p.m., Spokane Falls Community College, SUB Lounges A, B and C, Bldg. 17, 3410 W. Fort George Wright Dr., Spokane. High school juniors and seniors, as well as their parents or guardians, are invited to learn more about earning college credits while completing high school. For more: 533-3524 or www.ccs.spokane.edu/runningstart

April 18-21 | Shrine Circus 7 p.m. (Thursday), 3 and 7 p.m. (Friday), 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. (Saturday), 1 and 5 p.m. (Sunday), Spokane Valley Mall. Tigers, elephants, acrobats, daredevils and clowns will entertain in an old fashioned big top circus. Admission is \$10. For more: 747-0132 or elkatifshrincircus.org

April 22 | Earth Day

April 26 | Arbor Day

April 26 | SCRAPS Reigning Cats and Dogs Auction and Chocolate Festival 6 p.m., 6815 E. Trent, Spokane Valley. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door) and include silent and live auction, pet pageant, raffle, appetizers and desserts. Proceeds benefit SCRAPS Hope Foundation's animal medical fund. For more: 477-2760 or www.scrapshopefoundation.org

April 27-28 | St. Joseph Fair Trade Festival 10 to 7 p.m. (Saturday) and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Sunday), Parish Hall, 4521 N. Arden Road, Otis Orchards. Take the I-90 exit for Liberty Lake/Otis Orchards and follow the signs. For more: stjoeeparish.org

April 27 | A Garden Tea Party Noon to 2 p.m., Meadowood Technology Campus, 2100 N. Molter. Presented by the Friends of Liberty Lake Municipal Library, this annual tea is a fundraiser for library programs. Craig Goodwin, local author of "A Year of Plenty," will be the guest speaker. The group is in need of teapots, tiered and serving stand and trays, and donations for silent auction. Tickets cost \$20 and are available at the library and from Friends members. For more: 315-4688 or 954-6933

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Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of every month, Library, 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, Meadowood Technology Campus Liberty Room, 2100 N. Molter Road.

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

Liberty Lake Municipal Library 23123 E. Mission Avenue. 10:15 a.m. Fridays, baby lapsit story time; 11 a.m. Friday, toddler/preschool story time and songs; 1 p.m. Fridays, story time and crafts for preschoolers; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Knitting Club; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, computer classes; 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, anime club; 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, toddler/pre-

school story time. For more: 232-2510

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

Senior Lunch programs 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Talon Hills Senior Complex, 24950 E. Hawkstone Loop. Seniors age 60 and older invited; recommended donation \$3.50.

Spokane Valley Writer's Group 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Adult writers are welcome; content guidelines will be sent on request. For more: 255-9489

MUSIC & THE ARTS

April 5 | Broadway Calls 7:30 p.m., The Kave, 4909 N. Harvard Road, Otis Orchards. Broadway Calls is the sometimes pop, sometimes punk, always ultra-catchy band from Rainier, Oregon. The night also will showcase Storm Normandy, Pretty Arcade, T-180 and STOE. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. For more: www.monumentalshows.com

April 27 | "Well Written" 7 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. Enjoy an adult evening out with a performance by Improv Comedy at the Lake as well as the feature production of a sophisticated comedy "Well Written." Participants are invited to enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres while checking out auction items. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$140 for a table of 8. To purchase tickets or for more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

CIVIC & BUSINESS

April 5-7 | Spokane Home & Garden Show Noon to 8 p.m. (Friday), 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Saturday), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sunday), Spokane Convention Center, Spokane. Tickets are \$8 (under age 12 are free) and are good for all weekend. For more: spokanehomeandgardenshow.com

April 10 | High Performance Transit All-Corridor Open House 4:30 to 7 p.m., The Lincoln Center, 1316 N. Lincoln St., Spokane. For more: stamovingforward.com

April 12 | Women Executives of Liberty Lake (WELL) meeting 1p.m., Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, 22510 E. Mission Ave. Kristen Maes, owner of Idea Rocket Graphic Design, will share marketing and branding tips for small businesses. Networking begins at 12:45 p.m. For more: womenexecutivesoflibertylake.com

April 19 | Business Connections Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave, Liberty Lake. Program will be Biz Buzz (speed networking). Door open 11:30 a.m., program 12 to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 for members and guests, \$35 for non-members. For more: spokanevalleychamber.org

April 19-21 | Spokane Women's Show 5 to 8 p.m. (Friday), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Saturday), 7:30 a.m. to noon (Sunday), Spokane Convention Center, Spokane. The show will have informative presentations, vendors, lectures, exhibits, live music and entertainment. Admission is \$5; Race for the Cure participants get in free. For more:

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Stepping up to the plate

By **Tammy Kimberley**
WAVE STAFF WRITER

Whether he's lifting weights during winter workouts, earning straight As in school or playing a neighborhood game of wiffle ball, Austin Tomlinson works hard to give his best.

Though he has had success in a variety of sports such as basketball and football — even being selected as Athlete of the Season for his football division — there is no hesitation when asked what his favorite athletic activity is.

“Baseball for sure,” Austin said. “Sometimes I don't feel like practicing other sports, but baseball is the one sport I always look forward to playing.”

With the support of his family and a passion for the game, the Liberty Lake 12-year-old has become a respected competitor in Little League as well as an involved member in bringing local baseball fields to the Liberty Lake community.

Austin plays shortstop (the field position between second and third base) and also serves as a pitcher. His dad, Gary Tomlinson, said Austin has always shown a natural ability for the game.

“We've got video of him when he was less than 2 years old holding a bat,” Gary said. “I'd intentionally put his hands the wrong way, and he would switch them back (the right way) and hit the ball off the tee.”

In fact, the entire Tomlinson family is caught up in

baseball. Austin's parents and some of their friends started a local Little League that combined with another league a few years ago to form Riverview Little League. Gary serves on the Riverview board and Austin's mom, Jennifer Tomlinson, has played a big part in bringing ball fields to Liberty Lake.

Austin said the family has attended City Council meetings to ask for ball fields in the parcel of land next to Liberty Lake Elementary School, which they hope will be ready to play on by 2014. In similar fashion, the family helped bring about the ball field known as Rookie Field at Pavillion Park.

“Our whole family helped make that field,” Austin said. “We helped pick the weeds and create the infield.”

But Austin's baseball roots run deeper still. He shared that his grandpa played baseball for Arizona State University (a col-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Austin Tomlinson rounds third during a Little League game last season. He said his goals for this season include improving his batting average and practicing switch hitting.

lege baseball powerhouse) and also played in the minor leagues for the Giants organization.

“My grandpa taught me how to throw a changeup,” he said. “He comes up every summer (from California) and watches me play.”

One of his favorite baseball moments happened in the district championship game last summer, when his All Star team beat the South Hill team in dramatic fashion to send Riverview on to the state tournament.

Besides making it to the state tournament again, Austin looks forward to improving his batting average and practicing switch hitting when the season begins in April.

And he'll be sure to spend some time playing catch with his brother, Trevor, a CV senior who is planning to play college baseball at Northern State University in South Dakota. Besides dreaming of making it to the Little League World Series, one of his goals is to play on the Arizona State University team.

“Trevor going to college to play has motivated me to do the same thing,” he said.



AUSTIN TOMLINSON

Family

- ▶ Parents, Gary and Jennifer; brother, Trevor

School

- ▶ 7th grade at Greenacres Middle School

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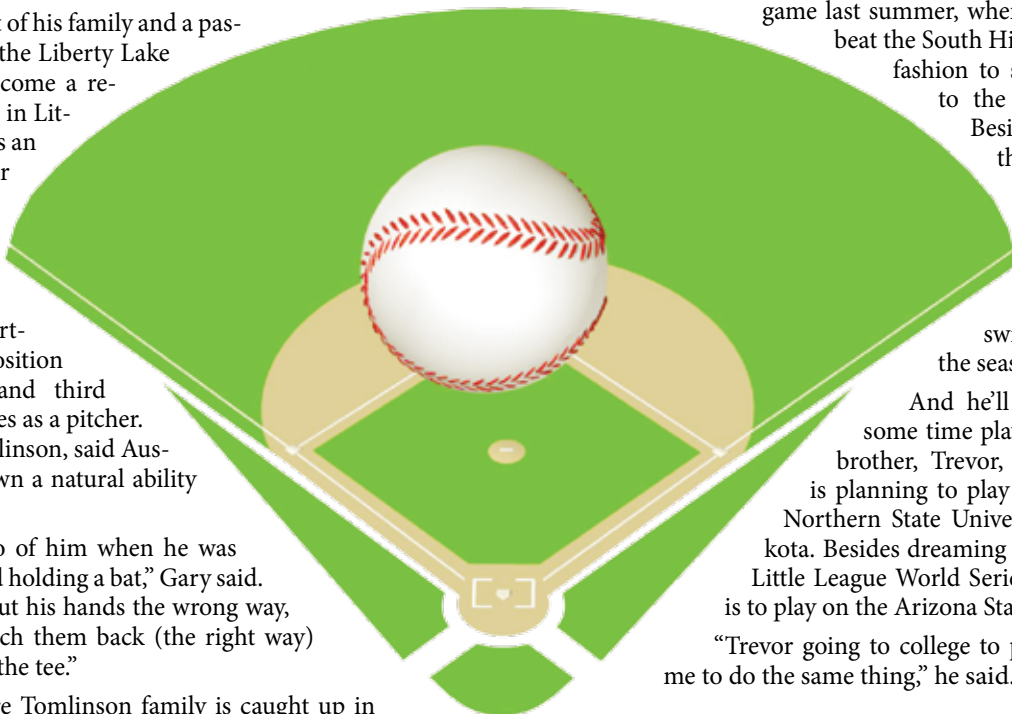
- ▶ Baseball, basketball, football

Favorite Little League position

- ▶ Shortstop

Role model

- ▶ Derek Jeter



COMMUNITY

Take me out to the ballgame

By Tammy Kimberley
WAVE STAFF WRITER

With opening day right around the corner, there's no better time to brush up on some baseball trivia. In honor of the nine innings played in the sport known as America's favorite pastime, complete the multiple-choice quiz below. When you're done, check the bottom of the page to see how you scored.

1. How many games does a Major League Baseball (MLB) team play during the regular season?

- A) 106
- B) 126
- C) 162
- D) 200

2. What MLB player was named Rookie of the Year in 2001?

- A) Jay Buhner
- B) Ken Griffey Jr.
- C) Alex Rodriguez
- D) Ichiro Suzuki

3. How many teams did Babe Ruth play for in the big leagues?

- A) 1

- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4

4. What retired NBA basketball player tried out for the Chicago White Sox in 1994?

- A) Kevin Durant
- B) LeBron James
- C) Magic Johnson
- D) Michael Jordan

5. How far apart are the first and second bases on a MLB field?

- A) 75 feet
- B) 90 feet
- C) 100 feet
- D) 125 feet

6. Who are the only father/son MLB players to homer in the same game?

- A) Bobby and Barry Bonds
- B) Tito and Terry Francona
- C) Ken Griffey Sr. and Ken Griffey Jr.
- D) Cal Ripken Sr. and Cal Ripken Jr.

7. Where is the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum located?

- A) Cooperstown, New York
- B) Kansas City, Kansas
- C) New York, New York
- D) Seattle, Wash.

8. What MLB stadium is famous for the ivy growing on the outfield wall?

- A) Dodger Stadium
- B) Fenway Park
- C) Safeco Field
- D) Wrigley Field

9. When did the Mariners have their first winning season?

- A) 1991
- B) 1995
- C) 2001
- D) 2005

Sources:
www.party411.com/baseball-trivia.html,
www.funtrivia.com



Wave awards contest winner



HOBBS

In the last issue, The Wave offered a poetry contest and received several limerick poems. The judges selected a limerick by Samuel Hobbs, age 5, as the winning entry. For his prize, Samuel received a \$20 gift certificate to the Liberty Lake Quiznos. Here is the limerick of our lucky winner:

*There once was a little brown cat,
Who decided to look at a bat.
She bit its wing,
The bat starts to sing:
"Go get yourself a rat!"*

Thank you to all the kids who wrote a poem, and be sure to watch for more contests in future issues of The Wave!

Kids Tell It Like It Is

In honor of Earth Day, what are some ways kids and their families can take care of the world?

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley at Greenacres Elementary School



"Only run the dishwasher when it is completely full so you don't use as much energy."
Sydney Sutton, 11, fifth grade



"Always deposit trash in a garbage can."
Cameron Shely, 10, fifth grade



"My mom and I compost rotten foods in our backyard."
Kyle Jones, 11, fifth grade



"We have a few cans that we use to put aluminum, plastic and glass to recycle."
Kayla Piche, 10, fifth grade



"Use a filter for drinking water instead of buying lots of bottled water."
Evan Rohm, 10, fifth grade



"Trim your trees and turn off unnecessary electricity."
Dawson Rubino, 10, fifth grade



"Plant your own food instead of buying stuff from the store."
Kirsten Wold, 11, fifth grade



"Walk places rather than driving. It doesn't pollute the air as much."
Jessica Vargas, 11, fifth grade



"Start a recycling business."
Brett Stephens-Harris, 11, fifth grade

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Silver Café bids adieu to City Hall, begins weekly schedule at Talon Hills

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

June Hill arrived at the Talon Hills apartment complex on the third Wednesday in March with a tinge of nostalgia for a building a few miles to the southwest.

For nearly seven years, Liberty Lake City Hall was host to a Meals on Wheels lunch site — known as the “Silver Café” — for area seniors, starting with a Wednesday gathering and later adding Mondays. Last June, Talon Hills, an affordable residential site on Appleway, began providing meals on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week.

Due to a variety of circumstances, from a parking shortage to municipal meetings hedging up against the lunch hour, the Liberty Lake version of the Silver Café has now moved to Talon Hills on a full-time basis. Seniors are now welcome Monday through Friday in a spacious area adjacent to the community room. The Silver Café is open from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with the last meal being served at 12:30.

“I was a little disappointed in a way, but this place is very pleasant,” said Hill, a resident of Liberty Lake. “It sure beats cooking when you live alone. The food is good. We’ve got to give credit to the cook.”

Lori Montgomery works as marketing director for Whitewater Creek, the property management company that owns Talon Hills. She first started hearing about the Silver Café’s potential move to Talon Hills in 2010. Montgomery said that usually between a third to half of the lunchgoers are residents of the complex. Others come from Liberty Lake, Otis Orchards and Spokane Valley.

“It’s worked out really well,” Montgomery said. “We’ve been trying to get the word out to all the seniors in the area that we’re out here, and it’s open to all the seniors.”

Close to 20 parking spaces are located conveniently in front of the building. Permanent signs point the way to the venue. Montgomery said a lease is in place between Whitewater Creek and Meals on Wheels, though there is no cost to the non-profit agency.

“We know it helps the seniors,” Montgomery said.

Joanne Marabello works as one of two site managers at the Talon Hills venue, over-



SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

Over 30 people gathered for lunch at the Silver Café in the Talon Hills apartment complex on March 20. The site, sponsored by Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels, had been operating three days a week, but now will run a Monday through Friday schedule, absorbing two days previously hosted at Liberty Lake City Hall.

seeing the festivities on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. She started volunteering last summer when the Silver Café opened at the complex and transitioned into the role of site manager on Oct. 1.

Silver Café site managers are responsible for making sure each lunch site runs smoothly. Duties include setting up the lunch venue, ordering supplies, recruiting volunteers, completing the required paperwork and processing any money that is collected.

The food is prepared at the Meals on Wheels kitchen and transported out to Liberty Lake in time for lunch. The salads are always cold and crisp while the entrees are toasty on arrival. The menu always features vegetables and usually a soup of the day. There is a recommended donation of \$3.50 per meal, though, true to the Meals on Wheels credo, no one ever goes without if they are unable to cover the bill.

“If they don’t have it, they don’t have to

pay it,” Marabello said. “Here, it depends — some days we have 25 percent who pay the full amount, other days it may be 70 percent. No one knows who pays and who doesn’t.”

Along with a nutritious lunch, the site is home to plenty of friendly conversation and laughter. The city of Liberty Lake has donated a large-screen television, Wii console and games (bowling has emerged as the most popular selection) as well as a variety of board games.

“I know for a fact that some of the people who come to Meals and Wheels don’t come to our activities at Talon Hills,” Marabello said. “A lot of them say the reason they’re here is because of the socialization.”

Michelle Griffin, parks and recreation coordinator for the city of Liberty Lake, said there is hope of utilizing the Talon Hills site for more senior programming. The list could include everything from fitness classes to financial seminars.

Last April, the city added a shuttle bus for seniors to its municipal fleet, courtesy of a grant from the Spokane Transit Authority. Over the past year, the van has been used to transport groups everywhere from the Spokane County Fair to the orchards of Green Bluff. Now the bus is parked at Talon Hills and will be driven by employees there while the city covers the cost of gas, maintenance and insurance.

“It makes more sense to have it out there,” Griffin said.

As for the relocation of the Silver Café to Talon Hills, Griffin said the facility “is just a better all-around space for seniors.”

“I think it’s a win for everyone,” she said. “You have three organizations in the city, Talon Hills and Meals on Wheels that are working together to make sure we take care of our seniors.”

Suzi Walden served as the site manager

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COMMUNITY

SILVER CAFÉ

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for the Meals on Wheels location at Liberty Lake City Hall from the time it launched in September 2006. She said the municipal building will be remembered as a welcoming and comfortable setting during its tenure.

“It started out great, and we continued to grow every year,” Walden said. “We have a lot of snowbirds, so in the wintertime, our numbers would go down a little bit, but we’d have as many as 35 people at City Hall for meals. People loved going to City Hall. It was centrally located for most of the people.”

Walden said the permanent shift to Talon Hills has been more difficult for some than others.

“I think it’s going to be wonderful, but you have to look at a senior — we don’t like change,” she said. “That is home to them. There were some people who said, ‘We feel like family here and that’s not the way it’s going to be over there.’ There were some concerns about parking, but it hasn’t seemed to be a problem. I haven’t had anyone say anything. I think it will be a great

transition.”

Alice Cart was part of the original crowd that gathered at City Hall from day one. She began coming to Talon Hills last year when the schedule increased to five days a week.

“It seems to be working out pretty good,” Cart said. “I didn’t want to leave City Hall. It was so comfortable and they were so gracious. I really liked it there and I’ll miss it, but this is lovely. I like the hospitality. The people I’ve met here are like family.”

Sarah Robertson, development associate for Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels, was in attendance at Talon Hills on March 20. She said the first Wednesday gathering away from City Hall appeared to garner impressive reviews.

“It looked very fun and festive,” Robertson said. “People seemed happy to have a place to call their own. I think people were impressed with the space. I think it’s great that Talon Hills and the city of Liberty Lake are so supportive of Meals on Wheels and seniors in general.”

To learn more about the Liberty Lake Silver Café, shuttle bus or senior programming, contact Michelle Griffin with the Liberty Lake Parks and Recreation department at 755-6726.

TRIVIA TEST

- GEOGRAPHY:** The Gulf of Sidra lies off what African nation?
- TECHNOLOGY:** What kind of computer file is indicated by a .htm extension?
- MEASUREMENTS:** What is a nanosecond?
- MUSIC:** What kind of instrument is an Appalachian dulcimer?
- LANGUAGE:** What is an interrobang?
- FAIRY TALES:** What kind of poisoned fruit does the evil Queen give Snow White?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which four U.S. presidents were assassinated in office?
- INVENTORS:** What is Robert Fulton famous for inventing?

- HISTORY:** When was the Magna Carta imposed to prohibit arbitrary royal acts?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the early Roman term for the month of July?

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— King Crossword — Answers

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Foul
- Supporters
- Easter entrees
- Actress Gardner
- Somewhat
- Shrek, e.g.
- Trawler need
- Jail
- 18th president
- Obtained
- Verdi opera
- Intrinsically
- Arab's hooded cloak
- Clarinet insert
- Anger
- Dame
- Mr. Hammar-skjöld
- Culture medium
- Rikki-Tikki-Tavi is one
- Old photograph hue
- Rules, for short
- Have
- Cowboy's greeting
- 1984 movie remade in 2011
- Fish eggs
- Inlet
- Met melody

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- The whole enchilada
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- Drove
- Energy
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- Jazz style
- A Bobbsey twin
- Dire prophecy
- Titanic VIP
- Start over
- Red and Black
- Lip
- Diagonal
- Press on
- Harvest
- Coastal flier
- Highbrow
- Hooligan
- Bear, in Barcelona
- Piercing tool
- Biblical boatwright
- Finish a film shoot
- Clinton's 1996 opponent
- Shrill bark
- Media watchdog org.
- Reaction to fireworks
- Eggs in a lab
- Raw rock
- Round Table address

DOWN

- Gunshot sound
- State with certainty
- Information
- Clique
- Lawyers' org.
- Zero
- Sans escort
- Owl, at times
- Past
- “— Doubtfire”

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Answers to Trivia Test

1. Libya; 2. A hypertext file; 3. One billionth of a second; 4. Stringed; 5. A punctuation mark that combines a question mark and an exclamation point; 6. An apple; 7. Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield, William McKinley and John Kennedy; 8. The steamboat; 9. 1215; 10. Quintilis



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At Professional Investigators International, the team offers a law enforcement type response and investigative expertise as it pertains to sexual, physical or emotional abuse and sexual harassment. Investigating unwelcome sexual advances and other verbal or physical harassment is also part of what Linda and her team offer at Pii.

From the corporate arena, a client may seek assistance from Pii if they suspect tax fraud, insurance fraud, records concealment, illegal political donations, improper payments and any other number of illegal practices. Or a business may simply need to obtain a comprehensive personal profile with regards to an individual being considered for employment. "We search for important information such as bankruptcies, tax liens, judgments and notices of default in their records," Linda explained. "Driving records are searched to identify traffic convictions, moving violations and prior accidents. One of the most important aspects of the legal background investigation is a thorough search for prior litigation," she added. "The investigation may include searches in several jurisdictions in the event the subject has a frequent relocation history."

And while a large percentage of the Pii clientele is international, a fair amount of searching occurs from within the walls of their office in the Liberty Lake Portal. Linda, and the Pii team have been in the Portal for two years. When asked what made this location appealing to their business model, she explained, "The Liberty Lake Portal team is so innovative, creative, responsive, and visionary. Those are the descriptors of our company as well. When you're the best in the world at what you do you like to be with someone who is the best in the world at what they do."

Davis, and their team of 17, the silver lining is truth. "Without a doubt," Linda explained, "the most rewarding experiences in our day to day work have to do with those moments of truth."

From the simple background check to the complex cases in abuse or corporate fraud, the group at Pii is committed to "applying their skills as investigators for the benefit of corporate entities and individual citizens around the world," as stated by Bob Davis on their website.

Intellectual Property Protection - Not just for the Big Dogs

Walt Disney once said, "Get a good idea and stay with it. Dog it, and work at it until it's done right."

Rhett Barney would add one more thing to Walt Disney's advice, and that is "Protect your idea." As an Intellectual Property lawyer who just moved into his new executive suite at the Liberty Lake Portal, Rhett works daily with individuals and organizations who are pouring time, resources, and their hearts into developing great ideas. And yet, in today's world of shifting morality, the sharks are out there, waiting to borrow the hard work of another person as their own.

Barney IP is classified as an intellectual property boutique. Rhett specializes in trademark, copyright and patent law, along with the licensing of ideas to help entrepreneurs protect their dream as they work to turn ideas into a successful business venture. He also works to find creative solutions for those clients who find themselves subject to copyright infringement.

When Barney IP opened in Liberty Lake, his client base was primarily from outside the country. But in the short time Rhett has occupied his executive suite the client base has grown to include several local clients. "I didn't see that coming," Rhett confessed, "but it has been very cool to watch it happen. The Portal is giving me certain business opportunities and business connections along with the chance to develop a different flavor in my business."

With his wife Brittney and their soon to be 4 daughters, Rhett makes his home in Liberty Lake. "Being involved in the community is important to me," Rhett said. With Barney IP offices so close to home now Rhett feels more able to balance work, family and community. And thanks to management at the Liberty Lake Portal, the transition

period has been seamless "Bob Olson stops by every single day and asks if there is anything I need," Rhett mentioned. "My new office has given me the opportunity to be a part of this community in more than one way, and to grow my clients in the local market."

Rhett helps his clients protect designs, marketing materials, logos, etc., so they have the tools to fight back when someone attempts to manufacture, import, or offer for sale what is already legally protected. And while copyright infringement lawsuits are common, Rhett considers this approach rather inefficient. "Once you've taken the court route, you're committed to a lot of money, and generally a very slow, cumbersome process you hope will end in your favor," he explains.

By contrast, Rhett points out that if you've taken the proper steps to establish ownership of your ideas, "There are a lot of creative ways to protect your intellectual property without having to go to court." For example, a simple 'cease and desist letter' accompanied by evidence of copyrights, trademarks and patents, can very quickly communicate to a competitor that they are treading in dangerous territory in their attempts to use your intellectual property.

So for those who are working to turn a great idea into a thriving business, don't forget to check with Barney IP about what you can do to protect your ideas and make your business successful.



IP Attorney Rhett Barney enjoys the natural light of his executive suite in the Liberty lake Portal

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Region's railroad heritage influenced LL development

By Karolyn Kosanke

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In the mid-1800s, the railroad industry began developing routes into the Pacific Northwest. As the railroad progressed, settlers moved into the area and led the way to economic development in the Spokane area. Interurban electric trains were developed, not only as people movers but for the transport of commercial goods.

President Abraham Lincoln signed The Railroad Act of 1862. This authorized land grants in the western United States and the issuance of 30-year government bonds to the Union Pacific, Central Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean. Government aid took the form of land grants and subsidies. The road was to have a 400-foot right-of-way through the public domain, plus 10 sections of land for every mile of track.

Railroad expansion provided new avenues of migration. Due to the growing population, the railroads sold portions of their land to arriving settlers at a handsome profit. Land closest to the tracks drew the highest prices as farmers and ranchers wanted to locate near railway stations.

In 1881, the Northern Pacific Railroad arrived in Spokane. The company goal was to connect the Great Lakes to the Puget Sound. This was one of many railroads that would support economic growth in mining, lumber, agriculture and population. As with many towns in the United States, it was the railroads that turned Spokane Falls (later changed to Spokane) into the center of the Inland Empire.

In 1890, Francis H. Cook owned the Spokane and Montrose Street Railway, which was Spokane's first electric train. In 1902, he sold it to Jay Graves. Graves and his partners reorganized the Spokane and Montrose as the Spokane Traction Company in 1903.

At the same time, Idaho lumberman Frederick A. Blackwell organized the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Railway and formed a route between Spokane and Lake Coeur d'Alene. Electricity for the electric train was provided by the Washington Water Power plant at Spokane Falls. Washington Water Power supplied 22,000 volts, which were converted to 600 volts DC at the substations through the Spokane Valley to Coeur d'Alene. This railroad ran through communities such as Dishman, Opportunity, Veraldale and Greenacres before reaching the Liberty Lake station and continuing on to Coeur d'Alene. By 1905, Graves and Blackwell combined forces, forming the Spokane and Inland Empire Railroad Company op-



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erating the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane under its corporate umbrella. The S&IER Co. developed properties along the line with hopes of increasing summer and holiday train riders. Beaches and amusement parks opened on Coeur d'Alene, Hayden and Liberty lakes. The trip from Spokane to Liberty Lake took 45 minutes and cost around 75 cents roundtrip.

Emmett Denison, who lived near the Liberty Lake station, met the trains with his horse-drawn stage and transported visitors to the lake for 25 cents.

Later, the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane won a Railway Mail Service contract for the railway post office service between Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. In June 1907, service began with two round trips daily. Electric passenger trains also hauled a baggage and mail car. Eventually, mail cranes were installed at Millwood and Spokane Bridge for non-stop mail exchange.

As Liberty Lake developed, the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Railway agreed to build a spur line from the original Liberty Lake station on the main line and run along a two-mile stretch to the lake. Railroad officials originally turned the idea down, but as Liberty Lake became more popular to Spokane residents and the number of passengers using the Liberty Lake station grew, they agreed.

In March 1907, the Liberty Lake station was renamed Liberty Lake Junction. The spur line was laid from Liberty Lake Junction to Liberty Lake Park (present-day Alpine Shores), making a loop back to the Junction.

June 15, 1907, was opening day of the summer schedule on the Coeur d'Alene division. Three trains now ran from Spokane to Liberty Lake Junction, where passengers could now change trains and go on to Liberty Lake Park.

The Liberty Lake Railroad Station, shown here circa 1907, was located in what would become Liberty Lake Park (Alpine Shores neighborhood). The park was finished in 1909.

The Spokane Inland Empire Railroad further developed Liberty Lake Park, which was completed in 1909. Popular for picnics and gathering, the park drew a large summer crowd.

The Liberty Lake Improvement Company, a division of the Railroad headed up by Jay Graves and other Spokane businessmen, developed the park/resort for the branch line. The area "Wicomico" (the sandy strip on the west side of the lake) was promoted to support land sales. The Spokane and Inland Empire report by President Jay P. Graves informed stockholders in 1909 that the railway had developed a "first class summer resort" at Liberty Lake with the finest bathing beaches in the country, a 35-acre park, a \$10,000 pavillion, bathhouses and a 500-foot pier.

Daily trains increased from 1910-1913, running every half hour on Sundays and holidays. Cars normally carried up to 60 passengers, but could carry double that number standing in the aisle and on the platforms. Open cars hauled even more passengers hanging onto the outside of the car.

From 1910 to 1915, Liberty Lake Park became known as "Spokane's Inland Seashore." The All Valley Picnics and other business picnics were hosted at the park, where guests could fish, rent swimsuits, relax and enjoy the water. The dance pavillion as well as the resorts and hotels brought entertainment to the lake.

The 1920s brought major changes to Liberty Lake. As roads for automobiles were built, passenger train travel began to decrease.

The electric railways of the Inland Empire merged in 1922, forming Spokane United Railways. This company slowly converged to bus service, ending electric rail operations into the lake in 1927 and ceasing the remainder by 1936. With the Burlington

The DEVELOPMENT of a COMMUNITY

A series from the Liberty Lake Historical Society, appearing in the first Splash issue of each month in 2013.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Architect Kirtland Cutter designed the depots at Hayden and Liberty Lake. The resort depots were large covered platforms, 50 feet long, to accommodate large crowds.
- Along the electric line from Spokane to Coeur d'Alene were sub-stations that housed batteries to support the train. The Coeur d'Alene sub-station is now the Human Rights Education building next to the North Idaho Museum.
- A frequency changing station that converted 4,000 volts/60 cycle to 2,200 volts/25 cycle is located on the south side of Interstate 90 near the Hamilton Street exit.
- One of the largest known crowds at the lake gathered here for the Fourth of July celebration of 1924. Of the estimated 14,000 who attended the festivities that summer day, 9,000 arrived by train.

Northern Railroad merger of 1970, the old interurban system became unprofitable, and the Spokane and Inland Empire system became entirely abandoned between 1970 and 1985.

Karolyn Kosanke is a board member of the Liberty Lake Historical Society. She remembers her parents talking about riding the train from Greenacres to Liberty Lake Park to enjoy the dances, music and All Valley Picnics. "They loved the lake so much, they moved here in 1943, and I'm glad they did," Kosanke says. Kosanke loves the lake, too: After growing up here, she moved back "home" with husband, Richard, in 2008.

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'Face of LL Police Department' recalls rewarding tenure as municipal employee

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The calls ranged from the ridiculous to the harrowing, but for Bobbi Anderson, every inquiry to the Liberty Lake Police Department was addressed with professionalism and respect.

There was the time when a local resident rang the precinct to complain about the way the lawn outside her home was being cut — apparently a recent change meant the morning raindrops were not shimmering like they once did. Other calls dealt with far more serious concerns, including seniors at risk of financial scams and domestic violence alerts that should have been directed to 9-1-1.

"I'm the front line," said Anderson. "There's a feeling with this work — some days, you'll go home and say, 'Wow, I really, really helped somebody.' I've always felt like I've been an advocate for the citizens as well as the police."

Anderson took her final call at the police department on March 22, stepping down after over half-a-dozen years as a city employee. Sakti Hiatt, a former employee of Spokane County, has been brought on as Anderson's successor.

Anderson began in January 2007 as part-time front desk help with a list of responsibilities that included preparing packets for the City Council, processing permits and juggling the paperwork related to animal control.

Anderson began with a contract that was supposed to span a month and a half with the understanding that she would step down when a full-time person was found. She was running her own interior design business when her friend Arlene Fisher, Liberty Lake's city clerk and finance director, referred her to City Hall. By mid-March of 2007, she was hired onto the permanent staff.



SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

Bobbi Anderson retired on March 22 after serving as full-time police records clerk for the Liberty Lake Police Department since 2009. Anderson started with the city of Liberty Lake in January of 2007, working at the front desk of City Hall.

Anderson's job description in her first year was nothing if not diverse. Through it all, she remembers a "team atmosphere where everyone worked together so well."

"There was a lot of laughter, but we did an amazing amount of work because we would all pitch in for each other, even if we had something else to do," she said.

Anderson began splitting time between City Hall and the adjacent 1,500-square-foot space on Meadowwood Lane that housed the Liberty Lake Police Department. When Chief Brian Asmus and the rest of the force transitioned into an 18,000-square-foot renovated warehouse in March 2009, Anderson moved as well, becoming the full-

time records clerk.

"Probably the main thing I'd say about Bobbi is that she is a really good people person," Asmus said. "People call the police department with some sort of crisis or issue, they're not just coming in to say, 'Hi, how's your day?' I've just been amazed at Bobbi's ability to take the time to talk with people who are angry, agitated or in trouble and help them resolve their issues. Bobbi is great at dealing with all kinds of people. She's just a great listener."

In addition to being what Asmus calls the "face of the police department," Anderson processed police reports, completed monthly reporting requirements to the state and FBI and made sure records were in order for the state audit. In her spare time, she kept the building in order as the office manager.

Anderson singled out Asmus as the calm catalyst who keeps the department running smoothly.

"I credit Brian with teaching me the 'broken window theory,'" Anderson said. "Any time you see a broken window, or something that doesn't look quite right, you address it immediately."

A native of Spokane, Anderson graduated from Central Valley High School and attended Spokane Community College, where she was an honors student. She went on to serve in the Air Force from 1977 to 1985.

profiles:

BOBBI ANDERSON

"The Air Force was good for me," Anderson said. "I learned to go from A to Z. There were responsibilities and the challenge of a whole new world."

Anderson set aside time after the military to raise two sons who are now grown. She also has two grandchildren. Her husband, Marc, is a commercial airplane pilot.

Anderson has always made it a point to stay involved in community causes, from volunteering as a history docent at the Museum of Arts and Culture to donating time to events like ArtFest. A former resident of Liberty Lake who now lives on the South Hill, Anderson applauds the grassroots effort that led to the vote to form the city of Liberty Lake back in 2000.

"The thing I am most proud of with Liberty Lake is that here is a group of people who were able to create a city," she said. "You're going to have some hiccups along the way, but, overall, this is a successful city and a successful police department and both conduct themselves in a way that I am proud of."

Anderson was back in school studying interior design when she began to experience discomfort on her right side. She was eventually diagnosed with probable multiple sclerosis and later Neuro-Behcet's syndrome, an inflammation of the tissue around the blood or lymph vessels. The condition has led to new neurological challenges and issues with her vision.

"So, that's the punchline to the question of why I'm really retiring," she said. "It made me realize that it's time to travel and enjoy things."

Anderson has responded to the challenge of Neuro-Behcet's with a courageous resolve over the years, at one point returning to dance when she was concerned about her weight and had begun utilizing a cane.

"I'd let it win," she said. "I decided to make some changes and it made a big difference. The weight came off and my balance returned."

Anderson has already mapped out a post-retirement schedule that will likely include plenty of travel, a possible return to the museum and even authoring a book. A trip to Alaska is slated for May.

"Bobbi will be missed," said Mayor Steve Peterson, who hired Anderson back in 2007. "She is someone who has been with the city a long time and always brought professionalism and a sense of humor to her work. We wish her the best."

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Ed and Elizabeth Fisher look on as a young student receives his certificate at a recent Daily Dose graduation ceremony.

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English lessons bridge language barrier

LDS service missionaries share Daily Dose program in Liberty Lake and the Valley

By Shaun Brown
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Coming to America is a dream that has burned in the minds and hearts of many for the last five centuries. But living in America can be a nightmare, especially if you don't speak the language. Ed and Elizabeth Fisher, a Spokane Valley couple, have spent the last 14 months offering free English language lessons to residents throughout the Spokane area, many of them held at the Liberty Lake ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Known as "service missionaries" by their church, the Fishers spend several hours a week holding "huddles" where students can come and learn how to make a purchase, order a meal, talk to a customer and more.

With posters and postcard sized handouts written in Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Spanish and other languages, the Fishers invite those they meet to come and practice English in a comfortable, relaxed setting.

The program, known as Daily Dose, doesn't require the teacher to speak a language other than English. The Fishers set the lesson time and place based on the needs of the students they teach. One Liberty Lake couple attends during the evening because they are often busy at their family's Chinese restaurant during the day. "Now we can talk to the people" at the restaurant, explained the wife, Emily, in excellent English.

"We have 48 lessons with vocabulary for places like the post office, hair salon or

grocery store," Ed Fisher said. "We work on pronouncing as well as being able to put the words in a conversation."

A woman named Maria, who completed the classes with her two young sons, expressed her gratitude for the Fishers, saying, "With only one lesson a week, I saw a lot of progress. The biggest surprise was when I could understand." She described it as a "wow" moment at her children's doctor appointment.

Maria's husband also studied the Daily Dose lessons, but for him, morning classes were necessary due to his work schedule. He recently told Ed Fisher how thrilled he was to tell his co-workers a joke he had wanted to be able to say in English for a very long time.

"He said to me, 'I found the word in class, and I could finally tell the joke,'" Ed Fisher recalled.

Elizabeth Fisher said many who come to the lessons are very educated people who have left their own country to realize the American dream.

"One gentleman who taught English in his own country brought his children to America for a better life," she said. "He works at a local hotel in the laundry, but hopes for his children to master English and get a college education. Another wonderful lady was a pharmacist and owned her own fabric store in her own country.

"Offering these lessons in love has literally dropped that wall between the two countries," she continued, recalling one 25-year-old student from Vietnam who told the Fishers, "You saved my life."

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New church kicking off with Easter services

Uplift planted in LL by Joe and Betsy Pittenger

By Valerie Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Twelve years ago, Joe Pittenger literally laid the foundation of the Liberty Lake building that today houses Uplift, the church he and his wife Betsy are planting.

Pittenger, working construction to supplement their ministry income, remembers sitting on the curb outside the 7,000-square-foot building at 23424 E. Swing Lane, cutting every piece of rebar used in the foundation with a chop saw.

“Betsy said it so well,” Pittenger said, quoting her about planting the church, “How interesting that 12 years ago while you were physically working on the foundation of this building, God was working on the foundation of your heart to do this.”

With a mission to “make much of Jesus,” Uplift, which is affiliated with the Four-square family of churches, is a plant of The Kings Way in Sequim, Wash.

Although it has held six services to date, Uplift’s official kickoff is scheduled for Easter Sunday (March 31) at 10 a.m. with a special Easter message for the worship service and those participating in Uplift Kids, the church’s children’s ministry.

“We really want to be a place where people can grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus,” Pittenger said. “We want it to be a community church where you feel welcome and loved the moment you walk in.”

As Uplift’s sponsor, The Kings Way is providing a “logistic” umbrella to operate the church. It also donated operating equipment such as chairs, keyboard, drum set and a projector screen.

“I have nothing but high expectations on how this is going to go,” The Kings Way Pastor Mike Van Proyen, who went to college with Pittenger, said of Uplift. “I’m excited for them.”

Graduates of Northwest University in Kirkland, Wash., with degrees in church ministries, both Joe and Betsy Pittenger are leading the church as a team. Each is working on receiving their official pastoral license through Foursquare International.

“With their education, they are more than qualified to pastor the church,” Van Proyen said. “This is a just matter of formality. They are learning how a Foursquare Church operates.”

Since meeting and marrying in Eureka, Calif., the Pittengers have been in ministry together for more than 22 years.

“I really think everything we’ve done in the last 22 years has been in preparation for this,” Betsy Pittenger said. “And as beautiful



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY NICK STEWART

Above: Lead Pastor Joe Pittenger leads worship at a recent Uplift service. The church is holding its official kickoff at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday (March 31) at 23424 E. Swing Lane.

EASTER SUNDAY

The following Liberty Lake churches have announced special Easter weekend services.

- **Lakeside Church**, 23139 E. Mission Ave.: Good Friday service, 7 p.m. March 29; Easter Sunday service, 10 a.m. March 31
- **Liberty Lake Church**, 704 S. Garry Road: Easter Sunday services, 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. March 31
- **Uplift Church**, 23424 E. Swing Lane: Easter Sunday service, 10 a.m. March 31

and encouraging as that is, I love that Joe and I don’t think that we have it all together. We know that God is calling us, and I love what (Joe) shared on Sunday, ‘God qualifies the called.’”

Leading up to planting Uplift, the two served God together as youth leaders and in music ministry. As worship leaders, they have been part of two previous church plants: Lake City Community Church in Coeur d’Alene and — for 10 years — at Eastpoint Church in Spokane Valley.

Last spring, the two began to feel a “stirring in their hearts.” After months of prayer, the couple took a leap of faith, stepping down from their positions at Eastpoint the end of August.

“We didn’t know what we were going to do,” Joe Pittenger said. “We just knew that God was calling us out of where we were.”

For the next two months, the couple spent dedicated time in prayer seeking direction. They tried to pursue other opportunities, such as moving to Nashville or participat-



SPLASH PHOTO BY TIM PUTNAM

Left: Joe and Betsy Pittenger share about their new Liberty Lake church plant in the lobby of Uplift Church.

ing in a mission trip to Chile, but each time the door closed on the opportunity.

“We were in the wilderness for two months,” Joe Pittenger said. “We prayed and fasted. We had other people praying for us. It was two months of just silence.”

Then, on Oct. 20, he came to his regular early morning prayer time with some direction.

“I woke up with literally the idea in my head,” he remembers. “I was writing as fast as I could, names of people, ideas. I wrote the name Uplift Church. I said ‘whoa,’ and closed (the journal).”

Confirmation of Uplift came the day before Thanksgiving when Pittenger received a phone call from a friend he hadn’t heard from in a while.

“Out of the blue, he asked me if I ever thought of doing my own thing,” he recalled. “I’m standing in my kitchen and for 45 minutes he spoke into my life. I got off the phone and fell to my knees.

“You’re calling Betsy and I to plant a

church, and I say yes,” he said he prayed. “I’m willing to do whatever you ask.”

From there, the couple said miraculous things happened to confirm God was leading them to start Uplift.

“Literally, it’s like the train left the station, and we were running to catch up,” Joe Pittenger said. “Every time I would say ‘what about this,’ the answer was there before we could even think about it.”

The 12-person small group the couple had been a part of for more than a year committed to joining Uplift. Together, they began meeting and worshipping at the Pittengers’ Spokane Valley home. Growing to more than thirty people within two months, it was obvious they needed to find a bigger place to meet.

It was then the Pittengers ran into a friend from church and shared what was going on in their lives. The next day, he called offering a warehouse off Sullivan to use for worship. The couple began meeting there as

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The April Current is on newsstands



SWEET 16

Who will be crowned champion in our 16-team bracket of local appetizers?

THE NEW CHIEF

Our conversation with recently hired Spokane Valley Fire Department Chief Bryan Collins.

THE FOUNTAIN

Valley version of the section for seniors, sponsored by Evergreen Fountains, features a profile on David and Kathy Williams.

PLAY BALL!

It's spring, and the Valley-wide version of The Wave, sponsored by KIDDS Dental, features an Otis Orchards Elementary student and baseball standout.

ROTARY READING

To encourage literacy in local children, Valley service club buying books by the school-load.

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Curtains open to new home for LLCT

Story and photos by Jocelyn Stott
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Ladies and gentlemen, it's almost time to take your seats at the new home of the Liberty Lake Community Theatre, now housed at 22910 E. Appleway Ave. in Liberty Lake.

Located in the former Stix Sports location, the new venue features a large reception/concessions area adjacent to two large rooms for children's programs, camps and workshops. Down the hall, the nonprofit theater group has designated a box office and actor's green room adjacent to the approximately 120-seat theater area. Restrooms, storage and room to grow are all exciting features of the new facility.

The theater also has a loft for sound and lighting equipment. While the new space is going to need a little elbow grease to be ready for the May 10-19 production of, "Got it Made," directed by founder and President Jennifer Ophardt and Chairman of Production Kevin Kuecken, the group is confident the show will go on as planned.

In fact, "Got it Made," actor and LLCT volunteer Leslie Larson was recently heard singing while vacuuming the new space. Larsen plays Chloe Crystalson in the production.

"We've got a lot of talented volunteers who are working hard on this, along with great sponsors," Ophardt said.

LLCT has been essentially homeless since Ophardt founded the education-based theater program upon moving to the area in 2007. Actors staged productions at nearly 10 different locations around Liberty Lake before settling here. Members of LLCT are from Liberty Lake, Coeur d'Alene and the greater Spokane region.

In March, the group began improv comedy workshops every other Monday at 7 p.m. for ages 18 and older. The first performance, however, was the "Reluctant Dragon" reader's theater, which is solely acted from script with no set or props.

For more information on these events or how to get involved with Liberty Lake Community Theatre, visit www.libertylaketheatre.com.

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Nearly 120 seats will fill the theater at the new Liberty Lake Community Theatre space, where all hands are on deck for a transformation in time for the May 10-19 production of "Got it Made."

FUNDRAISER

Liberty Lake Community Theatre will host a fundraising event featuring comedy, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails on April 26-27. It will include performances by the Improv Troupe as well as a production of the 45-minute comedy, "Well Written." For more: info@libertylaketheatre.com or www.libertylaketheatre.com

Right: Liberty Lake Community Theatre is now located at 22910 E. Appleway Ave. in Liberty Lake.



Below: A large reception lobby with concessions leads into the theater at the new LLCT space.



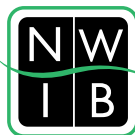


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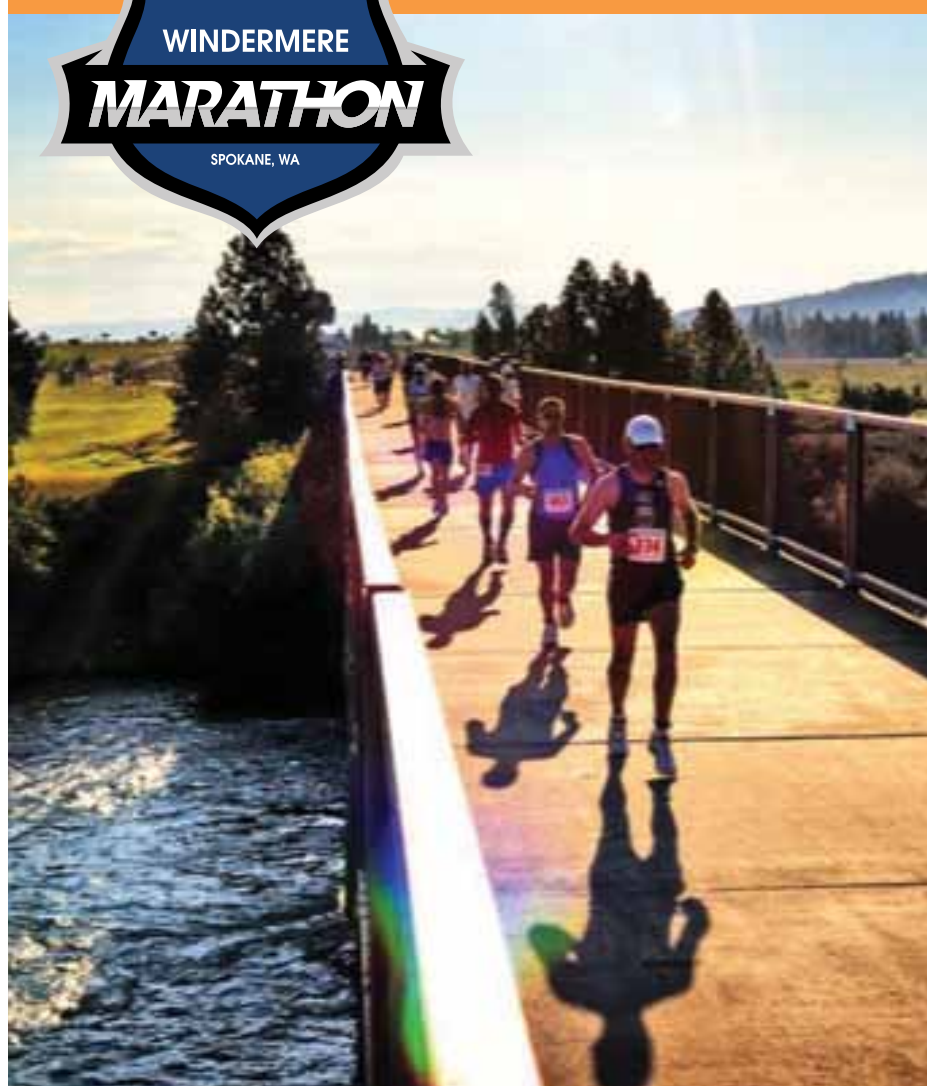
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Community Briefs

Liberty Lake egg hunt to hold final registration

The final registration time for the Liberty Lake Community Easter Egg Hunt is 3 to 8 p.m. March 28 at Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission. Families are asked to bring six plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy per child or \$3 per child. Registration is required.

The hunt, which is open to toddlers through fourth grade, will take place 11 a.m. March 30 at Pavillion Park. For more, contact 921-6746 or davis72205@hotmail.com.

Yard sale approaching; vendors sought

The 20th annual Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales will be held June 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration for participants will open in May.

For commercial vendor or general information, contact Liberty Lake Kiwanis members Pat Dockrey, pdockrey@gmail.com or Scott Draper, scott.draper@edwardjones.com. For sponsorship information, contact Janet Pier at janet@libertylakesplash.com.

Circuit course seeks donations

Phase 1 of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course project, part of the Liberty Lake capital facilities improvement plan, is to be installed by the end of the summer. The city has allocated \$35,000 for outdoor fitness equipment, beginning at Rocky Hill Park. Course organizers said the funds will not be released until grant money is awarded or funds are raised totaling \$4,350.

The Circuit Course aims to provide fitness opportunities for area residents, while also honoring Armed Forces members by dedicating each station to a local fallen hero. Donations are being solicited to help this project come to fruition; checks can be mailed to FHCC, P.O. Box 247, Liberty Lake, WA, 99019.

For more information, call 389-6060.

Funds being raised for LL man

In early March, Liberty Lake resident David St. John suffered a grand mal seizure and was transported to Sacred Heart Medical Center, where he was diagnosed with Encephalitis. He was placed in a medically induced coma and spent over a week in ICU battling for his life, and he was recently



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transferred to St. Luke's.

A Facebook page titled "Friends of David St. John" will continue to provide updates on his progress, as well as post information about upcoming fundraisers. A PayPal account has been set up to help cover growing medical expenses. For more information or a link to the PayPal account, email davidstjohnmedicalfund@gmail.com.

Directory photo contest underway

The Splash is soliciting photos for the fourth annual Liberty Lake Community Di-

rectory photography contest. The winning photo will be highlighted on the cover, and other selected images will be featured inside the 2014 Liberty Lake Community Directory.

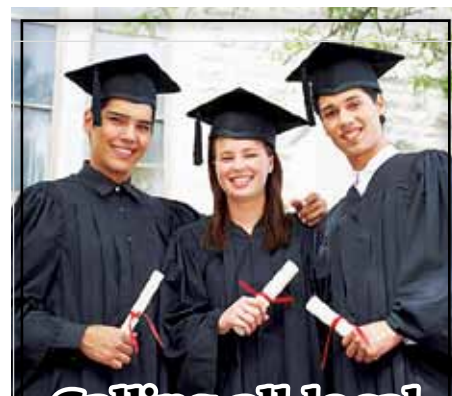
Photographers are asked to submit up to three photos that communicate the essence of what it means to live in Liberty Lake. Deadline for the contest is Sept. 13, and contributors of the top three photos will receive gift cards as their prize.

For contest rules and more information, visit www.libertylakesplash.com.

Host families needed for Japanese exchange students

Compass USA is looking for short-term host families in Liberty Lake for Japanese high school exchange students. Students arrive July 21 and depart Aug. 10.

This unique opportunity will allow families to learn about another culture while sharing their own lifestyle. For more information, contact Program Coordinator Darcy Lafrenz at 216-3866 or dalafrenz@comcast.net.



Calling all local graduates

The Splash is featuring Liberty Lake high school graduates in the June issue. This invitation extends to all graduating seniors who live in the community, regardless of where they attend high school.

In order to participate, simply submit a photo with the following information to photos@libertylakesplash.com:

- Graduate's name
- High school
- Parents' names
- Plans after graduation

Information must be received by Friday, May 10. Contact 242-7752 or photos@libertylakesplash.com with any questions.

Education Briefs

SV Tech offers summer classes

Spokane Valley Tech, 115 S. University Road, is now enrolling students in grades 8 through 11 in free summer courses. Classes available include Aerospace & Advanced Manufacturing, Cosmetology, Energy & Manufacturing, Fire Science, Microsoft IT Academy, Sports, Principles of Biomedical Sciences and Introduction to Engineering Design.

Classes will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. There will be two available sessions—June 24 to July 12 and July 15-31. Students may attend up to one course per session. Space is limited, so students are

encouraged to register early.

Central Valley, the host school district, has collaborated with East Valley, West Valley and Freeman School districts to establish Spokane Valley Tech to help students earn credits and gain valuable skills in high-growth technical occupations. For more, visit www.spokanevalleytech.org.

Splash to feature local grads

The Splash plans to recognize Liberty Lake high school graduates in its June issue. In order to participate, graduates are asked to submit the following information to photos@libertylakesplash.com: name, high school, parents' names, plans after

graduation and photo.

Information must be received by May 10. This invitation extends to all graduating seniors who live in the community, regardless of where they attend high school. Contact 242-7752 with any questions.



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Brett Busch (center) attended the Futures Quest Leadership Retreat with fellow UW students Nate Stockman and Jared Smith.

UW student receives honors

Brett Busch, 2012 Central Valley graduate, received a fellowship by the Phi Kappa Psi foundation to attend the Futures Quest Leadership Retreat in Indiana in early January. Futures Quest is a leadership program of the North-American Interfraternity Conference, and only the top new members from across North America attend. In addition, he received \$1,000 from the Phi Kappa Psi Paul Wineman Challenge, which awards students for academic achievement.

Bush recently made the Fall 2012 Dean's List at the University of Washington, Seattle, where he is double-majoring in political science and international studies. He also is involved in the UW Air Force ROTC.



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

The dates have been altered this month due to scheduling conflicts; City Council will meet April 9 and 16.

Liberty Lake Municipal Library board meeting 10:30 a.m. the first Thursday of each month, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

Liberty Lake Library Foundation meeting Noon the first Wednesday 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.

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 meeting 4 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

HEALTH & RECREATION

March 28 | Liberty Lake Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club registration 9 a.m., Liberty Lake Golf Course clubhouse, 24403 E. Sprague Ave. There will be a continental breakfast, signups for the 2013 season and a short meeting. Dues are \$40 for the season, and regular play will start April 4. For more: 255-9498

March 29-31 | USA Volleyball Pacific Northwest Qualifier HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. For more: pacificnwqualifier.org

April 1-4 | Spring Break Multi-Sport Camp 9 a.m. to noon, HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Kids in grades 1 through 6 are invited to this camp which will cover the basic skills in multiple sports including basketball, volleyball, soccer, kickball and more. Cost is \$100 per per-

son. For more: 927-0602 or hubsportscenter.org

April 1-4 | USA Boxing National Champions 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. The preliminary rounds are being held at the HUB, while the championship rounds will be held at Northern Quest Resort & Casino. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth and seniors. For more: 927-0602 or hubsportscenter.org

April 3 | MeadowWood Ladies 18-Hole Golf Club 7:30 a.m., MeadowWood Golf Course clubhouse, 24501 E. Valleyway. The club will have a short meeting, continental breakfast and their first day of golf. For more: 892-1572

April 5 | Proving Grounds MMA Event 7 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Fights start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance at Warrior Camp, 5027 E. Trent, Spokane Valley. For more: 220-6899

April 6-7 | Eclipse Volleyball Tournaments HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. For more: hubsportscenter.org

April 9 | Swim-a-mile-for-a-meal 5:30 to 8 p.m., Liberty Lake Athletic Club, 23410 E. Mission Ave. Swimmers are currently collecting pledges for this event with proceeds benefitting the Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels. The public is invited to come watch and donate. For more: 924-6976

April 13-14 | INK Volleyball Tournaments HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. For more: hubsportscenter.org

April 14 | USA Sitting Volleyball Noon to 4 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. The public is invited to come learn the fast-paced game of this paralympic sport during a free clinic. An exhibition game will take place at noon followed by an open skills clinic at 1 p.m. Everyone—able-bodied and disabled, young and old, male and female—is encouraged to participate. To register or for more: 290-5552 or Lindsay@evergreenregion.org

April 19 | Lutherhaven CampFest & Dodgeball Tournament 5 to 9 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave., Liberty Lake. This free event, which is open to the public, will provide games, crafts, face painting and more with camp staff. Attendees are encouraged to bring a canned food item for Second Harvest food bank. For \$10 per team, groups can register in the family or competitive division in the dodgeball

tournament. All proceeds benefit Lutherhaven Ministries. For more: lutherhaven.com

April 20-21 | Evergreen Region Volleyball Championships HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. For more: hubsportscenter.org

April 23 | Autism seminar 6 p.m., Healthy Living Liberty Lake, 2207 N. Molter Road, suite 203A. The public is invited to learn how you or your child can be successfully treated for autism and how to correct the underlying metabolic defects without drugs. For more: 924-6199

April 26-28 | Washington State Level 5/6 Gymnastics HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. For more: 489-5867

Recurring

Bloomsday 2013 Online registration for the 12K race that starts and ends in downtown Spokane on May 5 is available until April 21; mail-in registration deadline is April 16. Entry fee is \$17. For more: www.bloomsdayrun.org

HUB Sports Center 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Various classes, activities and events occur throughout the week including:

Senior Pickleball drop-in: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mon. through Thurs., \$2/seniors (\$4/non-seniors)

Basketball drop-in: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays, \$4/person

Badminton drop-in: 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, \$5/person

Liberty Lake Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Scramble Meadowwood Golf

Course, 24501 E. Valleyway. Registration is \$75 per golfer (\$300 for a foursome) and includes green fees, golf cart, free range balls and lunch. Proceeds from this golf tournament help local high school graduates fund their ongoing education. For more: libertylakekiwanis.org or 499-3180

Liberty Lake Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club 9 a.m. on Thursdays starting April 4, Liberty Lake Golf Course, 24403 E. Sprague Ave. For more: 255-9498

Liberty Lake Running Club 6 p.m. on Thursdays, Palenque Restaurant, 1102 N. Liberty Lake Road. Participants are welcome to walk, jog or bring the dog. For more: 927-9372 or kathy-awhybrew@msn.com

Trailhead Golf Lessons Trailhead Golf Course, 1102 N. Liberty Lake Road. Programs are available for youth and adults. For more: 928-3484 or libertylakewa.gov/golf

Trailhead Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club 9 a.m. on Wednesdays, Trailhead Golf Course, 1102 N. Liberty Lake Road. Club meeting 8 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month. For more: 939-5119

Windermere Marathon and Half Marathon Early registration for the May 19th race that runs from Liberty Lake to Riverfront Park is available until March 31. For more: windermeremarathon.com

All calendar listings were provided to or gathered by Splash staff. If you would like your event considered for the community calendar, please submit information by the 15th of the month to calendar@libertylakesplash.com.

UPLIFT

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Uplift Church in February. The first night, more than 70 people attended.

“Since we have been birthing this, we’ve had three people give their life to Christ and four people wanting to be baptized,” Joe Pittenger said. “To me, that is the part I get excited about.”

As part of the call, Pittenger felt led to serve Liberty Lake — a community they had lived in previously and were hoping to eventually return. The opportunity to move into the building Joe helped build 12 years prior was a confirmation to serve the community — and another example of God’s

provision, the couple said.

The offer of the building came when a friend in Nashville heard about their church. He called Pittenger, offered them use of the building, and on March 17 with more than 87 people in attendance, Uplift held its first service in Liberty Lake.

“We didn’t have to make phone calls or drive around, it just came to us,” Betsy Pittenger said about the building. “This is what we mean by things falling into place, even the little details. ... We keep sharing with people that Uplift is being birthed out of a place of rest. We’re resting in God. We’re not overworking, anxious or worried for something that we think God is asking us to do. We’re simply sitting back with him and enjoying the journey.”

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A+ students receive certification



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Members of Joe Pauley's A+ Certification class at Central Valley High School recently passed the CompTIA Network+ Industry certification, the CompTIA A+ Essentials and Practical tests, and TestOut Network Pro. The students are also certified as Microsoft Technology Associates in Windows operating system, networking and security.

Pictured are Erik Bodrock, **Alex Arachtingi**, Anya Carter, Brandon Sommer, Frank Petrilli, **Jeff Moberg**, Matthew Troxel and Mathew Merrick. (Liberty Lake residents are in bold.)

Scout completes Eagle Service Project



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kyle Woodlief, 16, received his Eagle Scout Award on March 16 at the LDS Spokane Valley Stake Center and was also awarded a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol building by the local Elks Lodge. His Eagle Service Project was restoring and painting the exterior of two large storage units for Central Valley High School.

Kyle, who is in Troop 206, has earned 26 merit badges. He said his favorite badge was the aviation one because he was able to fly a plane and learn all about flying.

Life-size puppets used in CV musical



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Central Valley High School Theatre Department presented "Little Shop of Horrors" in March. The movie-style set for the rock musical was created entirely by CVHS Career and Technical Education (CTE) technical theater students. The five alien plants used were the handiwork of the professional arts staff of Fullerton Civic Light Opera in California who spent over \$42,000 creating these magical puppets before allowing CVHS to include them in the show.

Splash Travels



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Jeff, Stacy, David and Grace Sitton took The Splash along when they traveled to Cozumel, Honduras and Belize during a February cruise.

CV Kindergarten Center celebrates Read Across America



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Players from the Spokane Shock read Dr. Seuss books to Mrs. Sine's morning kindergarten class during Read Across America week in late February. Shock coach Andy Olson and seven players visited all-day and morning kindergarten classrooms to read books to students.

The Cat in the Hat (aka Principal Deyarmin) visited all the CVKC classrooms and delivered two brand new Dr. Seuss books to each student, courtesy of The Children's Book Bank and Spokane Valley Kiwanis.



LOCAL LENS

Girls (and their dads) just want to have fun



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Girls and their dads danced the night away during the Father Daughter Dance on March 2. The Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club transformed CenterPlace at Mirabeau Point into an “Evening in Paris” for the 8th annual event.

At right: Isabella Smith, 4, was pretty in purple for a night out on the dance floor.

Flying around the HUB



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Rebel Flyers and the HUB Sports Center hosted an indoor fly-in event March 1 at the HUB. More than 25 drivers (pilots) flew various aircraft.

Above: Eleven flyers entered the endurance contest where the winner flew non-stop for 43 minutes.



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.

Moose spotted around lake



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mike Kovac and his daughter Molly spotted this moose on a local trail just off of Inlet Drive. He wrote, “We love that we live in an area with such beautiful wildlife all around us.”

Birth announcement



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Trent Richard Kosanke was welcomed by parents Derek and Katie Kosanke on Jan. 12 at Kootenai Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 21 inches long. The proud grandparents are Rik and Karolyn Kosanke of Liberty Lake.

Eye on LL: Country Vista between Liberty Lake Road and Henry Road

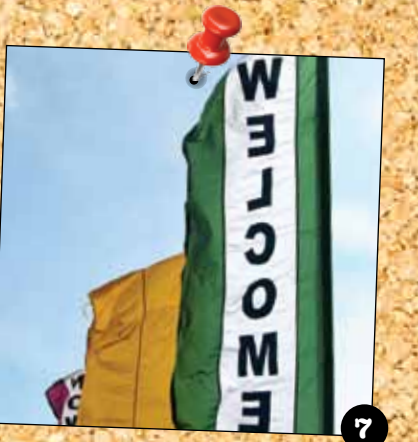
Recognize the photos, win a prize

The following 12 photos were taken along a one-mile stretch of Country Vista Avenue between Liberty Lake and Henry roads. Do you know what these photos are taken of?

The readers who submit all the correct answers (or the highest number of correct answers) by April 12 will be entered in a drawing for a \$20 gift card to a business of his or her choice that is located along the Country Vista corridor. Submit your answers via a Facebook

message at www.facebook.com/libertylakesplash or email them to editor@libertylakesplash.com.

Want to know the answers? Check out The Splash's Facebook page on April 15.



My Favorite Order



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This photo provided by Palenque shows the shrimp option for the two enchilada order. While this one is from the dinner menu (\$10.95), the two enchilada lunch special preferred by Dan Laughlin (below) is available with chicken, beef, picadillo or vegetarian for \$6.95.

The restaurant

Palenque Mexican Restaurant, 1102 N. Liberty Lake Road



The diner

Dan Laughlin of Spokane, who works as a security analyst at Tier-Point in Liberty Lake

The order

Two Enchiladas, from the "lunch combinations" menu. Enchiladas can be filled with choice of vegetarian (bean or cheese), ground beef, chicken or picadillo. Served with rice and refried or olla beans.

The price

\$6.95

The reason

"It's not a super-heavy lunch, so you can go back to work and actually function. ... And they always remember who you are (at Palenque), so that's always good."

The leftovers

Laughlin also gave a nod to the inexpensive lunch menu pricing at Palenque. Oh, and if you aren't in the mood for enchiladas, he recommends the Carne Asada.

Do you have a favorite order you would like to share with Liberty Lake diners? Tell us about it at editor@libertylakesplash.com.

BUSINESS

In Biz

Wardian finishes Farmers course

Rosemarie Wardian, a Farmers Insurance agent in Liberty Lake, has completed the Career Agents Course at the University of Farmers training facility in California.

“Rosemarie completed the five-day Career Agents Course, which is clearly defined and targeted to enhance the professional skills of Farmers’ agents,” said Annette Thompson, senior vice president of Farmers. “The course gives an agent the ability to learn how to successfully understand the needs of Farmers’ customers and help them choose the right insurance to meet their needs.”

Dollars & Sense

10 ways to cut your grocery bill

By David Uffington
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

With the 2 percent payroll deduction going away, paychecks are that much smaller, and it’s more important than ever to find ways to reduce grocery bills. Retailers know this, and they’re becoming even more ruthless about getting you to part with your shopping dollars.

Here are 10 tips to help cut your grocery bill:

1. Check the sales flyers that come in the mail or the newspaper, and make a list of your meals for the coming week. Check ingredients at home to make sure you don’t buy duplicates.

2. Stores are laid out to get you to spend the most money. Bakeries will blow the scent of baked goods to entice you into that area. The deli section will put out samples of meats and cheeses, hoping you’ll try a sample and buy. Staples like milk and eggs will be in the back corner of the store, forcing you to go a long distance past other items. Look down each aisle. If there’s nothing down that aisle you need, don’t go there.

3. Set a limit on how much extra you’re willing to spend if you come across real bargains while in the store.

4. Shop at night, if possible, by yourself. Leave the kids at home or tell them there will be no extras.

5. Eat before you go. You’ll be less tempted to buy items not on your list.

6. Buy in bulk only if it makes sense. If you can save money on a five-pound package of hamburger and freeze it in one-pound packages, do that. But if a mega-size box of cereal will only go bad in your cupboard, it’s no bargain.

7. Check the unit price on each item,

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especially now that the package sizes of so many items are changing. The price might be the same, but with less in the package, it actually costs more per serving.

8. Buy “plain” foods such as rice or pasta and add your own seasonings. Buy plain cereal and add your own sugar — or not.

9. Buy cheaper cuts of meat and use your slow cooker to make a meal. Add another meatless dinner to your meal rotation.

10. Get creative in the kitchen and look online for new recipes. Experiment with adding ingredients such as cooked rice or pasta and vegetables to a can of soup for a hearty meal.

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BUSINESS

Jimmy John's targets late April opening

By Jim Ryan

SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Liberty Lake diners will have a new option for grabbing a sandwich in late April — the targeted opening of a new Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches franchise at 1429 N. Liberty Lake Road.

The restaurant will be located in a suite on the north side of the Windermere Real Estate building, located just behind Washington Trust Bank.

The franchise was purchased by Spokane Valley's McMaster family. Maria McMaster and her husband, Sean, along with her father-in-law, will be the operating partners.

This will be the partners' first franchise. Previously, Maria and Sean McMaster owned a coffee shop in the Millwood area. Maria McMaster explained that the Liberty Lake shop will employ between 25 to 30 full- and part-time workers. She is presently working on a plan to distribute job applications to potential employees.

McMaster said the family initially got involved with Jimmy John's because the cost was reasonable, and the company gives a great deal of support, especially to first-time franchisees.

"It was something that attracted us because they are on top of everything," she said. "They come up to the store, they see the numbers, they make sure you follow their requirements. With the way it is growing so fast, we feel it's going to be around for a long time."

McMaster explained that when they contacted the corporate headquarters about purchasing a franchise, they were shown a list of areas in Washington that had openings, and Liberty Lake was one of them. Maria and her husband know Liberty Lake very well, spending a great deal of their summer enjoying the lake.

"So Liberty Lake was open, and it is so close to us; we live in the Valley and we thought it would be great," she said. "It's really an up-and-coming community. And with all the businesses — especially the tech businesses — we thought there would be a really great walk-through flow."

She said there is no minimum order for a delivery. It can range from a single sandwich to lunch or dinner for an entire company.

McMaster said Jimmy John's touts their fast service and delivery, but what impressed her and her family most was the quality of their products in terms of their meats and produce. Their products will be

JIMMY JOHN'S ROOTS

Jimmy John's was begun in 1983 by 19-year-old Jimmy John Liautaud. He started out with cookbooks he checked out from the local library. Liautaud opened the first Jimmy John's with used equipment consisting of a refrigerator, chest freezer, an oven and a meat slicer. The first sodas were served without ice as there was no room in the budget for an ice machine.

His initial marketing plan was to take to the streets with an armful of free sandwiches, which made him an instant hit with students from the nearby college. From that first endeavor, Jimmy John's has grown to more than 1,500 stores nationwide.

— Jim Ryan

delivered by local companies: Sysco Spokane and Spokane Produce.

"It's really fresh," she said. "Jimmy John's cuts the meats and cheeses every day."

McMaster explained that the bread is baked in-house every day and served fresh. The company insists the bread cannot be served to a customer if it is more than four hours out of the oven.

McMaster said she is impressed with the energy of the company and its desire to see each franchise succeed.

"They are there to ensure that you are going to make it, and they maintain their standards throughout the nation," she said. "I think that's what attracted us to them."

Sean McMaster, who will be the general manager of the Liberty Lake shop, and his assistant manager spent three weeks going through training at the company's Champaign, Ill., corporate headquarters, followed by four weeks in an apprenticeship program at the Mission and Ruby store in Spokane.

"That's one of the things we liked about their corporation," she said. "They want you to learn their way and make sure all the procedures you do are according to their requirements."

The store will be open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week, but she said they will be ready to serve by 10:30 a.m.

"So if someone comes in at 10:45, I'm not going to say they won't be able to get a sandwich; yes, they will," she smiled.



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Hilpert brings leadership skills to diamond



By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR



SUBMITTED FILE PHOTO

Leadership: The intangible term that coaches bestow on an athlete who is a winner regardless of his physical ability. It is the kind of athlete teams can't do without.

Central Valley two-sport star **Scott Hilpert** personifies the designation.

The Liberty Lake athlete's value became apparent in football last fall when the wide receiver-cornerback was thrust into the role of quarterback and steadied the ship until Adam Chamberlin became eligible to take over.

"He's doing a great job for us," coach Rick Giampietri said at the time. "He's a good leader."

Playing shortstop, arguably the most important infield spot in baseball, Hilpert is the Bears team captain and a key to their improving on last year's oh-so-close season in which they lost six one-run games, five to the Greater Spokane League's top three teams, while finishing 6-14 in the regular season and playoffs.

"I look for him to be the guy," coach Barry Poffenroth said. "He's a leader and should be our best player."

There's a reason he is CV's ASB president.

Baseball is in the genes for the 6-foot, 175 pounder, who is in his third varsity season. His dad, Adam, played collegiately at the University of Washington and California State-Stanislaus. The younger Hilpert had a bat in his hands from the time he

was a toddler.

Adam Hilpert was Scott's coach growing up and greatest influence.

"I've been around him my whole life," he said. "I get what he tells me."

Together, they'll go out a couple times a week, and Scott will hit a couple hundred baseballs with his dad throwing batting practice. They can butt heads as fathers and sons will, but the son remains appreciative.

"He can get on my case a little more than another coach can," and still earn respect, Scott Hilpert explained.

Why does Hilpert enjoy playing shortstop, often reserved for the best player, when all eyes are on him?

"I love being there because you're always active," he said. "You are kind of the general."

Hilpert enjoys being a stopper for ground balls, and said his growth area is being able to make a plant deep in the hole and throw across the field.

He's got a couple of interesting and funny stories to tell. As a freshman, he fouled a baseball off his knee, fracturing it.

"It was a game against Mt. Spokane, and

I went 3-for-3 with a triple and double, all on a broken knee," he said.

This winter in basketball, he decided to try the sport although he hadn't played since middle school. Naturally, Hilpert was cut.

At season's end, spoken by a true leader, he joked with coach Rick Sloan that if he'd made the team the Bears would have won state.

"Coach Sloan said, 'You know, I'm going to have to live with that the rest of my life,'" Hilpert recalled.

Hilpert is not the only veteran for the Bears. Eight regulars return, including three-year varsity second baseman **Brooks Hayden**.

Brady Simmelink and **Ryan Peterson** pitch and play first base. **Trevor Tomlinson** is another pitcher. Newcomers **Tyler Chenault**, **Calvin Whitcomb** and **Trey Carolan** provide depth.

Matt Whiting is back at catcher, and **Ryan McCauley** is in the outfield.

"We definitely have to go out and perform," Poffenroth said. "I think the capability is there."

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Sports Briefs



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LL native scores first NHL goal

Tyler Johnson scored one goal and added an assist in the Tampa Bay Lightning's 4-1 victory over the division-leading Carolina Hurricanes March 16. It was the first National Hockey League goal for the Liberty Lake native, who graduated from Central Valley High School and was a four-season standout for the Spokane Chiefs.

Johnson was called up to the NHL on March 14 and had tallied one goal and three assists through his first four games. He had been playing for the Syracuse Crunch of the American Hockey League, where he scored 31 goals and notched 57 points (placing him first and second, respectively, in the AHL).

Johnson, 22, is a 5-foot-9, 182-pound

forward. He has posted back-to-back 30-goal seasons in his first two professional seasons in the AHL. In 134 career AHL games, all in the Lightning organization, Johnson has recorded 62 goals and 125 points to go along with plus-47 rating. Johnson was originally signed by the Lightning as a free agent on March 7, 2011.

He skated in 266 Western Hockey League games during four seasons with the Spokane Chiefs from 2007-2011, recording 128 goals and 282 points.

Golfer earns ace at Trailhead

Tyler Warner scored a hole-in-one on the 131-yard seventh hole at Trailhead Golf Course March 9, Trailhead Head Golf Professional Chris Johnston reported. Warner used a pitching wedge.

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CV places fourth at state



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The 2012-2013 Central Valley High School boys basketball team celebrate their fourth place finish at the State 4A tournament in Tacoma March 2. The Bears finished the season with a 24-3 record.

Many fans traveled from Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley to cheer on the Central Valley Bears boys basketball team, which played in the Tacoma Dome during the State 4A tournament Feb. 28 to March 2.



Johnson assists CCS in tourney



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Liberty Lake native and former Central Valley High School basketball standout Brad Johnson shouts instructions during a Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges tournament game in early March. Johnson is an assistant coach for Community Colleges of Spokane, which placed third at the tournament.

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CV soccer under way



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Andrew Enzler punches a shot out of danger during a preseason Central Valley High School soccer game in the Tri Cities early in March. Enzler, the backup goalkeeper, helped CV get the win while filling in for regular starter Aidan Dowling.

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New coach in town

Geoff Arte is filling big shoes. He is the new CV girls track coach, replacing longtime mentor **Dennis McGuire**, who stepped down after making the Bears a perennial track (not to mention cross country) contender in the Greater Spokane League.

"He's coaching the distance runners, and I think he's loving it," Arte said.

Arte said the focus this year will be on dual meets, what with only two athletes per event qualifying for state.

He does return two-event state placer and school record holder **Mariah Cunningham**, who was fifth in the long jump and sixth in the high jump, and **Savannah Hoekstra**, who placed eighth in the long jump and ran on the medaling 4x400 relay team. Last year, they were first and third in region at long jump. If they do that this year, one won't qualify to return to state.

"Mariah and Savannah are the two best long-jumpers in the school's history," Arte wrote in an email. "They go against each other every day."

State hammer throw champion **Katie Wardsworth** is being recruited by Pac-12 schools.

"We should be pretty good this season with almost all the kids who participated in the state meet last year returning," Arte wrote.

Distance runner **Skye Sanders** has returned from ACL surgery, but lost **Molly Barnhart**, a 125-foot javelin thrower and 35-foot triple jumper, who tore her ACL in basketball.

CV has 106 girls out for track and field, only 20 of them seniors, and six sets of sisters.

Two for nine

Baseball and girls track are just two of nine sports offered in the spring that make up half of the 18 GSL sports offered during the school year. And they are all completed in the shortest timeframe of the three seasons. Softball, boys track and soccer, and boys and girls tennis and golf join the others currently under way.

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Relationships start (and remain) with trust

By Chelsea Dannen
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



The Better Business Bureau's tagline is "Start with Trust." Most people see those words with the logo and assume the message is directed toward businesses to create more trustworthy relationships with their customers. This is absolutely true!

Transactions are relationships. Take for example the person who makes your morning latte or the person who mows your lawn. You would not likely choose that coffee stand if you didn't trust them to give you the right change back, nor would that landscape company work for you if they didn't trust you to pay them for services rendered. Business owners are bosses, co-workers, mothers, fathers, sons and daughters. Trustworthiness starts at the core and radiates out into each facet of our lives.

Last year I had to buy four new tires for my car. Having never purchased tires, I found a BBB accredited business nearby with a good record. Immediately after arriving, I felt comfortable with the manager of the store. I was given a quote, and after a few heart palpitations at the cost of new tires (aren't they just rubber?), I made my choice.

I left my car at the shop for the day and had a friend drop me off that afternoon to pick up my car and pay for the tires. When

I arrived, I was horrified to realize I had forgotten my wallet at the office. I was humiliated! I tried to apologize and asked if I could come back later, but the manager threw me my keys and said, "No problem! Just call me with a credit card number when you get home."

I was dumbfounded. He trusted me — a new customer — to drive away with nearly \$1,000 worth of merchandise and labor cost! Not only did he trust me enough to leave with my brand new tires, but I also realized how much faith I had to put in him to run my credit card number for the agreed upon amount. It would have been simple to add a few dollars onto my tab as I likely wouldn't have noticed since I wasn't there to sign the receipt.

I believe that company truly started and ended our transaction with trust. I continue to frequent that tire shop for oil changes, tire needs and anything auto-related. This isn't much different from any other relationships I have. Friends, family and significant others all expect trust out of a relationship with me. My strongest relationships are with people who will do what they say, respect my privacy and have my best interests at heart.

Aspire to start with trust the next time you start a new relationship — professional or otherwise. Here are a few great reminders to simply be more trustworthy. Tell the truth — all of it! Do what you say you're going to do. Be brave; tell the truth even if it's difficult. Keep confidential information to yourself.

Although these reminders seem like common sense, many situations we face aren't clearly black and white. Remember you are half of each relationship in which you participate. Would you trust you?

The more you embody trustworthiness, the more likely you are to attract people who share your same values. Whether you are working with a new company or deepening friendships, start off on the right foot. Start with trust.

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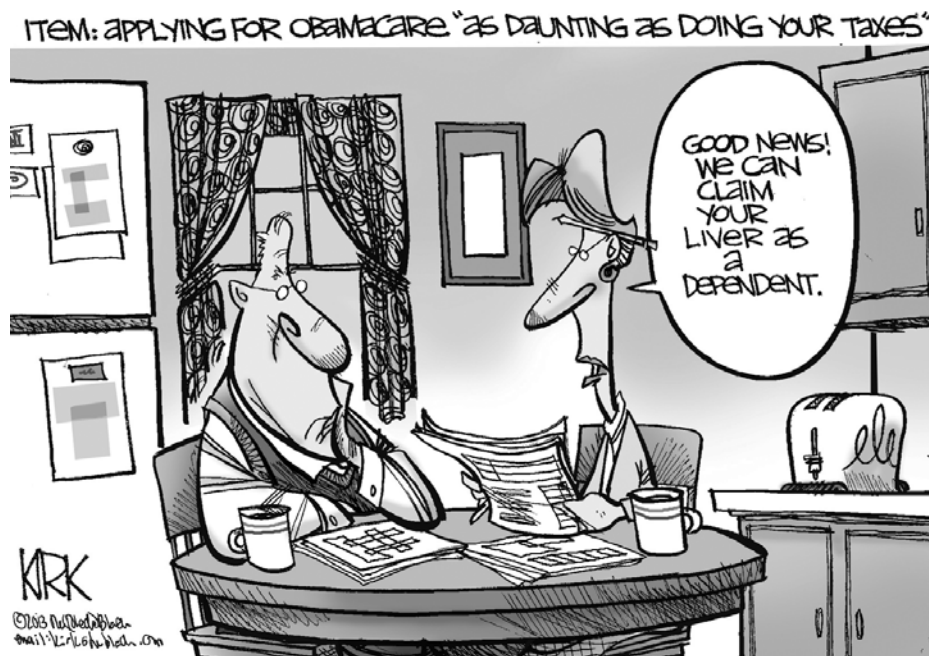
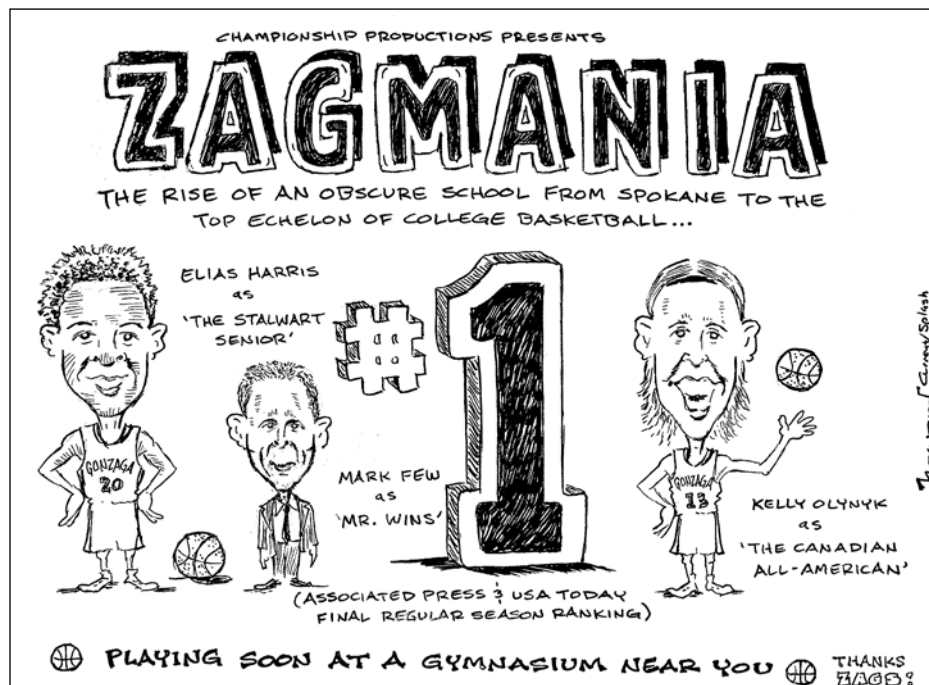
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• **Domestic violence arrest** — A 52-year-old Liberty Lake man was arrested at 5:45 p.m. March 6 at the 22800 block of East Country Vista Drive for malicious mischief third degree domestic violence. Officers were dispatched to the location after a caller told 911 about sounds of people screaming and someone saying “please stop” heard from another apartment. Upon arrival, officers were told there was an argument and a mention of a handgun being involved. Officers entered the apartment, observing a broken lamp on the floor, and talked to the man and his wife. The man told officers he broke the lamp because he was mad, and when questioned about the gun, he told the officer he was going to “take his life.” His wife reportedly hid the handgun during the dispute, and officers retrieved it later from a vehicle outside. The man was transported to the Spokane County Jail.

• **Dangerous weapon** — A 23-year-old Spokane Valley man was arrested at 8:30 p.m. March 6 at Appleway and Broadway for possession of a dangerous weapon. While assisting the Spokane Valley Police Department with a traffic stop in the area, the officer heard a male subject yelling profanities at a passing vehicle, while crossing the street in the middle of the block. The officer contacted the man, who he recognized from previous contacts, and asked if he had any weapons on him. The man told the officer he had an expandable club and a knife in his pocket. The officer located the expandable club in the right sleeve of his jacket. The man was issued a criminal citation for possession of a dangerous weapon.

• **Not a gun** — At 11:25 a.m. March 8, LLPD was requested to assist the Spokane County Sheriff’s Office with a suspicious circumstances call at the 500 block of North Hodges. The complainant reported he observed a male subject wrap up a gun in a blanket and place it in the trunk of a car. Officers arrived on scene to investigate and determined the item placed in the trunk was a metal detector.

• **Suspicious circumstances** — At 1:45 p.m. March 9, LLPD was dispatched to a suspicious circumstances call at the 700 block of North Molter Road. The complainant reported a female on the ground near the walking path on the south end of the park and a male subject standing over her. The witness asked if there was something wrong, and the male subject said everything was fine. When officers arrived on scene, the subjects were gone.

• **Suspicious person** — At 12:45 p.m. March 13, LLPD received a report of a suspicious person at the 1300 block of North Liberty Lake Road. A man was observed loitering in the area and digging.

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Forgiving: It's for your own good

LL counselor's new book trumpets healing power of releasing judgment

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF COLUMN



"Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive." That's what I run into is people who come to counseling, they want help. When you recognize that hurt or pain — which we all experience and I can't stop that from happening — tempts most of us to form some type of judgment, some type of resentment or bitterness. And the healing process for that is to forgive people when we are hurt or wounded.

So I wanted to get it out to more than two or three people at a time. The book is based on a simple prayer, but it's not an easy thing. There's another quote in the book: "Forgiving is simple; it's just not easy."

Q: Do you find that people have a certain sense of justice that makes it hard for them to forgive because they feel the person doesn't deserve it?

A: You just hit one of the nails on the head. We are a people of balance; we are a people of justice; we are a people of fairness and what's right.

I just talked to a lady this weekend whose father was injured terribly in a car accident by a gentleman who was drunk and had a DUI the month before. Her family was so angry and resentful and bitter at the community, the government, the police force for not stopping this, for not putting him in jail before. And at (the drunk driver). And so do we forgive? Well, yes. Otherwise, their lives will be destroyed by bitterness and judgment. And this guy doesn't know whether you've forgiven him or not. This guy doesn't care if you're resentful or bitter.

There are so many different examples like that where we appropriately identify that we've been hurt or transgressed against. It happens all the time. It could be simple: You're driving down the road, and some guy cuts you off. What are you going to do? Does anyone think of forgiving? No. Well, that anger or resentment or bitterness stores in us, and it hurts us, and it hurts those around us.

One of the primary Scriptures I refer to throughout the book is Hebrews 12:15, and it says, "Don't let any bitter root spring forth hurting you and defiling those around you." And judgment, resentment and bitterness are bitter roots. Bitter roots are not the hurtful things that happen to us, they are the sinful responses to the hurtful things that happen to us. We all get hurt often. But how do we respond?

Q: Just to push this discussion a little further: Doesn't it sometimes seem like by forgiving we are giving the offender a pass?

A: As a matter of fact, we forgive because we identify that there has been a

transgression, that there has been a trespass, that there has been something done to us. So we're saying, "This hurt me, and I need to forgive this person so that I don't build judgment in my heart."

But do I now have to accept their behavior? Of course not. If someone shoots me in the leg, I want to forgive him, but I'm not going to let him shoot me in the leg again. As a matter of fact, as we forgive, we learn to set more appropriate boundaries, and that makes a world of difference.

Q: The subtitle of your book refers to forgiving God. What do you mean by that?

A: Let me clarify "forgiving God" a little bit. It doesn't mean God has sinned against us or trespassed against us. It means that we judge God.

I counseled a woman who lost a son quite a few years ago. He was 17 or 18 years old, coming home from a basketball game in the middle of winter. He hit some ice, slid into a tree and went through the windshield.

Her terrible cry was, "How could God have let this happen?" She was angry at God. She said to me, "He was a good boy. Why did God take him out?" And you could see she was terribly hurt, and wherever there is a hurt or a wound there is usually some anger or bitterness.

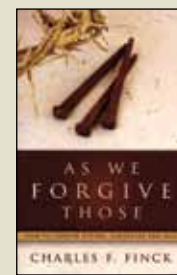
And so her question was a good one: How could this have happened? Well, it's physics — friction, ice, inertia, speed, immovable object like a tree. But that's not what she needed to hear. She needed to hear how terrible it was and how sad it was and how grieved it was. And that's where we spent our time. Then at some point I asked her if she would be willing to forgive God, and the prayer really reveals what that means: Giving up any judgment she might have had for God.

Gosh, we blame God for the weather, how we look, our financial situations, for all kinds of things. Isn't it appropriate to forgive him if forgiving means giving permission to not judge, not blame? It's somewhat provocative to "forgive" God if we don't understand what it means. It doesn't mean God has sinned against us; it means we've judged him.

Q: That's an element of forgiveness we don't often think about — in a sense, forgiving for our own perception, right or wrong, of feeling trespassed against.

A: It is. It's an unspoken, like, really, forgive God? Well, have you blamed him? Then you need to forgive him.

When I ask people what it means to forgive, very few people have a definition for it. The closest some will come is "well, it's releasing someone." And it is, it's a releas-



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ing of the judgment, not holding it against, and those are the words we have used in the prayer.

Q: The book is built around this "forgiving prayer" and is coming out just before Easter. Seems like strategic timing.

A: I had originally hoped to get it out before Christmas, but it just takes time. And then I thought, "This is perfect." I started advertising a week or so before it came out and made a little sign for a ministry conference I was at that said "Easter=forgiving." ...

I distinguish between forgiveness and forgiving. ... When people think of forgiveness, they think mostly of how we are forgiven by Christ's act on the cross. This book is not about that. This book is about us learning to forgive because of what Jesus did on the cross. So I don't use the term "forgiveness" as much, just for clarity. Because if you say to someone, "describe forgiving for me," it's easier for them to own it. ...

There are three primary reasons to forgive that I have found. The first, scripturally, would be to be obedient because God tells us to forgive. The second would be to identify with Christ on the cross ... his sacrifice and humility. When we forgive, we are being sacrificial and we are humbled, and that's the connection with Christ on the cross. But the third is we forgive to be healed.

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Q. You're an Ironman, so you're familiar with efforts of endurance. I'm guessing writing a book would be a similar feat with a similar sense of accomplishment?

A. It was five years in the making, and it was taken from 28 years of counseling. I'm a Christian marriage and family counselor, and one of the basic principles of healing is forgiving. There are three primary — forgiving, confessing, repenting — and they're really all important, but forgiving is so primary. And I've counseled thousands and run into very few that know how.

Q: It seems like something that would be easier to grasp conceptually than to practice.

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