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ROAD RALLY

As city officials pitch a long-term plan to tackle street repairs that will 'cost more later,' the utility tax has been identified as a dedicated source to help pay for it. Next step: Getting the Council — and the community — on board.

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From left, City Administrator Katy Allen, Mayor Steve Peterson and City Engineer Andrew Staples stand at Valleyway Avenue, which would receive a \$350,000 makeover this year if the first step in the long-term street maintenance plan is approved.
— *Splash* photo by Craig Howard

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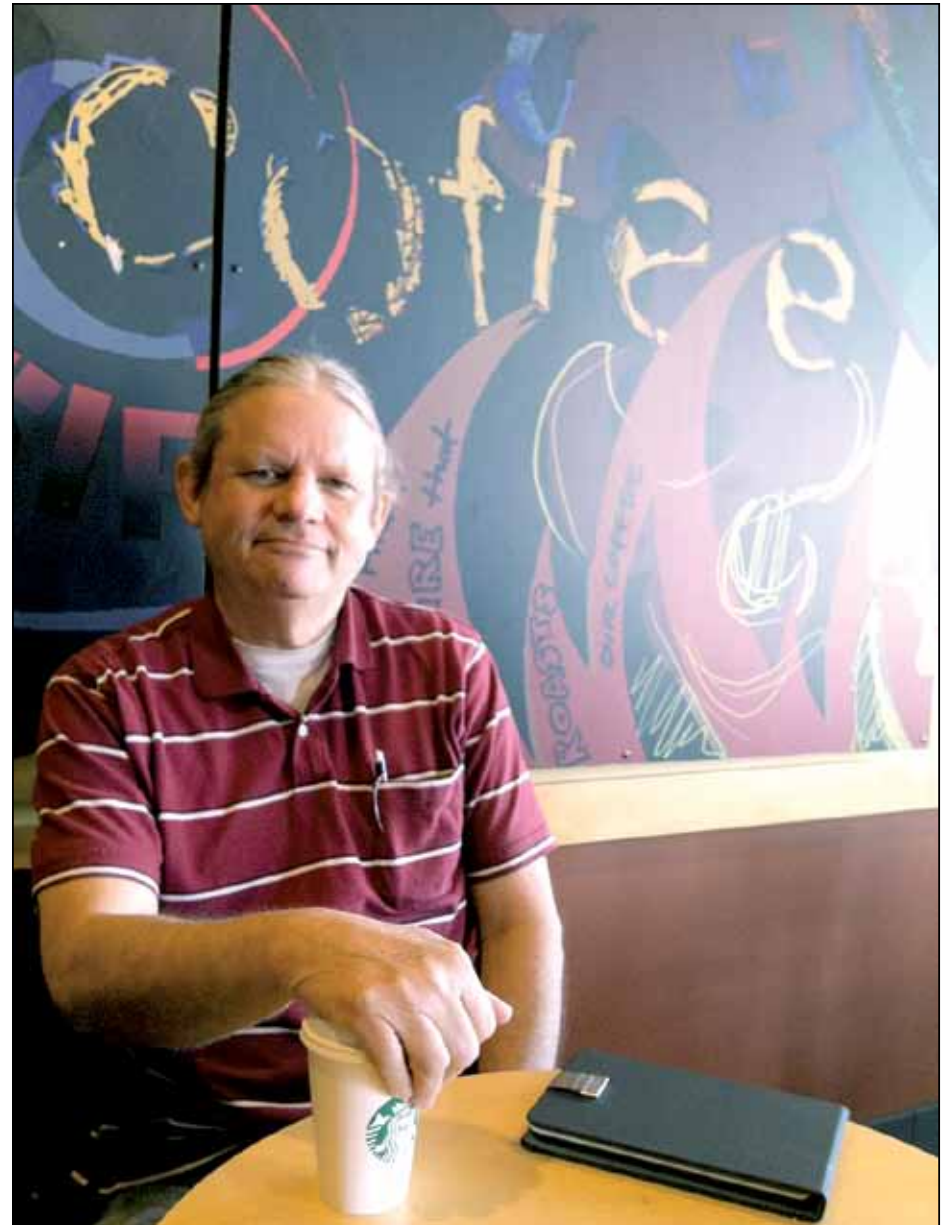
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When he's not on the go with his volunteer work, Pat Dockrey can often be located at his corner in the Liberty Lake Starbucks, reading a science fiction novel.

The give-back machine

Whether its the yard sale, food for hungry students or board work, Dockrey stays engaged as uber-volunteer



Newsmaker Q&A

By Josh Johnson
 SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Name a local cause, and there's a better-than-average chance Pat Dockrey's fingerprints will be all over it.

The Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club? He's a charter member who has been instrumental in dozens of projects over the years, including leading the charge for the club to take on the yard sale three years ago when it was in need of an organizer. In 2014-2015, he will serve as the Spokane district's lieutenant governor.

The municipal library? He is the last founding member remaining on the Foundation board.

Pavillion Park Skate Park? After repeated attempts to get it built, people close to the project will say it happened because Dockrey stepped in and made it so.

Food for Thought backpack program? He's the founder and now sits on the board of Spokane Valley Partners, which

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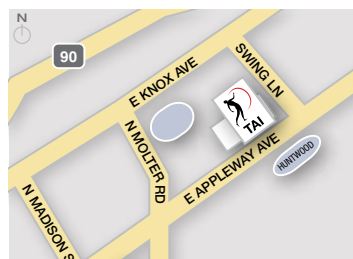
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NEWS

DOCKREY

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serves as the umbrella organization serving the program.

The newly formed Valley Homeless Network? He's been in on the discussions from the ground floor.

Friends of Pavillion Park events? He's the guy with the ponytail who handed you your cotton candy.

And that's just scratching the surface. The guy has even been a certified ham radio operator since 1962, and he helped coordinate emergency response efforts for some of the Inland Northwest's most infamous natural disasters, including the 1991 Firestorm and 1996 Ice Storm.

And a lot of this took place before Dockrey retired in 2009 at age 62 from the company he owned for years, Dockrey Mechanical.

Amidst conversations about finalizing details for this year's 20th annual Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales, The Splash sat down with Dockrey recently to learn more about his heart for giving back and the causes that are close to his heart.

Q. You're one of a handful of charter members still remaining from 2001 when the Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake first got going. What appealed to you about being a part of the club at the time?

A. Oh, I didn't want to join the Kiwanis Club. Honestly. Here's how it all happened. I had worked with a guy that was a member of the South Hill Kiwanis. We were professional friends, and he was a water treatment guy and we had him do all of our refrigeration that sometimes involves water treatment stuff.

... About 2000, he came to me and said the Martin Luther King Center was thinking about putting in air conditioning, so I went up there and all these little kids and it must have been 95 degrees in there.

... I said, "These guys need some air conditioning," so I went down to our supplier, and I think we put in two 10-ton AC units. I donated it, and the South Hill had a thing and gave me a plaque. As it turns out, they were just starting a Liberty Lake club, and (wife) Linda was with me and sort of thought that sounded interesting ... and I let her talk me into it and we came out and we joined.

I didn't do much for a while, and then slowly I found out that I really did like being in a service club.

Yard sale registration now open

20th annual installment to land in Liberty Lake June 8

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Registration is now open for the 20th annual Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales. This year's event, which sees hundreds of Liberty Lake homes peddling wares on the same Saturday, will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 8.

For the third consecutive year, the event is being organized through a partnership between the Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club and The Splash. All registration fees support the Kiwanis Club, which reinvests money raised during the event into the community.

Registration for \$10 is available at www.libertylakesplash.com/yardsales or for \$15 via a form on page 30 in this month's Splash.

Judging from years past, organizers are expecting more than 200 registered homes this year — and many more that will likely open their garage door the

day of the event without registering.

"The Kiwanis Club does so much to make this event possible — everything from port-a-potties to advertising and a hundred details in between — I sure hope people who participate take the time to pay the \$10 fee," Splash Editor and Publisher Josh Johnson said.

Once again this year, the Kiwanis Club has also arranged for a truck from the Arc of Spokane to come around Liberty Lake June 10-11 to pick up items that didn't sell.

This year, the event will also be made possible through event sponsors, including presenting sponsor Liberty Lake Portal and major sponsors George Gee Automotive, Greenstone Homes and North Idaho Dermatology.

As presenting sponsor, Liberty Lake Portal will also serve as a northern hub of sorts during the event, offering a limited amount of free space to residents and businesses who want to hold a sale in their parking lot. The Portal will also

be providing free treats, drinks, restrooms and parking.

Those wanting to hold a sale further from their garage may also return to Pavillion Park. For the first time last year, the Kiwanis Club blocked out space for individuals to set up sales the day of the event along Country Vista Drive. That fee is \$50, \$35 of which is refunded after the sale is cleaned up.

Commercial vendor locations at Pavillion Park along Settler Drive are also available for \$50. Nonprofits and sponsors are eligible for free spots in the park.

For more information on being a commercial vendor at Pavillion Park, contact Pat Dockrey at 926-3198. To inquire about the free options available at the Liberty Lake Portal, call Steven Daines at 343-0103. For general registration information, visit www.libertylakesplash.com/yardsales, write yardsales@libertylakesplash.com, call 242-7752 or check out the full-page ad on page 30 of this month's Splash.

Q: Twelve years later, the club has certainly grown gained quite a reputation for investing in Liberty Lake.

A: Right now, we are the second largest club in Spokane County and the second or third largest budget. And we work hard for it.

It's like anything, if you work hard for something and attain it, it feels good.

Q: But you are not only working hard, you are working quite a lot.

A: I do — 20 hours a week at least, and that's with no events. ... I may be too busy.

Q: How has the growth curve continued for the Food for Thought program you began to provide weekend meals to students who may not have them otherwise? It seems like every time I ask you, the number has grown.

A: We started out with three students three years ago, and we do 115 now each week in 10 schools. And that will be a good number till the end of the year. We've actually pretty much stretched out the resources with Valley Partners to the limit right now. We've had issues of not having enough of certain commodities within the past couple of months. But we do have some money, so we've been buying some things, too, so that helps.

Q: You're involved in so many

things. Do you have any benchmark that helps you decide on the things you will get involved with?

A: Have you heard of the Jewish approach to charity? Their are eight levels of giving. The first level is you have to go hit a guy over the head to get the money. The top level is charity that allows the person receiving the charity to at some point no longer need it — you know, give a man a fish or teach him how to fish.

Q: The club is now in its third year running the yard sale. How has that experience been?

A: We didn't want to let it get away. We understood we were taking on a responsibility.

... This is just our third year, so we're still figuring things out, but I thought that considering how awful the weather was last year, it went pretty well. The weather can't be worse.

Q: There's a lot of people with time on their hands. What have you found about giving back that keeps you going?

A: I just think it's very satisfying. It sounds so corny to say, "Well, you have to give back to the community," and I think people give back a lot. You know, the most important thing anyone can

do is have a job, raise a family and be a good father, a good mother, a good citizen. And that's all your life you do that.

When you get to be 65 or 62 — I retired at 62 — then you keep doing all those things but you have time then to reach out.


When a new member comes to the club, I always try to talk them a little bit and say, most people have things in the back of their head about helping or doing. I say, "Here's your chance to do that. We have money, we have volunteers, we have people who will help you do this, so please bring these things to us."

Q: In closing, what's one of the latest requests you've been responding to?

A: (In the Food for Thought program), several nurses have approached me about when the kids come in Monday and haven't eaten very well or slept very well, they would like to give them little packages of energy bars. ...



Teachers and counselors often pay (for these things), and I'd rather have teachers spend money on school supplies instead of breakfast bars because of hunger.

The community, I think, should be responsible for feeding their children. And you can quote me on that. ...



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Police Report

The following incidents and arrests were among those reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department between March 18 and April 22.

• **Speeding and marijuana** — At 4:40 p.m. March 18, a 16-year-old Liberty Lake boy was stopped at the corner of Wright and Sprague for a speeding violation. During the contact, the LLPD officer determined the juvenile subject was in violation of his intermediate driver's license as he had unauthorized passengers in the car. Officers also questioned about the smell of marijuana, and the juvenile requested his father respond to the scene. The father arrived and asked the driver to cooperate with police. The boy handed the officer a backpack that contained a smoking device and marijuana. The case was forwarded to the juvenile prosecutor for charging purposes.

• **Road rage** — At 7:30 a.m. March 20, LLPD was dispatched to a road rage incident at the 1300 block of North Liberty Lake Road. The complainant stated he was involved in a road rage incident that resulted in the subjects pulling into the McDonald's parking lot. Words were exchanged, and the complainant grabbed a hammer from his vehicle. The other subject stated he had something bigger and better and would shoot him with it. The complainant left the area and provided a license plate number of the subject's vehicle. The officer ran the plate, and it was not a correct license plate.

• **Theft** — A 23-year-old Spokane man was arrested at 7:50 a.m. March 20 in Spokane for several counts of theft totaling several thousands of dollars in alcohol from area grocery stores, including the Safeway and Albertsons in Liberty Lake. He was booked into the Spokane County Jail.

• **Drug arrest** — A 22-year-old Spokane man was arrested at 4:20 a.m. March 23 at the 25000 block of East Appleway for possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with a suspended license and an outstanding arrest warrant for DWLS. Officers initially stopped the vehicle for an expired vehicle registration. During the contact, it was determined that the subject had a suspended driver's license and the warrant. He was taken into custody, and officers obtained consent to search the vehicle after observing a small bundle in plain view on the console of the vehicle. The bundle tested positive for methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia was located in the glove box. The man said he was in Liberty Lake going through local business dumpsters looking for scrap metal. He was booked into the Spokane County Jail.

• **Domestic violence** — At 2:50 p.m. March 24, the LLPD was requested to

assist the Spokane County Sheriff's Office with a domestic violence incident involving a weapon at the 5000 block of North Idaho Road. The investigation resulted in a subject being taken into custody for domestic violence assault.

• **Juvenile issue** — At 2:05 p.m. March 26, LLPD responded to a call regarding a suspicious teenage girl who reportedly looked to be in need of assistance as she walked down the side of the road. The call indicated she was yelling at vehicles passing her on East Appleway Avenue and North Molter Road. The girl was located near the Hawkstone Apartment Complex. As the officer approached her, he identified a butcher knife in the girl's right hand. The officer received a radio dispatch about this same time indicating a welfare check on a young woman of the same description. After speaking with her, the officer learned she was upset with her mother, who had recently taken away her vehicle and refused to buy her concert tickets. She meant to intimidate her mother with the knife. After further contact with the girl's family, she was released to her grandmother's custody. The report was sent to juvenile prosecutors for review.

• **Identity theft on taxes** — At 3:45 p.m. March 26, LLPD received a report of identity theft on Mill River Lane. Upon trying to file his taxes, a Liberty Lake man learned someone had used his identity to file taxes in his name. This investigation is ongoing.

• **Identity and auto theft** — On March 27, LLPD received a report from a man who said he was mailed two sets of license plates and registration papers for vehicles he didn't purchase or possess from the Washington Department of Motor Vehicles. The vehicles were purchased through an unknown group of persons from George Gee GMC using the victim's information. The investigation is ongoing.

• **Felony warrant arrest** — A 39-year-old man listed as a transient was arrested at 12:35 p.m. March 27 at the Quality Inn & Suites, 2327 N. Madson Road, for an active Washington Department of Corrections felony warrant for escape from community custody. LLPD responded to the area after learning the subject was seen on site. Upon arrival, an officer identified the subject, who was driving a vehicle with two passengers. When backup arrived, officers approached the vehicle and advised the subject and front-seat passenger to exit the vehicle. He was arrested and transported to the Spokane County Jail for his felony warrant along with DWLS.

• **Missing child** — At 1:35 p.m. March 30, LLPD was dispatched to a residence on Madson for a missing child. The child was

located within 30 minutes and had been playing at a neighbor's house.

• **Domestic violence** — At 6:05 p.m. March 31, LLPD was dispatched to the 21000 block of East Mission Avenue for a domestic violence report. Upon arrival, officers learned two subjects were meeting to exchange custody of their children. The male subject stated his ex-wife had proceeded to start driving away as one of their children was still trying to exit the vehicle. He was concerned for the child's safety and reached to get his daughter and was drug at least 20 feet before his ex-wife stopped the vehicle. He reported sustaining no injuries during the incident. Officers then contacted the ex-wife, who was no longer at the scene. She indicated the two had an argument, and her ex-husband began pulling the children out of her vehicle while it was in motion, and she stopped right away. Because the stories were conflicting and no injuries were sustained, a report was made but nothing further.

• **Lost, found, returned** — On April 2, a wallet was recovered from a cart in the Safeway parking lot. The individual who found the wallet contacted LLPD and brought the wallet into the office. The owner of the wallet contacted LLPD later in the day to inquire after a missing wallet from Safeway. The individual came by and retrieved the wallet the next day.

• **Impersonating an officer** — At 11:30 p.m. April 4, LLPD received a report of false reporting/impersonation. A man contacted LLPD regarding a call he received where a collection agency had impersonated an officer from LLPD and said if he did not pay his debt immediately, there would be a warrant issued for his arrest. The man thought it suspicious and contacted LLPD. An officer verified the call was placed by using a "ghost" or "phantom" number and made a report for the individual.

• **Citizen assist** — At 2:45 p.m. April 5, LLPD received a call for a citizen assist at the 23000 block of East Mission Avenue. Upon arrival, the officer was informed by front desk staff that a debt collection agency from Miami had called the business approximately 200 times asking to speak with an employee. The officer contacted the agency and advised them to stop calling repeatedly.

• **Assault with a weapon** — At 1:20 a.m. April 6, LLPD was dispatched to the Albertsons parking lot for an assault with a weapon. An officer arrived on scene to find the window of a pickup broken out and two men who had been assaulted. The men were supposed to meet someone in the parking lot for marijuana, but upon arrival, a man and woman got out of the vehicle and proceeded to attack

Calls for service

Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department March 18-April 22.

Agency assist	3
Alarm	5
Animal problem	1
Assault, aggravated injury	1
Assault, simple/non-aggravated	2
Citizen assist	2
Citizen dispute	2
Domestic violence	8
Drug paraphernalia possession	1
Drug possession	2
DUI	1
Failure to appear	2
False information or report	1
Fire	1
Fraud, credit card/ATM	1
Fugitive	4
Harassment	3
Identity theft	3
Intoxicated person	1
Juvenile problem	1
Lost or found property	1
Malicious mischief	1
Missing person	1
Not classified	4
Property theft	3
Rape	1
Shoplifting	1
Suspicious person/circumstance	5
Traffic accident	1
Traffic hazard	1
Traffic offense	40
Trespassing	2
Vandalize property	1
Vehicle prowling	2
Welfare check	7

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Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department March 18-April 22.

Defective muffler	2
Driving without license/ID	4
DUI	2
DWLS	40
Expired registration	12
Failure to obey traffic control	1
Failure to signal	1
Failure to stop/yield at intersection	1
Failure to stop at stop sign	2
Failure to wear safety belt	1
Ignition interlocks	2
Improper lane usage	1
Liability insurance	24
License and plates required	2
Reckless driving	1
Speeding	38
Use of cell phone	3

the two men with a bat. One of the men ran, but was beaten by another subject who had been in the car with the man and woman. After stealing some personal

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NEWS



STREET STRATEGY

Cracks and crevices in Valleyway Avenue pool with water during a recent spring rainstorm. Valleyway would receive an overhaul this year if the first phase in a multi-year street maintenance plan is approved.

SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

City ponders proactive approach to road preservation — and the revenue required to carry it out

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Katy Allen arrived at Liberty Lake City Hall on a soggy April morning with the latest update on hydroplaning just north of the lake that bears the city's name.

It turned out the report from the city administrator had less to do with the aquatic hovercraft that descend on Lake Washington during Seafair weekend — and more to do with the ruts on Valleyway Avenue that a spring rainstorm transformed into ravines of standing water.

Just three days earlier, Allen had brought up the same Valleyway Avenue in a presentation to City Council that outlined a proactive approach to street preservation from 2013-2019. The city has targeted both Valleyway and Mission Avenue as streets that should be the focus of major renovations this year. Overall, the Street Maintenance Program recommends overhauls to 11 collectors and arterials at a total price tag of \$8.25 million.

Allen's overview of a proposed plan for capital street upkeep on April 16 featured the underlying theme that "ongoing funds should align with ongoing expenses." With that in mind, the much-maligned utility tax has emerged as the chief source for addressing the city's 90 lane-miles of roadway. The

THE ROAD MAP

The city of Liberty Lake recently presented a multi-year street maintenance program that would begin with two projects in 2013 (bolded below). The rest of the projects would be tackled in future years. City officials are proposing that the utility tax be used as a designated funding mechanism to meet street maintenance needs, with additional money coming from the city portion of the state's gas tax. Other projects on the list are not necessarily listed in order of priority.



STREET	PROJECT SCOPE	ESTIMATED COST (2013 DOLLARS)
Mission Avenue	Molter Road to east city limits	\$550,000
Valleyway Avenue	Molter Road to east city limits	\$350,000
Mission Avenue	Harvard Road to 2,200 linear feet west	\$500,000
Appleway Avenue	Liberty Lake Road to east city limits	\$2.1 million
Mission Avenue	Country Vista Drive to Molter	\$550,000
Liberty Lake Road	Country Vista to Appleway	\$400,000
Liberty Lake Road	Sprague Avenue to Country Vista	\$350,000
Country Vista Drive	Liberty Lake Road to Knudson	\$600,000
Harvard Road	Mission Avenue to river bridge	\$500,000
Country Vista Drive	West city limits to Liberty Lake Road	\$1.5 million
Molter Road	Sprague to Appleway	\$850,000

3 percent toll on phone, waste management, electric, cable and gas services is expected to generate \$662,000 this year.

Fully aware of the pushback on the utility tax, particularly from the business community, Allen emphasized that the city "has done its homework" on streets and funding options.

"We at City Hall do our due diligence," she said. "We spend the citizens' money wisely."

At the end of 2012, Mayor Steve Peterson recommended that the funds from the utility tax be dedicated to road maintenance. The remainder of the \$815,000 budget for streets in 2013 comes from the city's portion of the state gas tax. A total of \$415,000 of the allocated money goes to operations and maintenance costs for everything from snow clearing to pothole repair to signage — while the balance of \$400,000 is set aside for capital repairs.

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The city of Liberty Lake is holding an open house from 5 to 8 p.m. May 16 at City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive. Learn more about what's happening at the city, meet with the mayor and Council members and share your perspective. For more, call 755-6700 or visit www.libertylakewa.gov.

"There are efficiencies when you have a dedicated funding stream for roads and you're not taking it out of the general fund every year," Allen said.

Emphasizing "the right solution for the right situation," Allen said the city should set aside \$800,000 for capital road projects every other year. After tackling Valleyway and Mission in 2013, Allen said the city should address a trio of accompanying arterials — Appleway Avenue, Liberty Lake Road and Country Vista Drive — in future years due to their proximity to the Harvard Road roundabout project set for this summer.

While maintenance approaches like pothole repairs and slurry seals represent short-term solutions to ruddy roads, Allen said more expensive strategies like overlays and complete rebuilds will actually save the city money in the long run. She cited the example of Settler Road near Pavillion Park that was rebuilt in 2012 and should last for another 30 years. A chip seal of the same street would have added only five to 10 years to the life of the road.

"I guarantee you if we don't do it now, it will cost more later," Allen said. "We have good streets now. I think we're a community that wants to maintain the condition of our streets."

Allen pointed to the roads crisis faced by the city of Spokane, which deferred maintenance for years, finally passing a \$117 million capital bond in 2004 to address 110 miles of deteriorating streets.

"That's only about 10 percent of their inventory," Allen said. "They didn't pay as you go."

Allen told council that funds for the Mission and Valleyway projects are available in this year's budget, but would require a budget amendment. If approved, work on the two roads would likely begin in late summer or early fall.

"The dollars are there, they just have to be appropriated for this year," she said.

Gauging current conditions

Budinger and Associates, a Spokane-based geo-technical company, conducted the research on municipal roads that lies at the center of the Street Maintenance Program. Once the thaw of winter took place a earlier this year, representatives from the

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POLICE

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items and money, the suspects drove away. The two men suffered minor injuries and declined medical treatment.

• **Unruly guest** — At 12 a.m. April 6, LLPD received a call regarding an intoxicated person at the Best Western PepperTree Hotel, 1816 N. Pepper Lane. An officer arrived and was informed the subject was being disruptive to other guests. The officer made contact with the subject and advised her to stay in her room, as she was visibly intoxicated. Later that night, the officer transported her to Spokane Detox after being called back for the same problem.

• **Domestic violence** — At 9:45 a.m. April 7, LLPD was dispatched to the 25000 block of East Hawkstone on a domestic violence call. Upon arrival, officers were informed a boy had threatened to harm his mother with a knife, but had been calming down after taking his medication

for multiple mental illnesses. After speaking with the mother, officers were told she did not feel threatened and did not need further assistance. The boy had visibly changed his behavior through the duration of the officers stay. The mother was informed a report would be made regarding the incident.

• **Domestic violence** — At 4:10 p.m. April 8, LLPD was dispatched to a domestic violence call at the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive. Upon arrival, officers were informed that a woman who had custody of her granddaughter had gotten into a physical altercation with her over whether or not she had stolen from someone. The girl had jumped out of the third-floor balcony in an effort to get away from the situation and was not located until later that same day.

• **Rape investigation** — At 2:55 p.m. April 9, LLPD was dispatched to the 25000 block of East Hawkstone Loop for a rape. An officer and the department detective responded and collected information from the victim. The investigation is ongoing.

• **Identity theft** — On April 12, LLPD received a report of an identity theft. The complainant was notified by her banking establishment that a purchase in the amount of \$1,069 was made at Best Buy using her credit card. The purchase was made fraudulently, and her credit cards have since been cancelled.

• **Vehicle prowl** — At 2:30 a.m. April 16, LLPD was dispatched to a vehicle prowling at the 23000 block of East Riverside. Upon arrival, an officer found the back window broken out of a parked vehicle. The complainant's son heard the car alarm, woke up and witnessed the man running away from the vehicle. The complainant and his son drove around the neighborhood for a while looking for the suspect, but were unable to locate him, as was the officer.

• **Online fraud** — At 11:40 a.m. April 17, LLPD received a report at the 23000 block of East Broadway for fraud. The complainant purchased a television from an online vendor in the amount of \$3,624. Money was sent to the vendor in the form of a check, but the complainant did not receive

the television and has been unable to reach the business since.

• **Hotel theft 1** — At 12:21 p.m. April 18, LLPD received a call from the Quality Inn & Suites regarding a theft. Upon arrival, the officer was told by management that a 32-inch LCD flat screen LG television had been stolen from the workout area. The incident is currently under investigation.

• **Hotel theft 2** — At 12:10 a.m. April 22, LLPD was dispatched to the Best Western PepperTree Inn for a theft. An officer arrived on scene to find the rear window of a guest's work truck broken out. Items stolen included a laptop computer case, blank checks and a Green Bushnell Range Finder worth \$900. The incident is currently under investigation.

• **Hotel theft 3** — At 1:43 a.m. April 22, LLPD received a call from the Quality Inn & Suites regarding a theft. An officer arrived on scene to find the back window of a guest's vehicle broken out. The complainant had a laptop take from the vehicle valued at \$800. The incident is currently under investigation.

STRATEGY

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firm took to Liberty Lake streets to remove samples of pavement, leading to the evaluation of criteria like base rock and sub-grade.

"This gives us more details on a particular road and allows us to make a better decision on the ideal repair of that road," said City Engineer Andrew Staples.

In the big picture of streets in the greater Spokane area, the transportation network in Liberty Lake is one of the newest, Staples said.

"We inherited good roads from the county when the city incorporated (in 2001)," he said. "We don't have a lot of the deficiencies that some municipalities have had to deal with. We're very fortunate. Our streets, for the most part, are in good condition."

Yet Staples emphasizes that streets, like buildings, parks or any other capital investment, require consistent maintenance to operate efficiently. While a piecemeal approach may address issues for a time, Staples said a serious investment in repairs remains the key to long-term road health.

"You can only patch so much," he said. "We're looking at restoration instead of a compromise."

The Spokane Valley strategy

Steve Worley has echoed that same message repeatedly as the city of Spokane Valley's capital projects engineer. Liberty Lake's neighbors to the west went through their own assessment of streets in 2006, forming the basis for a Pavement Man-

agement Program that applies a grade to each road as well as a subsequent plan for maintenance.

"I think most people get it," Worley said. "It's going to be many times more expensive if you wait and let a street deteriorate."

Pointing to a decline in revenue from sales tax and the statewide gas tax, Spokane Valley implemented a 6 percent phone tax in 2009. The toll raises around \$4 million each year with proceeds going solely to roads.

"We haven't put as much money into streets as the project called for from the beginning, but we're trying to be as strategic as possible about our road repairs," Worley said.

Finding a revenue source

In the first few months of 2013, Liberty Lake Finance Director RJ Stevenson provided the City Council with an overview of municipal tax revenue, pointing out the volatility of property tax and sales tax. While sales tax numbers have not completely returned to pre-recession levels, Allen did give an encouraging report on property tax at the April 16 council meeting that showed record earnings from city building applications in the first quarter of 2013. The projects amount to a projected property valuation of \$15 million.

Peterson, who ran his mayoral reelection campaign in 2011 speaking out against the utility tax, says now that had the council officially designated the resulting revenue for roads, he may have supported the idea. The mayor and others have advocated for a "cafeteria-style" approach to the utility tax, lowering the rate on essential services like gas and electric with higher rates levied on "non-essen-

tials" like phone and cable. The proposal has been applauded by Huntwood and other local businesses.

Peterson said the continued growth of Liberty Lake could eventually drive down the cost of the utility tax by spreading the impact out over more cell phones, for example. At the same time, the mayor emphasizes that the city must maintain costs and reinvest in its roads, law enforcement and other municipal priorities in order to preserve "the safe, clean, green community" that Liberty Lake has become.

"That's why people are choosing to live here," Peterson said. "You don't grow if you say 'I'm not going to do anything to make our community better.'"

Other funding options outside the utility tax would not address the primary issues involving most streets, Peterson added. Impact fees, paid by property developers, can only be used for capacity and site improvements like drainage, sidewalk upgrades and treescaping, while dollars from the LIFT and TIF (Local Infrastructure Financing Tool and Tax Increment Financing) would be limited to projects in the River District. Another possibility — increasing the car tab fee through a Transportation Benefit District — would only be applied to Liberty Lake residents, not the thousands of commuters who utilize city roads each day.

Peterson, who is serving as chair of the Spokane Regional Transportation Council board this year, emphasizes that "the revenue sources we've had in the past are changing," including a drastic dropoff in grants available over previous years. The declining stream of funding includes the shift in income from the streamlined sales tax to plummeting revenue from the state

gas tax that could be reduced by half in the near future.

"I still say you need a dedicated source of revenue for roads," Peterson said.

Council Member Josh Beckett is one voice on the governing board who continues to remind anyone who will listen that the utility tax was only meant "as a short-term solution" to a projected deficit. While Beckett acknowledges the need to maintain city streets, he is not enthused about Allen's strategy that he says "uses these (utility tax) dollars to make the plan work."

"I'm not a fan of this approach," Beckett said. "We absolutely need repairs, but we need to figure out a way to pay for it, not just make assumptions about the utility tax."

Beckett said he supports putting the question of street funding on the ballot.

"Let's figure out what we need in terms of our streets and then come up with a way to fund it," he said. "Let's put it up for a vote."

Council Member Shane Brickner said Allen's presentation on road preservation "really shed a light on how much work needs to be done on our streets." As for the prospect of funding the repairs, Brickner said no one has yet emerged with a better avenue than the utility tax.

"I'd support eliminating the utility tax, but it would mean a financial struggle for our city," said Brickner, who has also advocated for lowering the rate on gas and electric. "Every one of us on council understands the importance of maintaining streets. If we keep going down the path of patching, we're going to spend way more money than if we make the investment and fix them the right way." ...

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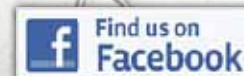
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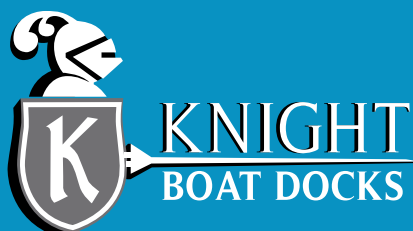
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Council hears latest dish on SCRAPS licensing, annual police report

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

While the highpoint of a pair of April meetings of the Liberty Lake City Council revolved around a long-term street maintenance plan (see cover story in this issue), Council members also heard a line-up of updates and reports, from a push to license pets to an annual report from the police department.

The pet licensing conversation harkens back to the city's consideration during the 2012 budget season of going a different direction with its animal control services. Back in early December, Liberty Lake Police Chief Brian Asmus stood before City Council and outlined the potential renewal of a contract with Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services.

The topic generated its share of emotional debate in the final months of 2012, with local dog and cat enthusiasts turning up in droves at City Hall to voice their support of SCRAPS and general opposition to a proposed option of signing on with SpokAnimal, the city of Spokane's animal protection agency.

"We're trying to secure the best service for the best value," Asmus said at the Dec. 2 council meeting.

Ultimately, the city renewed its contract with SCRAPS, part of a sweeping mandate that paved a path for a regional animal control agency which will finally become official after years of debate and discussion. On Dec. 18, the governing board cleared the way for Mayor Steve Peterson to sign an interlocal agreement with SCRAPS for a contract that would run the city \$11,620 for 2013.

Council's approval included the caveat that city staff work with SCRAPS Executive Director Nancy Hill to improve the percentage of Liberty Lake animals licensed through the agency as a way to offset some of the costs absorbed in the municipal budget. At the April 9 City Council meeting, Asmus was asked by Council Member Josh Beckett for an update on those conversations with Hill.

Asmus said SCRAPS now features online steps for new licensing whereas, previously, only renewals were available via such a route. Pawpular Companions, a Liberty Lake-based business, now offers county licenses as well.

Asmus said the city also approached the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water Dis-

trict about the possibility of including licensing applications in utility bill mailings, but the idea had not floated, to this point, with LLSWD officials.

"Don't give up on the sewer district," Beckett advised.

Asmus said Hill has also submitted guest editorials to both The Splash and The Current newspapers and would be writing an article on the importance of licensing in the city's e-newsletters. He added the city has forwarded the agency a schedule of local events such as Liberty Lake Days and the Farmers Market where SCRAPS could have a presence. A bulk mailer to the 99016 and 99019 zip codes is scheduled for the fall.

Also April 9, City Administrator Katy Allen thanked LLSWD and new General Manager Bijay Adams for storing a donated shipment of 60 yards of compost that will be used to fertilize trees throughout Liberty Lake. On April 26, Peterson was scheduled to add to the city's collection of greenery, planting a new tree near the entrance of City Hall as part of this month's Arbor Day festivities.

In the latest installment of an ongoing series to provide City Council with "a background on how city revenues work," Finance Director R.J. Stevenson presented an overview of property tax on April 9. Stevenson pointed out that the municipal portion of the property tax scenario only represents 13 percent of the total paid by local property owners. Other entities, such as the Central Valley School District, Spokane Valley Fire Department and Spokane County, comprise the bulk of the overall property tax picture.

Looking at Liberty Lake's projected operating revenue of \$5,589,445 for 2013, property tax represents 33 percent of the proceeds, trailing only sales tax at 35 percent. Utility tax revenue comes in a distant third at 12 percent, with licensing and permits fourth at 6 percent.

Stevenson's report on property tax proved to be a fitting segue to a discussion that continued at the April 16 meeting with Allen providing an update on the city's construction activity in the opening quarter of 2013. The city administrator noted that revenue from planning and building applications has set a record of \$209,000 to this point. The previous mark of \$131,000 was set in 2008, right before the nationwide housing bust.

The flurry of new construction represents good news for the city's budget from

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:

- City Council accepted the bid award for two additions to the Liberty Lake law enforcement fleet on April 9, a pair of 2013 Ford Police Interceptor AWD sedans. Police Chief Brian Asmus noted that ordering the vehicles fully equipped and ready to hit the street from Wendell Ford would save the department more than \$2,000 per car.

- Mayor Steve Peterson read an official city proclamation observing National Library Week at the April 9 meeting, while Liberty Lake Library Director Pamela Mogen handed out festive National Library Week buttons to all in attendance at City Hall.

- Asmus reviewed the city's regulations on golf carts, noting that those who operate the vehicles must be older than 16 and obey traffic laws to drive on public property. Underage or reckless operation of golf carts can result in a civil infraction and a ticket of \$124.

- Elaine Koga-Kennelly, director of the Windermere Marathon and Half-Marathon, gave an update on the May 19 event at the April 16 council meeting. The full marathon will kick off in

Liberty Lake at Rocky Hill Park and feature nearly eight miles of the 26.2-mile route within city limits. Race organizers are working with representatives of the Liberty Lake, Spokane Valley and Spokane police departments on safety precautions for the event.

On the Docket:

- At the April 9 council meeting, Allen said a detailed report should be ready for council by May on plans for the Liberty Lake Ball Field, noting that if something is going to happen with the property this year, a decision must be made within the next six to eight weeks. Allen noted that the project committee was "still putting the numbers together on the cost of construction ... and looking at options of what to build and when."

- The city will host a community open house on Thursday, May 16, at City Hall. The mayor, municipal staff and City Council will be on hand from 5 to 8 p.m. to answer questions and discuss a variety of city-related topics.

- Council Member Dan Dunne is scheduled to present his final installment providing background on the city's comprehensive plan at the city's May 7 meeting.

- Finance Director RJ Stevenson is expected to lead workshop discussions in May on salaries and benefits as well as on supplies and services to the city.

- The Council may also hear a 2012 annual report from a member of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library board.

the perspective of property tax. Projects from the first quarter of this year are projected to weigh in with an overall valuation of \$15 million. Allen said the latest building patterns include a better balance between commercial and residential construction compared to the slate of projects in 2008 that leaned heavily on the commercial side.

"It's difficult to predict how long this will last, but we're far exceeding where we've been in the past," Allen said.

The governing board also heard a report on Spokane Valley Tech from Central Valley School District Ben Small at the April 16 meeting. The location near the intersection of University and Sprague in Spokane Valley has emerged as an educational hub for science, technology, engineering and other fields. The project is collaboration between the Central Valley, East Valley, West Valley and Freeman school districts.

Small noted that summer school enrollment at Spokane Valley Tech has already

maxed out at more than 300 students.

"This is learning beyond the book, taking theories and putting them into practice," he said.

Also April 16, Sgt. Clint Gibson of the Liberty Lake Police Department delivered the annual report on local law enforcement, emphasizing that the agency continues "to be diligent about getting out there and holding people accountable." LLLPD expanded its educational programs and outreach efforts throughout the community in 2012. This year, Police Chief Brian Asmus is working on a new five-year strategic plan for the department.

The department hosted the second annual Community Domestic Violence Symposium in Liberty Lake last year and is collaborating with fellow law enforcement agencies and the YWCA to provide resources for those seeking refuge from domestic violence. The 24-hour YWCA domestic violence prevention helpline can be reached at 326-2255. ...

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April 27 | A Garden Tea Party

Noon to 2 p.m., Meadowwood 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. Tickets cost \$20 and are available at the library and from Friends members. For more: 315-4688 or 954-6933

April 27 | Denim & Diamonds 6 p.m., Red Lion Templin's Resort, 414 E. First Avenue, Post Falls. The goal of this event is to raise awareness and funds for Equine TLC, a non-profit therapeutic horse riding program ran by Liberty Lake resident Gail Pennestri. Cost is \$60 per person which includes dinner, drinks and dancing. For more: equinetlc.org

May 1 | NW Heritage Alliance Forum Speaker Series: The Valley Was Our Homeland

6 p.m. Spokane Valley Library, 12004 E. Main Ave. Frank Sijohn will share historic events and stories passed down for generations of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians. Presented by the Spokane Valley Heritage Museum and hosted by the Spokane Valley Library.

May 4 | Raise the Roof Community Day

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 801 S. Henry Road, Greenacres. Equine TLC, a therapeutic horse riding program led by Liberty Lake resident Gail Pennestri, is implementing phase 1 of their plans for a new facility just outside Liberty Lake. Community members are welcome to come participate in this phase which will include building an outdoor arena fencing, paddocks and lean-to shelter for horses. For more: 891-2027 or gail@equinetlc.org

May 5 | Cinco de Mayo

May 9 | Beginning Genealogy class 1 to 2 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Join Steve Dahlstrom, member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, for an entertaining course on how to get started researching your family history. To register or for more: dpringle@libertylakewa.gov or 232-2510

May 9 | Valley Christian Information Night

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Valley Christian School, 10212 E. 9th Ave., Spokane Valley. Discover more about school and enrollment. For more: 924-9131 or valleychristianschool.org

May 12 | Mother's Day

May 15 | Pre-K and Kindergarten Visitation

1 to 3 p.m., Valley Christian School, 10212 E. 9th Ave., Spokane Valley. Please RSVP for this preview day. For more: 924-9131 or valleychristianschool.org

May 18 | Liberty Lake Farmers Market opens

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, Liberty Lake. The market runs each Saturday through mid-October. For more: llfarmersmarket.com



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Shoppers peruse goods available at the Liberty Lake Soap booth last year at the Liberty Lake Farmers Market. The 2013 season kicks off May 18.

May 20 | Relay for Life team captains meeting

5:45 p.m., 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 Meadowwood Technology Campus. For more: relayforlife.org/libertylakewa

May 23 | Newman Lake Ladies Aid Women's Spring Tea and Luncheon

12:30 p.m., Newman Lake Tri-Community Grange E, 25025 Heather, Newman Lake. Cost is \$5 with proceeds benefiting the community and public schools. For more: 475-1406 or nlladiesaid@gmail.com

May 27 | Memorial Day

May 27 | Liberty Lake Community Memorial Day Salute and Breakfast

8 to 10 a.m., Pavillion Park, corner of Country Vista and Molter. Presented by Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club, funds raised at this event will support Honor Flight. A short program featuring color guard/musical program will be at 9 a.m. Donations will be accepted for all-you-can-eat pancakes, ham, eggs and coffee; veterans eat free. For more: 251-0360

June 6 | Post Falls Local Market begins

4 to 7:30 p.m., City Hall Plaza, corner of Spokane and 4th Ave., Post Falls. Organized by the Post Falls Lions, the market will feature a wide range of products, live entertainment and plenty of parking. They are also seeking vendors for \$20 per site per day. To register or for more: 208-964-0181 or kcook12@roadrunner.com

June 8 | Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Organized by the Liberty Lake Kiwanis, the 20th annual sale takes place the second Saturday. Deadline to register sale to



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June 8 | Used Book Sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Fiction, non-fiction and children's books will be available. The library is requesting donations of books published in 2005 or after; books can be dropped off at the library desk.

Recurring

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Griefshare 6:30 to 8 p.m., ONE* Church, 15601 E. 24th Ave, Spokane Valley. The group, which meets weekly on Thursdays until May 30, is a recovery support group for those who have lost loved ones. For more: 993-8276

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

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 27 | "Well Written"

7p.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 26 | City Tree Planting

10 a.m., Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Dr. The public is invited to the city's 11th annual Arbor Day celebration. For more: 755-6700

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 event) 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 scrapshopefoundation.org

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CALENDAR

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May 10 | Women Executives of Liberty Lake (WELL) meeting 1 p.m., Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, 22510 E. Mission Ave. Malina Rogers, owner and stylist of K Salon, will speak on what you need to know about toxins in beauty products. Networking begins at 12:45 p.m. For more: womenexecutivesoflibertylake.com

May 16 | City Hall Open House 5 to 8 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 22710 E. Country Vista Dr. The public is invited to learn what's going on in the city, as well as have a chance to meet with the mayor and city council members. For more: 755-6700 or libertylakewa.gov

May 17 | Greater Spokane Valley Chamber Business Connections Breakfast 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan, Spokane Valley. Program will be the Foundation Annual Meeting. Coffee and conversation begins at 6:30 a.m., program begins at 7 a.m. Cost is \$25 for members and guests, \$35 for non-members. For more: spokanevalleychamber.org

Recurring

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

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

Liberty Lake Library Foundation meeting Noon the first Wednesday of each month, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

Liberty Lake Merchants Association 7 a.m. Tuesdays, Liberty Lake Portal, 23403 E. Mission Ave., Suite 120. Open to business professionals interested in promoting business in the Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley areas. Networking begins at 6:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

May 3 | "Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?" spring challenge 4 to 8 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Boys and girls in grades 5 through 12 are invited to come take part in various challenges of skill, stamina, trivia and learn more about the opportunity to join a local troop or crew. For more: 242-8244 or dale@nwscouts.org

May 4 | LLCTA Free Kids Tennis Clinics 9 to 10 a.m. (7 years and younger), 10 to 11 a.m. (8 to 14 years), Rocky Hill Park. Held by the Liberty Lake Community Tennis Association, the group will also offer adult evening clinics as well as a ladies day (see information in recurring below). For more: 255-9293 or larrywest2@live.com

May 5 | Bloomsday 2013 9 a.m., downtown Spokane. The Lilac Bloomsday Association presents this 12K. For more: bloomsday.org

May 10 | Get Connected Summer Resource Fair 3 to 6 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Brought to you by the Greater Spokane Valley Healthy Communities Network, this free event is a great place to explore the plethora of options and opportunities for summer in the Greater Spokane Valley. For more: hubsportscenter.org

May 11 | UCA Cheer Clinic 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Learn all aspects of cheerleading from the UCA staff during this spring stunt and material clinic. Cost is \$30, and registration begins at 9 a.m. For more: hubsportscenter.org

May 11 | Liberty Lake Trail Run 9 a.m., Liberty Lake Regional Park, 3707 S. Zephyr Road. The 8-mile loop features waterfalls, a creek bed, bridges, single track and switchbacks with canopied cedar groves. Registration is \$40. To register or for more: ultrasignup.com

May 19 | Windermere Marathon and Half-Marathon 7 a.m. The full marathon

starts in Liberty Lake, while the half marathon begins at Mirabeau Park; both end at Riverfront Park in downtown Spokane. For more: windermeremarathon.com

May 23 | Strolling Story time 6 p.m., Palenque Restaurant, 1102 N. Liberty Lake Road. Meet up with other runners for this special event planned by the Liberty Lake Running Club. For more: 954-9806 or kathyawhybrew@msn.com

May 25 | Run For the Son 9 a.m., Rockin' B Ranch, Exit 299 off I-90, Liberty Lake. All participants in this 5K scenic run/walk will receive a keepsake T-shirt. Cost is \$10 for all ages; registration must be completed by May 17. For more: 255-9244 or libertycross.org

May 31 | Dads & Dudes Night 6 to 9 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Dads, sons, uncles and grandpas of all ages are invited for a night of fun and games at the HUB. Cost is \$10 for a dad and dude; \$3 for each additional dude. For more: hubsportscenter.org

June 1 | Liberty Lake Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Scramble Meadowood 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 tournament help local high school graduates fund their ongoing education. For more: libertylakekiwanis.org or 499-3180

Recurring

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

Pickleball drop-in: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mon. through Thurs.; 5 to 7 p.m. Mon. and Wed., \$2/seniors (\$4/non-seniors)

Basketball open gym: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays, \$4/person

Badminton open gym: 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, \$5/person

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. Runners or walkers are invited to gather with others for a 3-mile route. For more: 954-9806 or kathyawhybrew@msn.com

Liberty Lake Community Tennis Association Rocky Hill Park. The group offers adult evening clinics 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, kids clinics 9 and 10 a.m. Saturdays, and a ladies day 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Clinics will run through Aug. 31. For more: 255-9293 or larrywest2@live.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

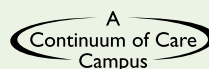
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GES Club mixes fun with fitness

By Tammy Kimberley
WAVE STAFF WRITER

On an early spring morning, students from Greenacres Elementary School quietly file into the school gym, drop their backpacks in a pile on the stage and start stretching in the middle of a room. A sleepy calm blankets the room ... with the exception of health and fitness instructor Justin Collyer's enthusiastic welcome and instruction to check the entry task board.

But a few minutes later after the blow of a whistle, energy ramps up as the GES Fit for Bloomsday Club kicks into session. Fit Club, as it's commonly called, provides GES students a free weekly exercise opportunity to prepare them for Bloomsday or provide a way to be active alongside friends.

Greenly O'Brien, who recently got new shoes in preparation for Bloomsday, said she doesn't mind getting up early to join with her classmates in preparation for the big race.

"I like to play games with my friends at Fit Club," said Greenly, 9. "I've done Bloomsday with my grandpa for two years, and I'm planning to do it again."

Fit Club, which has been meeting Tuesday mornings since February, is made up of about 70 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The Bloomsday Club at GES is geared not just for runners, but to show kids a variety of ways to get their hearts pumping.

On this particular day, they played partner pin down, a game where students protect bowling pins from balls kicked by other players. While waiting their turn to get in the game, Fit Club participants jog in place along the sideline and help shag loose balls. It's an intentional shuffle that keeps the kids constantly moving.

"Kids are able to do activities and athletics they normally may not try or think could be fun," Mr. Collyer said. "They see that exercise is fun and beneficial and not a chore."

First-year Fit Club participant Joel Patrick, 8, said he is possibly running the Color Me Rad race with his mom in June. He enjoys it when the students wear pedometers, which is quite often, during Fit Club.

"I really like running and seeing my score on the pedometer," he said. "It makes me happy when I see how many steps I got."

The main reason Mr. Collyer and third-grade teacher Shanna Garnsey run the club is to encourage kids to learn about their health as well as work toward the 60 minutes of exercise recommended for kids each day. He said research shows that exercise before school improves the academic performance of students as well.

Gracie Sutton, 9, said the training helps her prepare for Bloomsday and keeps her in shape for basketball. Kaitlin Melby, 10, said she simply enjoys talking and hanging out with her friends while exercising to good music while in the club.

"When the music is on, I run better," Kaitlin explained.

Mr. Collyer said he loves that the club provides situations where students can use teamwork and cooperation, especially for students who may not have the money to join a sports team.

"Lots of kids (like adults) just seem to reply, 'I don't have time to exercise' because they think you have to be a part of a team to do it," he said. "Programs like this show kids a lot of ways to get exercise with just a few friends."



GES students often wear pedometers that track how many steps they take during the morning's activities.



WAVE PHOTOS BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Justin Collyer, health and fitness teacher, explains an activity to students attending Greenacres Elementary School's Fit for Bloomsday Club. (Below) Shanna Garnsey, third-grade teacher, assists Collyer with checking in students and recording their steps at the end of what students commonly refer to as "Fit Club."

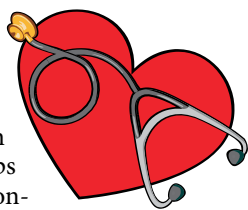


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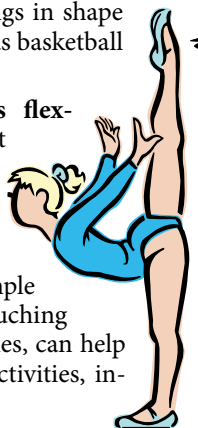
You don't have to have fast feet in order to enjoy the benefits of running. All it takes is a decent pair of shoes, nice weather and a positive attitude to discover how running can help your overall health. Listed below are six good reasons why you might want to put down the video game controller, shut off the TV and head outside for a run.

Running gets your heart pumping. Participating in aerobic exercises like running on a regular basis helps your heart get stronger and better able to deliver oxygen to all parts of your body.



Running builds your muscles. Running helps your leg muscles build strength and gives you the ability to do powerful things. Running a few times a week is the perfect way to get your legs and lungs in shape for another sport, such as basketball or soccer.

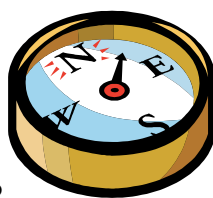
Running encourages flexibility. It's important to develop flexibility so that you can move your arms and legs without feeling pain or tightness. Doing simple stretches, such as touching your toes or side stretches, can help you in many physical activities, including running.



Running can make you smarter. Some studies have shown that getting as little as 30 minutes of aerobic exercise each day actually improves memory and creates new brain cells. This can lead to better being able to memorize information and remember items.



Running leads to discovering new places. The great thing about running is that your own two feet can take you to exploring the neighborhood, the woods or a local trail. Just be sure to take an adult along or tell them where you're going.



Running helps you feel good. When you do physical activity, your brain releases endorphins. This natural chemical in your body often makes you feel happier. Sometimes people refer to this as "the runner's high." Combine that with being outdoors and away from school or homework — it's a win-win!



Sources: kidshealth.org/kid, run.isport.com/running-guides. For more on the benefits of running, visit www.bloomsdayrun.org/fit-for-bloomsday/cool-links.

Kids Tell It Like It Is

In honor of the PACE character trait for May, who comes to mind when you think of courage?

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley at Liberty Lake Elementary School



"A knight in shining armor."
Annella Lyon, 7, 1st grade



"Football players. Even when they get hurt, they get up and keep going."
Zachary Abshire, 7, 2nd grade



"A cobra because it can kill a grown elephant."
Mason Fouty, 7, 1st grade



"A superhero like the girl from 'Brave.'"
Rori Brunt, 6, 1st grade



"The Hulk. He never stops trying."
Hayden Hymas, 7, 2nd grade



"Spiderman because he can shoot webs and tie people up with them."
Kyle Dickeson, 7, 1st grade



"My dad. He's scared of nothing."
Ky McGary, 7, 1st grade



"Actors who go up on stage."
Srikar Surapaneni, 7, 2nd grade



"Wrestlers because they play even when they're hurt."
Mikaila Delaney, 7, 2nd grade

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For more: bloomsdayrun.org

Color Run

Saturday, June 15 at 8 a.m.

Spokane County Raceway (Airway Heights)

The color bombs will fly as runners get plastered with paint, making it look like "a kindergarten art class gone wrong." Kids can run along with a parent; age 7 and under run for free!

For more: colormerad.com

Liberty Lake Loop

Saturday, July 13 at 8 a.m.

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For more: pavillionpark.org

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Members of the Red Hat Ladies of the Lake enjoy an outing at Bobville at Hauser Lake. The club was founded in 2005 and enjoys monthly meals and outings.

'I shall wear purple with a red hat which doesn't go'

Local chapter of Red Hat Society enjoys humor, fun and friendship

By Sarah Robertson
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

These days, it's not uncommon to spot ladies dressed in red-and-purple regalia out to dinner or lunch. But why are they dressed so regally? They're likely members of a local Red Hat Society chapter. More than 20,000 chapters exist around the world, and that includes the Red Hat Ladies of the Lake based in Liberty Lake.

Founding Liberty Lake member Laura Borden said a Red Hat lady is a woman who wants to greet middle-age with "humor and verve." According to the Red Hat Society's official website (www.redhatsociety.com), the group's mission is to be a "global society of women that supports and encourages women in their pursuit of fun, friendship, freedom, fulfillment and fitness."

For Borden, it's a sisterhood.

The Red Hat Society began with a woman, Sue Ellen Cooper, who impulsively bought a red hat. After reading "Warning," a poem by Jenny Joseph, she gave the hat to a dear friend with a copy of the poem. Cooper took to heart the line, "When I am an old woman I shall wear purple/With a red



hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me." By 1998, the Red Hat Society was born, and this year it is celebrating with 15th anniversary festivities.

In 2005, the Red Hat Ladies of the Lake became an official chapter. Borden said she heard about the idea from her mother-in-law and thought it was a great way to stay connected with other women with common interests and create lifelong friendships. Borden's favorite part about the group is the "camaraderie and bonding"—noting she has made some wonderful friends that she would not have otherwise met.

Even now, though she lives in Four Lakes,

Borden couldn't imagine not making the trip to Liberty Lake to spend time with her "sisters."

The Red Hat Ladies of the Lake meet for dinner on the second Thursday of every month. They vary where they gather to dine. The only requirement: enough space for everyone. Some of the group's favorite spots are Twigs at the Spokane Valley Mall and the Olive Garden in downtown Spokane.

The group has a 30-member limit, and you must be older than 50 to be an official Red Hat lady. Women under 50 are encouraged to join as well, but can only wear pink

RED HAT LADIES OF THE LAKE

What: A Liberty Lake-based chapter of the Red Hat Society.

Founded: 2005

Current officers: Velma Clark, queen; Melody Holcomb-Hockin, vice-queen and historian; and Barb Garrison and Louisa Wheeler, treasury.

For more about the local chapter: Contact Clark at 928-7583.

For more about the international society: www.redhatsociety.com.

and lavender until turning 50.

The Red Hat Ladies of the Lake have modest annual dues of \$15. The money is used to send flowers to someone who is ill, birthday cards or respond to other major life events.

Other than gathering for a meal once a month, the Red Hats also have a monthly activity — meant to give members another chance to spend time together and bond. Activities, decided by a rotating activity committee, range from holiday parties to theatre outings, sporting events and even a lazy brunch cruise along the Spokane River. Borden's favorite activity is the annual Halloween party. The ladies go "all out," some to the point of being unrecognizable. A close second was a visit to Bobville at Hauser Lake.

One of the highlights for the Red Hat Ladies of the Lake group is the annual Halloween party.

Another unforgettable moment came at Christmas time. Borden and others on the activities committee planned a special outing that started with dinner at Barlows and a "bus to nowhere." Borden and her co-conspirators rented a bus for the ladies, but didn't tell anyone where they were headed. The bus ended up taking them to Gaiser Conservatory at Manito Park to see the Christmas lights, the Davenport Hotel to check out the Christmas trees and gingerbread houses, and around Spokane to see lights and decorations.

Aside from chapter events, the national Red Hat Society also sponsors events around the world. One of the most memorable for Borden was a get-together in Las Vegas where Sally Field was the featured guest speaker.

One upcoming event for a Red Hat member for any chapter will be held at the Spokane Valley Mall in September 2013.

To those hesitant to get involved, Borden has another maxim: "You're never too old to get out and enjoy life," she said.

COMMUNITY

Are old sewing machines valuable?

'Collecting' column by Larry Cox
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Q: I have an old electric Singer sewing machine. It is in working condition. Whom can I contact to find out if it has any value? — *Carol, Stottville, N.Y.*

A: Most electric sewing machines are fairly common and of little interest to serious collectors. Judging from the photographs you sent me, I think your machine is probably from the 1940s or early '50s. Most of the Singer machines from this period sell for less than \$100 at auction.

Q: I have an opportunity to buy a pair of candlesticks made by Fenton in ebony with autumn leaf decoration. They are priced at \$75 in a local shop. — *Carlie, Hastings, Neb.*

A: The candlesticks were made during the 1990s and are not that old or rare. I checked

several guides, and the set in ebony seems to retail for \$40.

Q: I have several books of old World War II ration stamps. Any value? — *Wanda, Phymouth, Ohio*

A: WWII ration memorabilia is still fairly plentiful. Old ration booklets generally sell for less than \$10.

Q: I have a Belgium bread baking stove, which I recently gave to my daughter. I know it has value, but how much? — *John, Campton Hills, Ill.*

A: One of the better resources I can recommend is the Antique Stoves Association, which offers appraisals for \$25. The address is 410 Flemings Road, Tekonska, MI 49092. If you are restoring a vintage gas or election stove, the Old Appliance Club is useful; call 805-643-3532.

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TRIVIA TEST

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Who was Time magazine's first Man of the Year in 1927?
- MOVIES:** Who was the male star in the film "Risky Business"?
- LITERATURE:** In which novel does the character of Pip appear?
- LANGUAGE:** What is the full name of the group known as OAS?
- TELEVISION:** What was the name of the Dukes' car on the show "The Dukes of Hazzard"?
- HOLIDAYS:** What did Veterans Day in the United States used to be called?
- MEDICINE:** Dr. William Harvey is famous for what medical discovery?
- AUTOMOBILES:** Who set up the first auto manufacturing company in the United States?

- PERSONALITIES:** What is TV chef Emeril's last name?
- MUSIC:** Which Billy Joel song contains the following line: "It's nine o'clock on a Saturday. The regular crowd shuffles in"?

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King Crossword — Answers

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Volcanic spillage
- Solo of "Star Wars"
- Bang the door loudly
- Troop group
- Inseparable
- Caffeine-rich nut
- Swag
- Twitch
- Terrible guy?
- Loosen a sneaker
- Dandling locale
- One way to quit
- Ungainly
- Cage piece
- Born
- Raw minerals
- "See ya"
- TV chef Cat
- Have a bug
- "Ulalume" writer
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- Speak frankly
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- Fellow
- Demure
- Gist
- Laundromat machine
- Architect Saarinen
- Calendar quota
- Capricorn
- Met melody
- "Bravo!"
- Colorado city
- Range horses
- Sch. org.
- "Gosh!"
- Japanese fencing
- Work dough
- Roster
- podrida
- Inquisitive
- Equal (Pref.)
- Automobile
- Rage

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Answers to Trivia Test

- Charles Lindbergh; 2. Tom Cruise; 3. "Great Expectations"; 4. Organization of American States; 5. The General Lee; 6. Armistice Day; 7. Circulation of blood; 8. Charles and Frank Duryea; 9. Lagasse; 10. "Piano Man"



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Entrepreneurial engineer

Staples sets standard as LL's inaugural city engineer

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

For the record, Andrew Staples does not wear cowboy boots to the office out of admiration for Gene Autry, John Wayne or any other country-western icon. Nor does he commute to work via horse and saddle.

Liberty Lake's first and only city engineer learned a while ago that donning traditional dress shoes on a construction site generally includes its share of annoying hazards — so, he made the change from oxfords to waders.

“Now I can walk pretty much anywhere on a construction site and not worry about getting rocks in my shoes,” Staples said. “The boots were a convenience. I kept getting rocks in my shoes and ended up having to empty them every time I got back into my vehicle. So, now I don't have to worry about digging gravel out of my shoes.”

Staples came to Liberty Lake in April 2008 from the Coeur d'Alene engineering firm of Welch Comer. He was familiar with the city and much of the staff, having worked on a variety of projects over the years. Prior to the hiring, municipal engineering work was either addressed by former Community Development Director Doug Smith or contracted to companies like Staples' one-time employer.

“I think it probably should have been more daunting than it was,” Staples recalls of the transition. “I

pretty much knew what I was getting into at the time, but you never fully really know. I had a chance to kind of form what the role of the city engineer should be.”

One aspect of his new workplace that made the move easier was the composition at City Hall.

“It's a really good group of people to work with,” he said. “Even though you have one person with a specific duty — there's no redundancy — you always have help. It's not something where you're left on your own. It's always been a team environment.”

Staples' initial project as city engineer involved the first phase at Rocky Hill Park. There was also the usual array of street maintenance, stormwater issues and plan review. Staples said there are pluses and minuses to being the sole proprietor of the city's public works office.

“It's good in that we're able to address problems quickly — we don't have layers of bureaucracy that tend to bog down larger agencies,” he said. “For us, it's not complicated to accomplish tasks. It also works in reverse, with a smaller staff, if you have larger projects, you have to supplement your efforts with outside work, usually consultants.”

Liberty Lake Mayor Steve Peterson said Staples has been a valuable asset to the city over the years.

“I think what Andrew brought was continuity,” Peterson said. “We have some great in-house continuity. Andrew is quiet and dedicated and skilled. He's also willing to stand up and articulate what he feels is the right path.”

Staples' list of responsibilities

includes streets, stormwater systems and capital projects. He also oversees maintenance of municipal facilities like City Hall, the police station, municipal library and Trailhead at Liberty Lake. When a citizen rings City Hall to report a malfunctioning traffic light, Staples takes the call. He also handles issues involving traffic and directional signs in municipal limits.

“The role is starting to grow,” Staples said. “We have a lot of maintenance that needs to be done, a lot of projects that are coming up and so we need to be paying close attention to those.”

The roll call of impending work includes the Harvard Road roundabout, Sprague trail, Liberty Lake Ball Fields, Fallen Heroes circuit course and what Staples described as “a fair amount of street maintenance on collectors and arterials.” This year, Staples is serving on the technical advisory committee for the Spokane Regional Transportation Council.

“I let (City Administrator) Katy (Allen) and the mayor and the Council decide what we're doing,” Staples said. “They let me know when and where they want me to build something.”

Staples was the project manager on the full-scale renovation of a warehouse on Mission Avenue that became the home of the municipal library and Liberty Lake Police Department in 2009.

“That was fun,” Staples said. “It was nice to be able to see the police department and the library go into good space that had been set up for them. It was a light manufacturing shell before that. It turned out very well.”

A native of San Diego, Staples



SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

A graduate of the University of Idaho and a longtime resident of Coeur d'Alene, Andrew Staples has served as the Liberty Lake city engineer since 2008.

moved with his family to Coeur d'Alene when he was 8. He graduated from North Idaho Christian High School before moving on to North Idaho College and eventually earning his degree in civil engineering from the University of Idaho in 2003. As an intern with the city of Lewiston while in college, Staples learned to appreciate the “people aspect” of civil engineering.

“In civil engineering, you're dealing with the built environment — sewer, water, roads, bridges, buildings,” Staples said. “The way things work right now, my role is a fairly technical role. When interaction with public comes up, it's generally when we're trying to translate something that is a little more technical into something that is more tangible.”

profiles:

ANDREW STAPLES

Age

33

Job

Liberty Lake city engineer since 2008

Previous employer

Welch Comer Engineers, Coeur d'Alene

Family

Wife, Julie, and four children

Originally from

San Diego

Education

Civil engineering degree from University of Idaho

Professional footwear

Cowboy boots

Key to good-fitting cowboy boots

“Find the right insole.”

Favorite aspect of being a city engineer

“You're dealing with people and how they live and work in their city on a daily basis.”



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Earliest homesteaders laid groundwork for LL of today

By Ross Schneidmiller
LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Stephen Liberty and Joseph Peavy were two men who embodied the Horace Greeley phrase, “Go west young man and grow up with the country.”

In the early 1870s, there were only a handful of settlers in the region. Like Stephen Liberty, who homesteaded here in 1871, locations were often named for them. It had been almost a decade since the Homestead Act passed in 1862, but it would be at least another decade until significant numbers would come to the region. Many settlers purchased land to go along with the 160 acres they could claim through the homestead process. The Land Act of 1820 allowed the purchase of public lands for \$1.25 an acre. Liberty took advantage of this law, adding to his holdings at the lake. He planted about 25 acres of orchards and built a log cabin amongst them. Liberty also raised stock, which he had been doing since his arrival in the Spokane area some three years before.

Joseph Peavy was a friend of Liberty’s; they met on a wagon train heading west in 1866. Later, the two frontiersmen partnered together to carry mail from Cabinet Landing on Lake Pend Oreille to Rathdrum, both in what would become Idaho Territory. Peavy took a homestead claim where Liberty Lake Golf Course now stands shortly after Liberty, who had settled on the west side of the lake.

Unlike Liberty and Peavy, who were single when they headed west, John Fine was married with seven children ranging in age from 5 to 18 years of age. His family started out for the Inland Northwest from Missouri by wagon. When they arrived at Kansas City, Mr. Fine learned that they couldn’t get through because of snow in the Rocky Mountains and that they would have to wait out the winter. So, rather than experience delay, they sold their horses and wagons and bought train passage to San Francisco. From there, the family went by ship to Portland and overland to Liberty Lake in 1882. The Fines’ homesteaded 160 acres north of Valleyway on what today is MeadowWood Golf Course. Three years later, when their son Levi attained the age of 21, he filed a homestead application on an additional 120 acres that was adjacent to his parent’s property. John Fine’s daughters Spicy and Mary recalled, in a 1960 newspaper article, that their father got the lumber for their home at Frederick Post’s mill in Post Falls. It took two wagons to haul it, and they had to pay a toll of 50 cents per wagon to cross at Spokane Bridge.

By 1883, the Northern Pacific Railroad



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In this circa 1903 photo, Rasmus Madsen is shown cutting wood on his homestead on the west slopes of Liberty Lake. On the left is one of his seven children, and a man that may have been his nephew is pictured at right.



John Fine and his wife, Frances, homesteaded in Liberty Lake in 1882 on land that is now MeadowWood Golf Course. In this circa 1895 photo, John is holding a couple of rocks and Frances is smoking a corn cob pipe.

Company linked the Inland Northwest to the rest of the country by both rail and telegraph. But its impact on our community was greater than its effect on transportation and communication. With every mile of track the Northern Pacific built, the company was granted by the U.S. Government 10 square miles of land to aid in building the railroad. They aggressively marketed this land throughout the United States and abroad. Our nation and the nations of Europe were sold on the Inland Northwest’s beauty, opportunity and richness of natural resources. Over 40 percent of the land in what today is considered the Liberty Lake community was granted to the Northern Pacific to sell.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Northern Pacific Railroad linked Spokane to the west in 1881 and to the east in 1883.
- Molter Road north of the lake was originally called Fine Lane.
- Menelious Chapman homesteaded by the road that bears his name in the Saltese community. He took advantage of the Timber Culture Act of 1873. For his efforts of planting 27,000 locust trees on 10 acres (every 16 square feet) at the northwest corner of Molter and Mission, he took ownership of 160 acres of land. To get his claim, 6,730 trees had to survive . . . but we’re talking locust trees — like that wouldn’t happen!
- The “First White Child” designation was given to the first child born of white settlers from Europe. It was a common designation in pioneer days, and Amanda Madsen was celebrated as this for Liberty Lake by local newspapers throughout her entire 104 years of life.

acquired from the Northern Pacific a large portion of the land he farmed at the lake (roughly the hillside on the southwest portion of the lake) prior to selling out to Roderrick MacKenzie in 1889. Albertsons, Liberty Lake City Hall, Trailhead Golf Course as well as many of the residences of Meadowwood are on land originally granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Anna Carlson and her brother, Nels, came into New York Harbor on March 12, 1883. Having arrived on the steamer Germanic from Sweden, they set out for the northwest. They more than likely came by rail most of the way, as the Northern Pacific line was nearly complete. She found work assisting James Glover, who was commonly known as the “Father of Spokane.” Glover was the first merchant and one of its first bankers, mayors and major landholders. During the decade that Anna arrived, Glover saw his city grow from 594 citizens to more than 20,000. Rasmus Madsen immigrated from Denmark in 1880. He worked at the OK Barbershop in Spokane Falls prior to homesteading on the west hillside of Liberty Lake in 1887. I am unsure how they met, but Anna and Rasmus married in 1890. In 1892, their daughter Amanda was considered to be the first white child born at Liberty Lake, where she retained her parents’ property until she died at 104 in 1996.

These as well as other early settlers impacted our community. Over the next several months, we will share in Splash articles their contributions and how we developed into the Liberty Lake of today.

Ross Schneidmiller is president of the Liberty Lake Historical Society and a lifetime resident of the community.

The DEVELOPMENT of a COMMUNITY

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

- JANUARY: Relocation of the Coeur d’Alenes
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- MARCH: Transportation Overview
- APRIL: Railroads
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This is in part why we not only had settlers travel from the far reaches of our nation to come here but also immigrants from Canada, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Scotland as well as others.

The Northern Pacific sold to notable buyers Martin Kalez and JB Shrum. The land for the popular resort Kalez Park (approximately today’s Liberty Lake Regional Park) was purchased for about \$4 an acre. Shrum

COMMUNITY

Community Briefs

July 4 parade seeks leader

The annual Fourth of July festivities held in Alpine Shores are in need of a coordinator and volunteers for the 2013 events.

Tasks such as lining up T-shirts, vendors, food donations and rounding up volunteers to do specific jobs typically fall to the coordinator. Several volunteers are available, but a main person is needed to put it all together. Training and resources will be provided, as well as start-up funding. Volunteers need not be a resident of Alpine Shores to help out.

For more information, call Cheryl Leavell at 939-6487 or Dave Graham at 255-6131.

FOPP scholarship deadline is May 30

Friends of Pavillion Park will be awarding three \$750 scholarships and a \$1,000 Elmer Schneidmiller Community Leadership Award to students seeking post-high school education in the 2013-2014 school year.

Scholarship application materials are available online at www.pavillionpark.org/scholarships and are due by May 30.

To be eligible, students must be a resident or have a parent, guardian or grandparent who is a resident of the Liberty Lake community. For the \$750 scholarships, preference will be given to students who have demonstrated Pavillion Park-related community service and are pursuing degrees

or certification in music, drama, visual arts, recreation, physical education, sports administration, horticulture or natural resource studies. The Elmer Schneidmiller award is selected by the Schneidmiller family and is given to an individual who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and service to the Liberty Lake community.

Scholarships are paid directly to the institution, and former recipients are not eligible. For more information, email scholarship chairperson and FOPP Vice President David Himebaugh at davidh@pavillion-park.org.

Sam Campbell Memorial Scholarship deadline is May 1

Sam Campbell Memorial Scholarship applications are now being accepted by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce. An annual scholarship in the amount of \$500 is given to a local graduating high school senior who plans to study a business program at a college, university or vocational school.

An application can be downloaded from our website at spokanevalleychamber.org under the Chamber Foundation tab. Materials must be mailed or delivered by May 1 to the Valley Chamber at 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, Suite 10.

For more information, call 924-4994 or email info@spokanevalleychamber.org.

GMS releases honor roll

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The following students attained honor roll for the second trimester of the 2012-2013 school year at Greenacres Middle School.

Sixth grade

4.0 GPA: Shawn Barnett, MaKayla Claypool, MaKenzie Claypool, Gage Engel, Logan Fredekind, Aubrey Gallafent, Scott Gerber, Madeline Greer, Serena Greiner, Madeline Hassett, Siqi He, Holly Heckerman, Carlie Houn, Haley Johnson, Brianna Kimberley, Molly McCormick, Kavery Merrill, Kali Natarajan, Stella Olander, Evelyn Rowe, Madylyn Simmelink, Abigail Sims, Kendahli Siva, Sabrina Wang, Karen Weaver and Calvin Whybrew.

3.25 GPA and higher: Natalie Abernathy, Jason Ambriz, Maggie Ames, Holly Anderson, Jamie Anderson, Rachel Anderson, Kylie Austin, Spencer Auth, Seth Baker, Marissa Banky, Phoebe Barr, Alexis Beard, Kylie Beckett, Avery Benson, Caleb Betts, Erin Blake, Emma Brewer, Ethan Brooks, Liberty Broughton, Dexter Brun, Michael Bucknell, Reece Bumgarner, Kelsie Cabiad, Kylar Cahalan, Deidre Calvo, Brenna Carlton, Dylan Chamberlain, Ian Chambers, Miles Chambers, Emilee Cheff, Benjamin Church, Haley Clark, Sierra Clark, Sam Clary, Logan Coddington, Bradley Colliflower, Casey Constance, Trinity Coulter, Rafe Cox, Alisa Crooks, Parker Culton, Mitchell Curl, Andrew Deering, Brooke DeRuwé, Ahna Duggan, Mikelle Fawson, Kaitlin Federman, Berkley Fredrick, Isabelle French, Michaela Frye, Giacobbe Galietti, Haley Gerth, Makenzie Glenn, Libby Glover, Ty Gray, Alicia Gutierrez, Riley Hadley, Ethan Hagmann, Andrea Hamilton, Syrena Harris, Peyton Hatcher, Chelsey Heizer, Tirainy Hobbs, Dylan Hockett, Abigail Hodgden, Gregory Hopkins, Samantha Hughes, Kylie Humphries, Kelly Hyle, Adelle Jensen, Damen Julian, Geoffrey Julian, Tatyana Karptsov, Grant Kelly, Chloe Klingler, Gunnar Krogh, Gerard Larson, Tyler Madden, Micheal Marinello, Troy Martin, Justin Maynes, Hayden McAuliff, Nickolas McKenry, IL'ya Mitrofanov, Alondra Morando, Claire Mumm, Alfonso Ortega, Emma Otis, Kara Peha, Hailey Pennestr, Sayde Peterson, Sylvia Phillips, Keandra Piatt, Joshua Reneau, Noah Reneau, Madison Reynolds, Olivia Rich, Troy Rigby, Kylie Roche, Margeaux Rottrop, Roni Rountree, Kaden Russell-Hall, Grace Sampson, Teigan Sampson, Ethan Schaefer, Benjamin Schmidt, Carlee Scholl, Madisen Sheldon, Damon Sheneman, Riley Simonowski, Liam Smith, Samantha Smith, Shane Stewart, Allison Taylor, Elle Taylor, Ashley Tobert, Derek Tresner, Kyle Van Liew, Luke Walker, Benito Ward, Cameron Whitcher, Reid Whitecotton, Coryn Whiteley, Tomkia Whitman, Jordan Wick, Hannah Wilson, Julius Wirthlin, Samantha Woodbury, Jared Woodlief and Jolena Young.

Seventh grade

4.0 GPA: Elise Brocckbank, Kelsey Gumm, Hannah Hislop, Lacie Hull, Lexie Hull, Javion Joyner, Kobe King, Bridget McDonald, Milan Saric, Ryu Sharma, Kavina Turpin and Jack Wampler.

3.25 GPA and higher: Morgan Adkins, William Ames, Bryn Anderson, Mitchell Axtell, Carissa Ball, Samantha Barrie, Asia Beale, Noelle Bowden, Leann Brown, Jada Bryant, Autumn Ca 11, Eric Calligan, Calista Carlsson, Hailey Carter, Selena Chen, Hailey Christopher, Peter Cleary, Hannah Conant, Ty Cornell, Kaili Cox, Hannah Craig, Emily Critchlow, Kalle Crouch, Mallory Daines, Alexa Davis,

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Local Lens

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

Michael Hassett captured this shot of an osprey landing at a nest on the Liberty Lake Trail off Appleway in early April.

Egg-cellent day of hunting



SPLASH PHOTOS BY JOSH JOHNSON

A swarm of kids and their parents lined Pavillion Park the end of March to collect eggs during the Liberty Lake Community Egg Hunt. With sunny skies and warm temperatures, the weather for this year's hunt was deemed "the best ever" by more than one hunt attendee.



Scout-ing out the newspaper



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

A trio of Liberty Lake-based Cub Scouts visited *The Splash* recently to learn more about community newspapers. Pictured from left are Peter Fassler, Duncan Vittetoe and Aiden McArdle. All the boys are age 6 and first-graders at Liberty Lake Elementary School.

Birth announcement



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Grace Rosetti was born to Kim and Ryan Rosetti of Liberty Lake on Feb. 21. The "ridiculously proud" grandparents are Gary and Judy Rasmussen of Liberty Lake.

Preparing for tea



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library get decorations ready for the Annual Garden Tea Party to be held April 27 at the Meadowood Technology Campus.

LOCAL LENS

Kid racers compete in derby



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Boy Scout Pack 463 held their annual Pinewood Derby competition in March where the Tiger Cubs Den (first graders at Liberty Lake Elementary School) won three out of the top four trophies. Colton Hoagburg won "Best in Show" for the design of his car. Duncan Vittetoe took third, and Aiden McArdle won first place in the car race earning them the chance to compete at the 2013 Grizzly District competition at West Valley High School. Pictured are Peter Fassler, Duncan Vittetoe, Colton Hoagburg and Aiden McArdle.



Aiden McArdle placed first in the 2013 Grizzly District competition at West Valley High School.

Splash Travels



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Aidan van Marle, 10, enjoyed a mule ride to Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the Grand Canyon over spring break. Aidan was accompanied by his grandparents from California. The ride was 5.5 hours down one day and 6.5 hours up the next day.

A watchful eye



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Michael Hassett spotted three nesting pairs of red-tailed hawks behind Legacy Ridge on the morning of April 1.

Shutterbug snapshots



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rachel Rademacher snapped this photo from her home right after a storm came through the area on April 5.

Math masters



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Pioneer School 4th grade Math is Cool team, sponsored by Simonds Dental Group, won first place in the small schools division at Whitworth University on April 19. Pictured are (front row) Jack vanLobenSels, Seth Bachman, Jackson Berger, **Cameron Simonds**, **Prateek Sharma**, Andrew Baumann, Serena Wen, Amanda Alexander; (back row) coaches **Betty Wolf** and Chris Bachman. (Liberty Lake residents are listed in **bold**.)



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bonnie Lackey said she has watched this squirrel through her kitchen window for several months, and he recently slowed down enough to have his picture taken.

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We are looking for photos that convey what makes Liberty Lake a unique place to live for our fourth annual photography contest. Whether they capture the beautiful landscape, the bustling activities or the varying seasons, we're asking photographers to share photos that communicate the essence the community.

The winner's photo will be highlighted on the cover, and other selected images will be featured inside the 2014 Liberty Lake Community Directory. Prizes will be awarded as well, so be sure to shoot and share local photos with the Directory!

- Photographers (amateur or professional) age 16 years and older are eligible to enter.

- Deadline is September 13. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners.

- Visit our website, www.libertylakesplash.com, for a complete set of rules.

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COMMUNITY

Cornerstone readying for move to LL

Church cites growth as reason for converting former Kia dealership

By Valerie Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

A building that used to sell cars will soon be a house of God.

This summer, the Cornerstone Pentecostal Church is moving from its Spokane Valley location to the former Spokane Kia dealership, 21326 E. Mission Ave. in Liberty Lake.

"We saw over eight years ago that we were going to need another facility," Cornerstone Pastor Rick Mayo said. "We simply outgrew our facility."

Mayo is no stranger to moving the location of the church. Since he planted the church 19 years ago, it has moved three times already. The new Liberty Lake location will be the church's fourth.

Before coming to Spokane, Mayo and his wife, Ellen, were evangelizing around the country. In 1994, they felt led to sell their truck and trailer and start a church here — a community neither one had ever been to.

More than 30 people attended the first service at its first location, a 700-square-foot commercial office suite on the corner of David and First in Spokane Valley.

"My wife and I were blown away," Mayo said about the attendance. "We opened up the doors, and 30 people showed up."

The first facility was so small that the couple baptized new converts using a horse trough in the garage of their duplex apartment.

"I think our neighbors thought we were a cult," Mayo laughed. "We had people coming and going, but we were too clean-cut to be drug dealers."

Eight months later, as the congregation outgrew its small office space, they converted a 3,000-square-foot commercial space on the 14000 block of East Sprague Avenue into a church. Cornerstone worshiped at that location for approximately



CURRENT PHOTOS
BY VALERIE PUTNAM

Pastor Rick Mayo sits at the edge of the stage being constructed in the new sanctuary that will soon be the new home of Cornerstone Pentecostal Church.

Project Manager Chris Whitmire works on the doors that will lead into the sanctuary of the new location for Cornerstone Pentecostal Church. Whitmire is helping transform the former Kia of Spokane auto showroom and dealership located at 21326 E. Mission Ave.



seven and a half years.

In 2001, the church's current building at 12817 E Broadway was purchased. Within four years, they realized the approximately 2,500-square-foot facility wasn't going to accommodate church growth.

Planning for its future needs, the church

purchased five acres of property along Interstate 90 at Barker Road with the intention of building a new facility.

"The blueprints were done and everything was ready to go," Mayo said. "We took a closer look at the blueprints and recognized it wasn't going to accommodate the growth that we felt was coming."

CORNERSTONE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Currently located at

12817 E. Broadway, between Pines and McDonald in Spokane Valley

Moving this summer

To the former Kia of Spokane dealership, 21326 E. Mission in Liberty Lake

Meeting times

Church services are 11 a.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. A youth service is held 7 p.m. each Friday.

The church shelved the new construction plans. It began searching for a larger existing facility a little more than two years ago.

Last October, Mayo's realtor sent him an email about a building in Liberty Lake. The email included the owner's name.

"I felt God told me to send the owner a personal email and introduce myself," Mayo said. "I've never done anything like that before."

The owner, who was living in Wenatchee, contacted Mayo's agent the next day requesting to meet him. On the third day, the two of them met at Mayo's home.

"After sitting in my living room for about an hour, he stands up and says 'Pastor, I think I can work with you,'" Mayo said.

The meeting led to a late-November purchase of the former Kia of Spokane showroom and dealership. The purchase price was \$1.9 million, according to county records.

"It was a very good deal for both of us," Mayo said. "Once everything lined up, it happened very quickly. No resistance, no limitations. Everything was a green light."

The church received the building permit in March and began to immediately transform the former showroom into a 9,000-square-foot sanctuary.

Mayo hopes to complete the renovation by late June.

"We're in a real good position," Mayo said. "We're not being pushed out of our other building. I want to make sure everything is right before we make the switch."

Mayo plans to be actively involved in the Liberty Lake community. The church already plans to build a float for the annual Fourth of July celebration along with hosting a church picnic at Pavillion Park on July 28.

"We plan to reach out any way we can," said Mayo, who plans to invite the mayor and entire community to a building dedication before the end of the year. "Our dream is to provide Liberty Lake and the surrounding area with a strong church."

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Registration must be received by May 31 in order to be included "on the map" in the 10,000 copies of the official guide that will be distributed to Liberty Lake and beyond beginning June 5. Choose from the three options below to take part in this 20th annual event. Registration fees go to the Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake to support the event and community.

REGISTER A YARD SALE AT YOUR HOME

Liberty Lake addresses only

Two ways to register:

1 Online: \$10

Submit your registration and secure credit card payment at www.libertylakesplash.com/yardsales to receive a discounted registration and special reasonably priced add-on options (color, borders, bold title) to help your yard sale stand out from the rest. Online ads can also exceed the 20-word maximum for 15 cents a word.

2 Mail-in form: \$15

Complete the registration form below and submit it along with your fee. Remember, registration **must be received by May 31** to be included in the official guide and map.

No phone or in-person registration is available. For questions about registration, contact The Splash at 242-7752 or yardsales@libertylakesplash.com.

REGISTERED HOMES RECEIVE:

Community guide: Listing information organized alongside your neighborhood's corresponding map in the official 2013 Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales Guide. 10,000 copies will be

distributed by mail to everyone in Liberty Lake on June 6, at distribution points throughout the region and at strategic community outposts on the day of the event.

A supported event: The sales will be advertised and publicized through region-wide outlets, and the Kiwanis Club is working with local authorities and strategic vendors (portable restrooms, etc.) to ensure a safe and well-supported event.

Directional signage: Signs will be posted to help guide shoppers into the neighborhoods, including the River District.

Charity pick-ups: A truck from ARC of Spokane will be going up and down Liberty Lake streets Monday and Tuesday, June 10-11, to pick up unsold items residents wish to donate to charity. No large items please.

Satisfaction: In the past, some homes have chosen to hold sales on the day of the event without registering. By submitting an official registration, you showcase your community pride by helping organizers properly support the strategic needs of the event as well as giving back to the Liberty Lake community. After expenses, all proceeds from the event will be reinvested by the Kiwanis Club into the community. To summarize: charity event ... makes Liberty Lake shine ... brings you swarms of shoppers — that's worth \$10.

REGISTER A YARD SALE AT A PUBLIC LOCATION

Want to hold a sale, but not at your home? Or maybe you don't live in Liberty Lake and are looking for an outlet to take part. There are two options for you.

1 Pavillion Park

12-foot by 12-foot sections are available to be utilized at Pavillion Park. Registration is \$50, \$35 of which is refunded after you clean up your sale on the day of the event. This option includes a listing in the official guide. Register by using either of the two options listed under "Register a sale at your home" at left, but instead of listing your address, write "Pavillion Park" and pay \$50 to secure your spot. Spaces will be assigned to registered sellers on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6:30 a.m. June 8.

2 Liberty Lake Portal

Free space for your sale is available at the Liberty Lake Portal, the presenting sponsor for the 2013 Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales. These sales will be included in the official guide, but only a limited number of spots are available. Reserve a place by calling Steven Daines at 343-0103 before the spots are snatched up, or by May 28, whichever comes first. The Portal, located at the corner of Mission and

Molter, will be offering free food, free parking and free restrooms — as well as a large office equipment and furniture sale. Spaces are available to individuals and businesses and will go quickly.

REGISTER AS A COMMERCIAL VENDOR

1 Pavillion Park

Commercial vendors will once again be invited to set up along Settler Drive in beautiful Pavillion Park. The cost for a commercial vendor site at Pavillion Park is \$50. To reserve your space, call Pat Dockrey at 926-3198 or email pdockrey@gmail.com. A list and brief description of Pavillion Park vendors will be included in the official guide.

2 Liberty Lake Portal

Free space for businesses to set up a sale is available at the Liberty Lake Portal, the presenting sponsor for the 2013 Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales. Liberty Lake Portal sales will be included in the official guide, but only a limited number of spots are available. Reserve a place by calling Steven Daines at 343-0103 before the spots are snatched up or by May 28, whichever comes first. The Portal is located at the corner of Mission and Molter.



Name _____ Phone _____ Address _____

Description *(Not to exceed 20 words)* _____

Payments should be made and mailed to Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake, P.O. Box 384, Liberty Lake, WA 99019 along with the completed registration form.

COMMERCIAL VENDORS: Don't use this form. Refer to the instructions above.

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In Biz

Family Home Care changes ownership

The Wiberg family of Liberty Lake took ownership of a longtime hometown business, Family Home Care, 22820 E. Appleway Ave., on March 24, Family Home Care President Jeff Wiberg announced.

The business provides private-pay home care services to families throughout the Inland Northwest, and it continues to be locally owned and operated. Michael Nowling previously owned the business.

"Family Home Care has been a hallmark figure in our community for over 45 years," said Wiberg, who has worked for the company for the past five years. "We are pleased to have the stewardship for this wonderful organization and will continue that legacy into the future."

All 200 employees were retained in the transaction, keeping Family Home Care as one of Liberty Lake's leading employers.

Last summer, Family Home Care divested its Medicare Certified home health, hospice and primary care divisions to Gentiva Health Services Inc. Since then, Family Home Care has continued to be owned and operated locally to provide private high-quality care giving services.

Providing personal in-home care to clients on an hourly basis, Family Home Care was established in 1966 and serves clients in Spokane, Whitman and Asotin counties in Washington and Kootenai, Latah and Nez Perce counties in Idaho.

Lakeside Holistic opens LL office

Lakeside Holistic Health PLLC, a full-service natural health care center, opened a Liberty Lake office at 21651 E. Country Vista Drive, Suite F, early this year to expand on the company's Coeur d'Alene headquarters.

The company's services include acupuncture, Chinese medicine, chiropractic,

cosmetic acupuncture, naturopathic medicine and nutritional counseling. For more information, call 385-0218 or email contactus@lakesideholistic.com.

LL represented among tourism finalists

The 14th annual Inland Northwest Tourism Awards, to be held May at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park in Spokane, features a pair of Liberty Lake-connected finalists.

The HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave., is one of three finalists for the honor of "Best Attraction." Rita Santillanes, owner of Best Western Plus PepperTree Inns, including the location in Liberty Lake, is one of three finalists for the distinguished individual honor of Tourism Professional of the Year.

For more about the event, go to www.inlandnwtourismawards.com.

Chamber golf tournament seeking sponsors, foursomes

The 17th annual Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 8 at MeadowWood Golf Course, 24501 E. Valleyway Ave. Sponsors

and foursomes are being sought to participate in the Liberty Lake event.

For more information, visit www.spokanevalleychamber.org or call 924-4994.

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Eye on LL: Results

Oakes wins April contest

The winner of the April "Eye on Liberty Lake" contest was Marya Oakes, who was one of two readers who correctly identified all 12 photos in the contest found on page 40 of the April Splash.

Oakes received a \$20 gift card to a business of her choice along the featured area, and she chose Country Vista Car Wash, 22066 E. Country Vista Drive.

Noreen Reeno Walsh was the other player to receive a perfect score, so The Splash did a random drawing to determine Oakes as the winner.

The answer key is on The Splash's Facebook page. Look for the Eye on Liberty Lake game to return soon in an upcoming issue of The Splash.

The April Current is on newsstands



LEAGUE OF HER OWN

Now in its 45th season, the Spokane Valley Girls Softball Association is going strong along with its founder, Sally Jackson, who is still a coach at age 81.

NEW COMMISSIONER

Shelly O'Quinn shares her perspective as the newest member of the Spokane County Board of Commissioners.

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BUSINESS

Focus on tenants making Portal a regional business hub

Expansion to build a conference and community room planned for summer

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Every day is a business resource fair at the Liberty Lake Portal.

Under one roof at the corner of Mission Avenue and Molter Road, there exists a diversity of commerce that rivals any main street in America. The list of nearly 40 tenants includes a tailor, insurance companies, a homebuilder, a private equity firm, attorneys and an assortment of high-tech companies. Since opening in 2000, the property has expanded to 86,000 square feet of leasable space, most of which is now occupied.

On an overcast day last month, Steven Daines, the Portal's leasing agent in charge of tenant relations, walked through the halls during the lunch hour cheerfully greeting occupants by their first names. Offices here range from 115 square feet up to 9,000.

"Over the last two years, we've shifted really strongly from just tech to all kinds of things," Daines said. "And in the last eight months, we've really become a small business hub. People are realizing we're not just a big tech building anymore."

Originally known as the "Tierpoint Building," after the Tierpoint data center, the property morphed into the Liberty Lake Internet Portal, then dropped the "Internet" in January. Tierpoint, the building's original tenant, still occupies 34,000 square feet, primarily in the basement.

Gigabit Ethernet innovator and Packet Engines founder Bernard Daines first bought the building with "the hope of getting some tenants in there." Over a dozen years later, the structure has become one of Liberty Lake's more recognizable landmarks outside of Pavillion Park.

"We'd like it to be what it's becoming and that is the small business destination of the area," Bernard Daines said. "That's what we're going to capitalize on. We're not going to worry about big tenants anymore. In fact, we only have one space above 1,000 feet left."

Emily Osborne moved her State Farm Insurance office from a space near Albertsons on Liberty Lake Road to the Portal last November. She leases 1,500 square feet on the first floor for herself and two employees.

"It's been great," Osborne said. "We still have foot traffic, and we're a lot more ca-

tered to here than we were before. Really, nothing could compete. I got a lot more square footage for a lot more affordable price, and we now have a more cheerful office. My employees are happy."

Building Manager Bob Olson has worked at the Portal for the past two years handling maintenance, rent collection and, in his words, "anything it takes to run the whole thing." When Osborne needed plants hung in her office, Olson put on his gardener hat. His presence is part of a full-service leasing arrangement that encompasses utilities, cleaning, parking, security, shared conference rooms and the Internet — even a change of interior paint when requested.

"Sometimes it's as simple as just a new paint job or rewiring for the Internet," Olson said. "That's the simple stuff — you know, making sure the blinds work. Or, like downstairs we took a suite, cut it in half, and built some interior walls and things. So I was in charge of working with the contractors and coordinating that buildout. We just customize it to the tenant's needs."

Steven Daines said the comprehensive approach means tenants "just writing one check and being able to spend 99 percent of their time concentrating on business."

"I don't think there's anything else in the region that can compare with the different levels of service we have as well as having a building manager dedicated to just this building," he said.

Bernard Daines said the building continues to emphasize the priority of nurturing "happy tenants."

"Attention-wise, we spend more of gross rent on those kinds of things, tenant relations, leasing and the like than most anybody does," he said. "I know rentals are part economics and part emotion — we're pushing on the emotional side, the amenities side, the love-to-be-here side."

Steven Daines said rates at the Portal are "very, very competitive," especially considering the full-service aspect. He added that the collection of businesses can even mean one-stop shopping for some visitors.

"If anyone wants to get a quote on insurance, they can go to everyone in the building and they'll have a pretty good idea of where they land," he said.

The third and most recent phase of the Portal was completed in the fall of 2007. One of the unfinished areas in that section — formerly used for storage — was recently polished into a room that can be utilized as a community gathering place with a mini-



SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

Liberty Lake Portal leasing agent Steven Daines holds a plan for the expansion of the building on Mission Avenue scheduled for this summer. The Portal now houses nearly 40 businesses in 86,000 square feet of space.

mal fee for chairs, tables and janitorial services.

"We just finished it vanilla shell so people could use it," Steven Daines said. "We're going to use it as a community room. If people have a business and don't have their own conference room — great, come use this until we lease it out."

In February, the Portal introduced a dozen executive suites consisting of smaller offices that include a shared conference room, copy room, bathroom and kitchenette as well as the Internet. There are now only two of the spaces left. Banks of windows give the row of smaller offices a spacious feel.

"The air comes through," Steven said. "It feels very professional, and it's really kind of our professional corner right now for businesses with one or two people. We want people to make this their permanent home and as they grow, we have other spaces in the building we want them to go to."

Intellectual property attorney Rhett Barney recently started his own law firm called Barney IP that has its headquarters at the Portal in one of the executive suites. With his home only minutes away from work, Barney said the convenient location has allowed him "to stay more connected with the community" through volunteer efforts with Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels and as a board member with the Liberty Lake Library.

"Most clients don't come see us, so we don't really need a big office," Barney said. "When I heard they were going to build out these executive suites, I remember thinking, 'That's exactly what I need,' because I obviously want to keep the overhead as low as

possible. Bob and Steven have made it very easy for me to be happy being here."

Steven Daines said the idea for the executive suites came after all the smaller office spaces had been leased out.

"People were like, 'Hey, I want all the amenities of your whole building, but it's just me,'" he said. "So we basically did a microcosm of the building, we just shrunk it down into one area. So instead of having a break room over there, it's right outside their front door. So it's like its own miniature building."

The next major project for the Portal will begin in June with the construction of a new conference/community room that will hover over the main entrance. Staying with the theme of glass, the space will emphasize expansive windows and natural light.

"We're building out the front," Steven said. "It's going to be glass from toe to ceiling and it's not just going to be a conference room, it's a community room. This will be a way for the community to be a part of it."

The expansion will continue the Portal's legacy of civic support going back to the early days of Liberty Lake incorporation. Long before there was an official City Hall, the first group of municipal leaders met at the building with rent and computers courtesy of Bernard Daines.

"When we first started in 2001, that was city headquarters," Liberty Lake Mayor Steve Peterson said. "If you look back, the city and the Portal have shared the same vision of helping entrepreneurs and starting new businesses. They've really done wonders with that building."

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PORTAL

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Portal projects on the horizon include the addition of a lunchroom, signage on three sides of the building and the buildout of 6,000 more square feet, possibly featuring around a dozen more offices in the spirit of the executive suites, though with a slightly different angle.

IT Lifeline, a company specializing in vaulting data for businesses, has called the Portal home for the past nine years and now occupies 9,000 square feet. Jim Sandford, one of the co-founders of IT Lifeline and a resident of Liberty Lake, said the Portal has been an ideal venue for the company as it has grown over time. The business started with 1,000 square feet and has gone from three employees to 15.

“When this building was built, it gave us

an opportunity to expand and really build the way we wanted to,” Sandford said. “We were able to design a state-of-the-art business recovery center designed with the customer in mind.”

Sandford said the Portal’s high-tech amenities were one of the key selling points.

“This building had the communications, the data center,” he said. “There’s probably not a better data center within 300 miles in whatever direction you want to go.”

While the Portal may boast the premium wiring setup in the region, the experience of Sandford and others points to a building that is becoming known more for its overall distinction as a gracious and attentive host.

“I’m glad to see we have a place that has a lot of diverse tenants,” Bernard Daines said. “One thing I like about it is that we’ve been working very, very diligently to make the tenants happy. And by and large, I think you’ll find that they love the place.”

'Molasses' on the move

My personal acceleration from zero to half-marathon



By **Chad Kimberley**
SPLASH COLUMN

Nicknames can be rough. During my high school sports career, I picked up a rather unfortunate nickname for a prep athlete: "Molasses."

It seems one of my coaches was not awed by my blinding speed around the bases or up and down the court and saw fit to give me the title. As much as I want to fight this moniker, it is true. I have three primary speeds: sloth, turtle and slug.

The truth is I would try to run with more speed, but somewhere the wiring traveling from my brain — which pictured me sailing along like Carl Lewis — got tangled up with my legs, which were moving at the same speed as an old guy using a walker.

All this had led me to spurn and avoid anything resembling a race. In fact, I am confident that when the Zombie Apocalypse begins, I will be one of the slow ones they pick off while my faster family and friends escape — and then somehow I will become the slowest moving of the walkers once I turn.

Yet here I am just a few short weeks away from jumping on the Centennial Trail with a thousand much-quicker friends to compete in the Windermere Half Marathon.

Makes a lot of sense, right?

Many of my more sensible friends see springtime as a chance to pull out the golf clubs and play a round, maybe enjoy the smell of a new can of tennis balls while hitting the court, or possibly even oil up the old ball glove to get ready for softball season. Here I am buying some new running shoes and getting up way too early to log some miles.

As I reflect how I got here, it comes flooding back to me quickly: 1) I thought it could be a funny column. 2) It would be an experience to do with my wife. One of these is the much more noble and rational reason.

I was chatting with my wife, who actually enjoys running, several weeks ago when she mentioned she was interested in doing the half-marathon. I immediately thought there could be some comic material involved (at my expense, of course) and asked her if I could join her on the journey.

She found a 10-week training plan that presupposed you could run three miles without stopping to walk or receive oxygen. Sure I could. I mean, I am a former slow athlete who spends more time prowling a sideline coaching versus being on the floor playing. Perfectly simple.

I did it, very slowly, and now I understood why my coach called me "Molasses."

I dove into the first week of the training plan, which included days that were built around cute titles like "AYF" (as you feel), "Easy Run" (I have yet to experience this phenomenon despite continued efforts to discover it), and "Fartlek Days."

I discovered I was very good at the Fartlek Days depending on what I ate the previous night. Then I found out that "fartlek" is Swedish for "speed play" and is designed for shifting gears and running at varying speeds like you might in a real race. The definition lost me at the word "speed."

At the end of the first week, the plan called for a 5-mile "long" run. I mapped out a 2.5-mile route from my house so that I could go straight out and come straight back. I let Tammy know where I was going so that if I didn't return within an hour, she would know the general direction to point the paramedics.

I discovered on this long run — and all my ensuing long runs since — that I love getting out early in the morning. I don't love it because of the romanticized idea of running as the sun comes up. And I am not primarily a fan because it is cooler and a more comfortable temperature for me. No, I love it because there are very few other people out that early to witness my pitiful attempt to run.

The competitive side of me hates cross-jogging paths with people when I am out be-

cause I feel a sudden urge to quicken my pace (an upshift from "Molasses" to "Pancake Syrup") and show this new peer that I too am a runner. Right as we prepare to pass, I take a quick, deep breath so that I can sound normal when I mutter out a "good morning" versus gasping out a few syllables that are unintelligible.

This plan typically works unless I know the person. One morning, while I was on the final mile of a 6-mile jaunt, I passed one of my daughter's former teachers. She was moving along at a smooth pace, a smile on her face, and shouted out a greeting to me along with a follow-up comment. I was great with the greeting, as I returned a hearty "good morning." But the follow-up comment about running in the cold did not allow me time for another deep breath. I said something to the effect of, "paoijhgpa, apoihjgalt, qopuizpoi."

My goal was to say that I loved running in the brisk weather.

I am now at the halfway mark of the training plan and can proudly state I have made it all the way up to an 9-mile run without stopping. My successful completion of part one now has me looking forward to the second half of the journey and my ultimate attempt to cover 13.1 miles on a hopefully cool Sunday morning in May.

I have set a couple goals for myself: 1) Finish. 2) Finish and not get lapped by more than a hundred marathon runners who will start at the same time as I do — just 13 short miles behind me.

As I wrap up my training plan, I will be motivated both by the words and the works of Henry Ford. His words were simple and full of wisdom in the style of Yoda, "Whether you believe you can or believe you can't, you're probably right."

And his invention is what I plan to use to get around once this crazy running thing is over.

Chad Kimberley is a Liberty Lake resident and regular Splash contributor. He is a teacher and coach at Valley Christian School.

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4/4 Liberty Lake Ladies Nine Hole Club

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4/10 Trailhead Ladies 9 Hole Club

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SPORTS

LLRC gears up in green



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Over 20 people joined with The Liberty Lake Running Club for a St. Patrick's Day run in March. The group's next special event is a Strolling Story Time on May 23.

Hoopster Challenge champs

The third-grade boys basketball team 100% Chance of Reign went 6-0 and won the 3-on-3 Hoopster Challenge at the HUB on March 16. The team consisted of Dylan Darling, Tayshawn Colvin, Tyler Mumm and Parker Smith.



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Team invited to national tourney

SEAF 95 White finished the inaugural season of the Washington State Premier League with an undefeated season, winning 7 and tying 1. By winning their division, the team received an invitation to the National Premier League Tournament this July to face the division winners from each club.



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Pictured are (back row) Brie Jones, Emma Riesman, Taylor Morscheck, Mackenzie Warren, Brittany Fetters, Kaiti Pannell, Taryn Miller, Attiyahna Reinholt-Simpson, Emma Marshall; (front row) Kelce Koshney, Emma Kennedy, Michelle Hughes, Ellie Fix, Rylee Rassier, Hailey Spooner, Sarah Fix and Dalynn Blais. Not pictured are Jadyn Sanchez and Shelby Shafer.

League champions

The girls U18 Spokane Shadow Philp went undefeated this season and won the League Championship.



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The team consists of: Coach Dan Philp, Natalie Middleton, Laci Rennaker, Paige Galloway, Katy Weisbeck, Kendra Morscheck, Jessie Elisa Green, Karlee Goehner, Dariyan Johnston, Keilin Farrand, Madi Payne, Jessica Geibel and Whitni Mundel. Not pictured is Maddie Jones and Sidney Batkoff.

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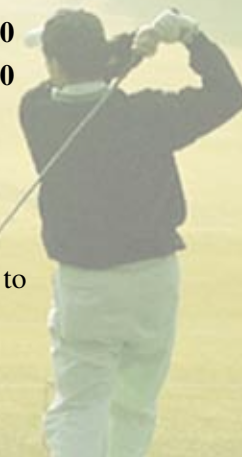
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How licensing your pet saves animal lives

By Nancy Hill

SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



License your pet and prove that you care. Pet licensing may save the life of your pet and benefits the homeless animals in our community. Purchasing a pet license identifies your pet and helps to keep them safe. It also funds important animal protection programs literally saving animals lives.

The pet license is your pet's phone call home if your pet is ever lost and will instantly identify your pet as a family member. Most pets in our community are not licensed and if lost do not always find their way back home. Citizens finding lost pets in the community are much more likely to search for an owner if the pet is wearing a tag. SCRAPS animal protection officers can look up a pet license 24/7 and immediately return a lost pet home.

Pet licensing has been required by law for dogs for nearly a century and for cats since 1991. Each year, SCRAPS handles a record number of animals and only a fraction of those are actually licensed. A licensed pet is quickly reunited with their owners often without even coming to the shelter. Those that do arrive at the shelter generally go home with their owners within the first 24 hours of impoundment. Unidentified animals do not fare near as well. Unfortunately, for those unclaimed animals it is a daily struggle to find homes for them all.

Pet licensing also helps fund important animal protection programs in the community. Licensing funds a spay/neuter voucher program directly impacting the number of homeless pets at area shelters. Vouchers are issued to pet owners helping to make spay/neuter affordable. The vouchers are accepted by all area veterinarians. Licensing also helps fund animal cruelty investigations. Trained SCRAPS animal protection officers are out in the community daily responding to citizen complaints — making sure that animals are safe and have proper care.

Pet licensing is required by law for all dogs and cats more than six months of age. Licenses must be renewed annually and are good for 12 months from the date of purchase. Owners of unlicensed pets are subject to a \$200 fine. Pet licenses may be purchased online at www.spokanecounty.org/scraps, by mail or at the SCRAPS animal shelter.

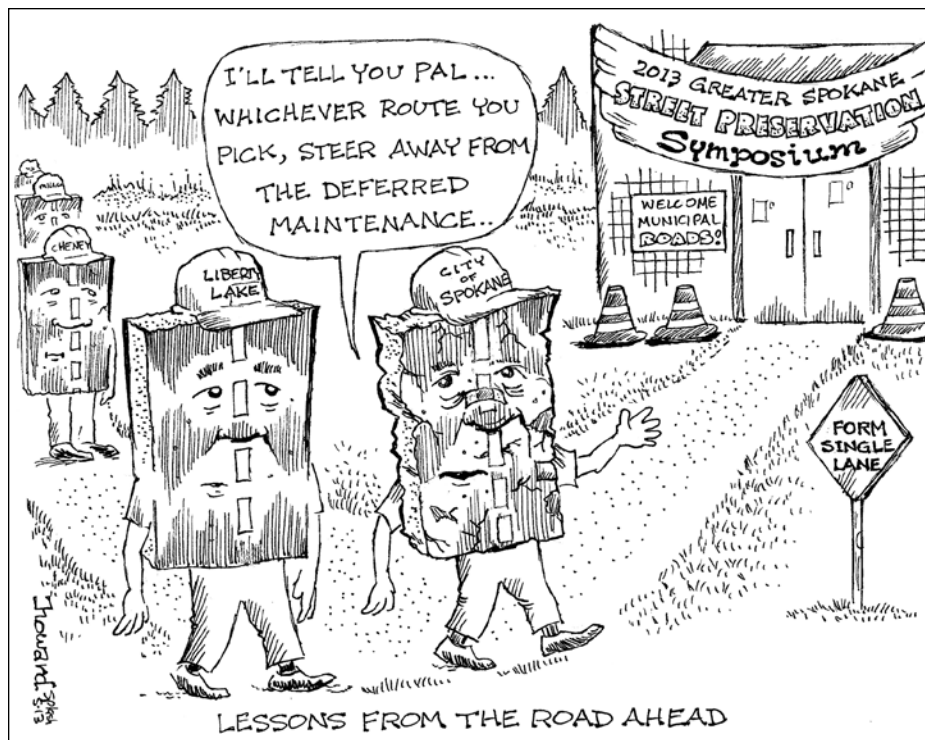
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Please remember your local animal shelter the next time you are looking for a new pet. The SCRAPS animal shelter has many homeless dogs and cats for adoption. Stop by our facility for a visit, and find a new friend in the process. Additionally, SCRAPS offers free dog training classes and valuable information on animal behavior to help you be a successful pet owner.

SCRAPS welcomes volunteers, giving them an opportunity to help make a difference in the life of a homeless animal. You may also make a charitable contribution to SCRAPS to help fund our animal medical program and humane education.

SCRAPS will become your regional animal protection provider beginning in 2014. Watch for more information on SCRAPS new facility and the regional program as we move forward with this project.

Nancy Hill is the director of the Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service (SCRAPS). For more on the program, call 477-2532 or email scraps@spokanecounty.org.



Acts of courage should be encouraged

By Mike Thomas

SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear. ~ Mark Twain

When I was a teenager I recall several instances where I stood up for other kids in school who were targeted for not being popular, having come from a lower socioeconomic family or just being socially awkward. I recall feeling compelled to help, and if I did not stand up for them then who would? I continued to have the courage to

stand up for people who were reluctant or unable to stand up for themselves, and after high school I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Serving in the United States Marines, I was a part of the military that defends other countries that are reluctant or unable to stand up for themselves.

After serving in the military, I continued on to college and later began serving my community as a police officer. Serving the community as a police officer for the past 15 years, I have learned a great deal about courage. I believe some people are born courageous and others have learned how to be courageous through life experiences. Courage is doing what needs to be done for the greater good, even when most of the

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Letter to the Editor

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I would like to thank the staff at our Liberty Lake Municipal Library.

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The venue was perfect. They put information about the event in the library bulletin and made small posters as well. We scheduled it for a Thursday evening and Friday morning. Our community was well-represented at both meetings, and

I had the opportunity to share about the writing of the book as well as its content.

Thursday evening as the 8 p.m. closing time approached, Travis Montgomery volunteered to stay later to facilitate finishing the presentation.

The whole experience was delightful, and my thanks to Library Director Pamela Mogen for running such a great library. Another reason for being thankful for our Liberty Lake community!

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time it is more difficult or even dangerous.

It is a common belief that police only give speeding tickets or sit around drinking coffee. Most people are unaware how often law enforcement personnel put themselves in harm's way to keep the community safe. Police need to have enough courage to rush to calls of weapon-wielding, crazed lunatics who are threatening themselves or others. We understand we may end up being hurt or killed but have to overcome our fear because it is the right thing to do for the community as a whole.

During police and military basic training, trainees are schooled in courage. We are taught how to defend ourselves, to adapt and overcome situations and to learn basic hand-to-hand combat. These skills help us build confidence, which leads to courageous responses. It remains our job to run toward situations which could create harm to others. This takes courage on a daily basis.

I encourage our youth and our leaders to have the courage to stand up for those who are reluctant or unable to stand up for themselves, especially those targeted by bullies, both young and old. Do not sit passively when you see someone being wronged or hurt. Have the courage to do something, anything, even if it is only reporting an incident to an adult or an authority figure that can help those who may not be able to help themselves.

Mike Thomas is a master police officer with the Liberty Lake Police Department, where he has worked for the past 10 years. He previously worked as a police officer in Idaho for the cities of Moscow and Kellogg. He graduated from Shadle Park High School in 1989.



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When you love it here, there is no 'the end'

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF COLUMN



On July 4, 1989, I carried my then 10-month-old brother around Alpine Shores wearing only a diaper.

Clarification: *He* was wearing only a diaper. (Mike has always been a bit fashion-questionable.) Me? I was the appropriately clad 11-year-old talked into the stunt by longtime Fourth of July parade organizer Annie Tichy. It seems Tichy, a family friend, remembered a speech I had given to my Greenacres Elementary School classmates a couple months prior — a speech that enticed them to elect me ASB president.

First off, I had no business being elected to the school's monkey bar advisory committee, let alone president. (Sister Bri was always the one tasked with making our family look good.) But like fellow jokester George W., I got a little help from Dad and pulled off a surprise victory.

Dad taught me the first rule of campaigning: Know your audience. Enter the diaper. I was trying to get kindergarten through sixth-graders to remember and vote for me. It wasn't going to happen by sharing my opinion of Oliver North.

So I brought Mike up on stage with me, made some reference about how I've loved Greenacres Elementary since I was a baby, and then set the audience up for the big reveal. As we started to walk off stage, Dad swooped in and suspended Mike in the air like a scene from the Lion King — except "Simba" was turned backwards. The swing-voting first-graders enjoyed a front-row seat to a message even they could read. Scrawled on the back of Mike's diaper in thick, black, capital letters: "VOTE FOR JOSH."

Even the life-size teddy bear Jobe Tichy used in his speech while trouncing me in our race for vice president the year before would have had a tough time beating this prop. Looking for a way to woo the elementary-age demographic? Diaper humor.

Jobe's mom, the aforementioned Annie Tichy, was impressed enough by the stunt to ask Mike and I to "bring up the rear" of that 1989 parade. This time, Mike's diaper all too appropriately read, "THE END."

The end. I thought of these words, and the aforementioned story, when corresponding recently with the regular or-



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

Joan and Harold Hughes, the columnist's grandparents, were grand marshals of the 2006 Liberty Lake Fourth of July Parade.

ganizers of the Alpine Shores tradition. This year, they are seeking a new coordinator for the festivities. There have been so many amazing people who have made the event possible through the years — Tichy, Dave Graham, Jackie Wills, Cheryl Leavall, Tina Wallingford, Kelli Schneidmiller (just to scratch the surface) — but the tried and true crew is looking for some fresh energy and ideas to be instilled into the Liberty Lake tradition. Some volunteers are still engaged in the roles they've played for years, but others rightfully are taking an opportunity to say last year's parade was "the end" for their service.

It reminds me of several other local traditions that have recently undergone changes.

The Liberty Lake Community Easter Egg Hunt — which I remember being organized by Ray and Karen Ruef when I was a boy and in its more recent manifestation was led by Wendy Van Orman — this year was put together by Van Orman's daughter, Alisha Davis. (By the way, Alisha, you set an insurmountable bar when it comes to weather.)

The Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales, for years led by an able homegrown

association, is now in its third year being organized by the Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club.

And after 10 years at the helm, Pat Lutzenberger and Linda Dockrey are passing the leadership baton of the Liberty Lake Elementary School K-Kids club. Kelli Gardner will be stepping into the role next year.

It's been gratifying to see so many great events and organizations live on in our community, even as the people who put them together change over the years. And allow me to reiterate — this is the way it's supposed to be. There should never be a position called "volunteer for life." When that happens, great things come and go dependant upon the cast that supports them. New perspectives and energy are vital to all that is worthwhile and lasting.

Allow this to be an encouragement to Liberty Lake residents to step up. There are many who know the timing is right — that the sideline was fine for a while, but it's time to jump into a role. Help keep this community the dynamic place that it is, a place we can be so proud to call home, because it really feels that way.

The people who perhaps instilled my

love for this community the most were my grandparents, Harold and Joan Hughes. They moved to Liberty Lake in the 1950s and embraced life and engagement here — not out of obligation, but out of a genuine love for their hometown.

Being engaged in the community wasn't a matter of "the right thing to do" for Granny and Gramps. They simply always found joy and life in the relationships, activities and amenities found in their surroundings. And they kept building on that foundation.

I was so grateful to the committee that selected them as grand marshals for the 2006 Fourth of July parade because, to me, they epitomized "love of community."

Granny died the following March, and Gramps a couple years later. But thanks to so many like them, the Liberty Lake heritage they participated in of "gathering, recreation and music" lives on — event to event, person to person, generation to generation. No "the end."

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