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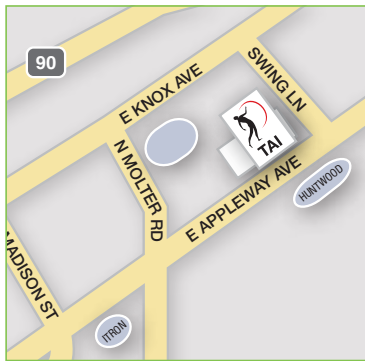


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First Lady of Liberty Lake

Civic involvement, aesthetics important to Charmaine Peterson

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

If you plan on attending a meeting of the Liberty Lake City Council in the near future, chances are Charmaine Peterson will be there to ensure your time is not wasted.

It is rare that the wife of Mayor Steve Peterson does not chime in at some point during a gathering at City Hall. Accompanied by her trusty Chihuahuas, Pecos and Rico, she is known to issue friendly reminders to the governing board that attendees in council chambers may not be able to decipher the ongoing discussion around the dais.

"I want to make sure people can hear and see what's going on," Charmaine Peterson said.

Her commentary on the audio/visual setup at City Hall included a recent recommendation that the audience might have



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trouble interpreting the small font used in PowerPoint presentations. That scenario has now changed to feature easy-to-read script.

A stickler for aesthetics, Peterson has been known to sweep out a gutter or two on city streets. She has offered suggestions on the interior of City Hall and is adamant about stowing away the salt bucket on municipal grounds when its contents are not being used to shore up slippery winter walkways.

The Petersons moved to pre-incorporated Liberty Lake in 1998, settling in a burgeoning MeadowWood Golf Course neighborhood. Their home overlooks the well-manicured course. If not for Charmaine's decision to pass on a chance to live near the lake — south of Sprague Avenue and outside future city limits — her husband would never have qualified to be mayor.

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FIRST LADY

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Charmaine and Steve Peterson wed in 1996, the second marriage for both. They met in Billings, Mont., when Steve was working as a pharmaceutical representative and Charmaine was helping at a family medical practice in preparation to attend physician's assistant school.

She left Billings in 1993 to live in Kansas and study at Wichita State University. She took two degrees from Montana State University with her to the Midwest — one in business administration and another in secondary education — earned while her two kids were in high school.

Born in Washington, D.C., Peterson grew up in an Air Force family — her dad served as a sergeant — and lived in New Mexico, Japan and briefly in Spokane growing up. She graduated 10th out of 1,000 students in her Albuquerque high school.

After earning her P.A. degree, marrying and moving to Spokane, Peterson worked in a family clinic and later for a dermatology practice. Charmaine and Steve lived on the South Hill before migrating east to Liberty Lake. The couple has three kids and two grandchildren in their blended family. Charmaine's son, Lee, is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and now works as a commercial pilot based in Tacoma. Her daughter, Nancy, lives in Montana and works as a school counselor. Steve's son, Steve Jr., lives in Seattle and works at a brewery.

The Splash caught up with the First Lady of Liberty Lake recently to chat about municipal aesthetics, citizen involvement and local canine representation at City Council meetings.

Q. You have been a regular at City Council meetings during the time Mayor Peterson has been in office. What do you remember about his first stint as mayor, and what was it like during the four years (2008-2011) when he was not leading the city?



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Charmaine Peterson has lived in Liberty Lake with her husband, Mayor Steve Peterson, since 1998. She is part of the Liberty Lake Kiwanis, the Liberty Lake Community Theatre and a regular attendee at Liberty Lake City Council meetings.

A. I make it a point to attend the council meetings when possible to support the mayor. I am so very proud of his accomplishments. It is very satisfying for me to witness the work the staff and council do. The mayor's first two terms were filled with challenges, accomplishments and excitement. I should also add fear, as we were a new city. I did miss being part of city government when (Mayor Peterson) was not in office. However, looking back on those years, they were actually a welcomed reprieve.

Q: In addition to your stellar attendance at council meetings, we see you at a number of community events throughout the year, including the Friends of Pavilion Park Holiday Ball each December. What other civic happenings do you make it a point to attend?

A: I am a proud Liberty Lake Kiwanis member and enjoy being able to participate in a few of their fundraisers throughout the year. My favorite is helping in the Kiwanis

trailer during the Pavillion Park events. I also look forward to helping with the Windermere Marathon and riding in the Rotary fundraiser, Rotary in Motion.

Q: You and Mayor Peterson became crepe specialists at the Liberty Lake Farmers Market for several years. What did you learn about the community from visiting with market-goers?

A: We had the Crepe Cafe at the Farmers Market for six years. Each Saturday, I would return home more proud of our citizens and city than the previous week. Our citizens would repeatedly remark how they loved Liberty Lake. And the frosting on the cake was that many customers we had from outside the city would make the same comments and return Saturday after Saturday. Since Mayor Peterson and I moved here in 1998, Liberty Lake has not only grown in numbers, but in city pride. The city is cleaner, public spaces are greener and the citizens have a community spirit to be admired.

Q: Your Chihuahua, Pecos, is recognized as the First Canine of Liberty Lake. Now, his brother, Rico, is also a fixture on the front row at council meetings. Do you think both dogs appreciate conversations surrounding topics like street repair, the utility tax and, most importantly, animal protection?

A: I know for certain that Pecos loves to attend the City Council meetings. Grant you, he might not hang on every word spoken and does squeeze in a nap for 99 percent of it, but he knows the people and wants to be with them. Rico, on the other hand, has yet to become as civically involved.

Q: Do you and the mayor ever have discussions about the direction of the city at home?

A: The mayor and I never disagree about the direction of the city. We do disagree on the prioritization of projects and on the speed of accomplishment. But I also recognize that I am on the outside looking in and do not fully appreciate the crippling steps that government must endure.

Q: You have had a number of comments over the years about general appearance of City Hall, from the paint in council chambers to the arrangement of the dais. How do you think municipal headquarters is looking these days?

A: City Hall is looking better today than it was two years ago. It is the people's house and should at all times hold a very high standard for our citizens. Preventative maintenance should not be a matter of discussion but a requirement that is expected to occur.

Q: What do you enjoy most about living in Liberty Lake?

A: I most enjoy the sense of contentment. We are very happy, very content here. The city is clean, physically active and offers a comforting sense of community. I want people to drive into Liberty Lake and when they're sitting at the traffic light, say, 'We're here.' People remember the food when they travel, and they remember how clean it is. You notice when things are nice. It may sound trivial, but aesthetics are what sell the city.

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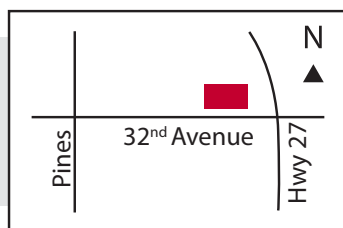
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NEWS

LLPD sergeant dead following off-duty incident

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Liberty Lake Police Sgt. Clint Gibson, 41, was found dead early April 25 in his personal vehicle following a one-car accident in North Spokane. He was off duty at the time of the incident, which was still under investigation by the Spokane Police Department at the time this issue went to print.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:45 a.m. in the 1000 block of West Francis Avenue.

The majority of the 10-member Liberty Lake Police Department gathered at the station April 25 to grieve together and remember Gibson, who was "not just a sergeant here, but he was a good friend of mine," Police Chief Brian Asmus said.

Asmus said he received a call from dispatch at 2 a.m. informing him of the incident, and along with another Liberty Lake officer and Police Chaplain John Thompson, they notified Gibson's family. The LLPD family was also notified.

"We are all quite shocked by this," Asmus said. "Being a 10-person department, we are a family here, and so it is like losing a brother."



GIBSON

After Asmus and current Det. Ray Bourgeois, Gibson was the third officer hired by the LLPD, joining the department in April 2002. He received numerous commendations and was the recipient of the annual Chief's Award on three occasions. Asmus cited Gibson's leadership and innovative ideas as being major contributors to the success of the department. Among the programs implemented by Gibson was LLPD's bicycle patrol program, enhanced in-service training and a core value-based approach to policing.

"That's how we started running our department, basing all of our policies and procedures on those core values, and that

was his idea," Asmus recalled. "It's been great."

Promoted to sergeant in 2007, Gibson oversaw the patrol officers for the department. He was also a firearms instructor, emergency vehicle operations course instructor, defensive tactics instructor and a member of the regional Special Response Team.

Asmus said his level of training groomed him for even further leadership responsibilities.

"He achieved so much, and he had great potential," Asmus said. "He had the potential of possibly being the next chief here as a matter of fact, whenever I left."

Asmus was joined at the news conference by Mayor Steve Peterson and flanked by other members of the LLPD family.

"You wish you'd never have to go through this process, but what (Gibson's) left behind is invaluable and will continue on," Peterson said. "He's left a mark on everyone's life for positive. We'll remember Clint for that, and we'll honor him for that."

Gibson is survived by his wife and four children – one son and three daughters, all of Spokane.

Gibson was a native of Astoria, Ore. He spent time growing up in Alaska and Deer Park. After completing the administration of justice program at Spokane Community College, Gibson began as a reserve officer with the city of Spokane Police Department in 1996. After that, he worked for police departments in Colfax and Pullman before joining LLPD.

Asmus said Gibson's last scheduled shift with his department of 12 years was April 24.

Spokane Police spokeswoman Monique Cotton said in an email that major crimes detectives were investigating Gibson's death and that the Spokane County Medical Examiner would release the official cause of death at a later time.

Editor's note: A longer version of this story is available at www.libertylakesplash.com, and it will be updated as further information is released.

Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were among those reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department from March 31 to April 21. The report is listed in chronological order.

Incidents and arrests

• **Assault** — At noon March 31, a complainant came in to LLPD to report a juvenile problem at the 23000 block of East Mission Avenue. The complainant reported a juvenile male had assaulted multiple staff members along with another juvenile. The incident was reported to the proper state agencies.

• **Ceiling fan noise** — At 1:51 p.m. April 1, LLPD responded to a citizen contact at the 21000 block of East Country Vista Drive. The complainant reported that a resident has come to his apartment multiple times to complain about the noise created by the ceiling fan in the bathroom. Management reportedly replaced the fan twice, but the neighbor continues to come to the door to complain to the complainant and his wife regarding the noise. An officer advised the complainant to get a no-contact order.

• **Assault** — At 10:09 a.m. April 3, LLPD received a report of an aggravated assault that took place at the 23000 block of East Riverside. The complainant reported his 17-year-old son was currently undergoing surgery for damage he incurred at a party the night prior in Liberty Lake. The matter was placed under investigation.

• **Child abuse** — At 3:30 p.m. April

Calls for service

Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department March 31-April 21

Agency assist	2
Alarm	1
Animal problem	1
Assault (aggravated)	1
Assault (non-aggravated)	1
Child abuse or neglect	1
Citizen assist	3
Deceased person	1
Domestic violence	1
Drug possession	1
DUI	9
Family fight	1
Fire	1
Fraud	2
Lost or found property	2
Not classified/defined	6
Property theft	2
Traffic accident	1
Traffic hazard	1

7, LLPD responded to a report of child abuse/neglect at the 19000 block of East Shannon. The complainant reported that over the weekend, a 6-week-old infant had been checked into the hospital after suffering 14 fractured ribs, a skull fracture, and extensive bruising. The incident was placed under investigation.

• **Domestic violence assault** — A 37-year-old Spokane Valley man was arrested at 10:15 a.m. April 8 at the

Traffic offense	20
Trespassing	1
Welfare check	2

Citations

Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department March 31-April 21

Assault	1
Defective muffler	2
DUI	8
DWLS	22
Expired registration	5
Failure to dim headlights	1
Following too close	1
Illegal use of studded tires	3
Liability insurance	8
Minor in poss/control alcohol	2
Obstructing law enforcement	1
Reckless driving	1
Speeding	24
Texting while driving	1
Use of cell phone	2

24000 block of East Hawkstone Loop for domestic violence assault. A complainant reported that men were standing behind the apartment building fighting. Upon arrival, officers spoke to a female victim, who reported the man had become upset about the state of the apartment and had grabbed a phone out of her hand, causing bleeding. The victim's family members arrived in an effort to diffuse the argument and try and get the man

to leave peacefully. It was determined the man was the aggressor, and he was booked into Spokane County Jail.

• **Assault report** — At 4:15 p.m. April 9, LLPD responded to the 25000 block of East Hawkstone Loop in regards to an assault. The complainant reported that the day prior, her boyfriend had pushed her out of a moving vehicle. She said she called 911 but told officers not to come out to the residence as her boyfriend would be mad. Upon arrival, officers observed no physical injuries to the complainant, who reported being on numerous medications. Officers spoke to a roommate, who reported he believed the incident had not taken place, and said the complainant called because no one would pick her up to leave the apartment. There was no evidence an assault had taken place, so no further action was taken.

• **Protection order** — At 6:27 p.m. April 9, LLPD responded to the 1700 block of North Winchester Street for service of a temporary protection order. A complainant reported a subject was refusing to be served with the order. When officers arrived, the complainant had parked blocking the subject's car in the drive so the subject could not leave without being served. Officers spoke to the subject, who reported several domestic violence incidents had taken place between herself and the complainant that she never reported to law enforcement. Officers requested the subject collect her things and leave the residence immediately.

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NEWS

Concerns over roof closed library April 15-21

Temporary braces enabled reopening

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The timing of National Library Week was less than ideal for Pamela Mogen and her colleagues.

Mogen, the longtime director of the Liberty Lake Library, was on hand at the April 15 City Council meeting to accept a proclamation observing the week, only a few hours after the local storehouse of books on Mission Avenue was closed due to concerns over a water-damaged roof.

“We’ll have to take a raincheck on everyone heading to the library,” said Mayor Steve Peterson after thanking Mogen and her staff for their “outstanding work.”

The city made the call to temporarily shut down the library in the early afternoon after a crew hired to re-roof the building discovered weakened trusses over a section of the former warehouse.

“When they peeled back the membrane (old roof tiles), they found the damage,” said City Engineer Andrew Staples. “It was completely invisible from the outside.

We were definitely surprised.”

City Administrator Katy Allen told council that the closure was “precautionary” and emphasized that the city would work diligently “to fix the structural connections in question.”

Ultimately, the closure lasted less than a week, with the library re-opening at 2 p.m. on April 21. The city consulted with a structural engineer and the roofing contractor, who determined that temporary braces could be installed to secure the part of the roof in question. Just to be safe, the city partitioned off the section of the library below the provisional fix. The plan, Allen said, was to “repair or replace the trusses,” for long-term stability. The cost is estimated at \$20,000, with the city hoping to have the mend wrapped up the first week of May.

Council has already approved funding for re-roofing of both the library and the police precinct.

The current site of the library was once the home of Northern Technologies. The city purchased the building for just under \$2 million in 2008 and spent another \$675,000 to transform the structure — spanning 37,400 square feet — into the new headquarters for the library and the Liberty Lake Police Department. The li-

brary officially opened in March of 2009.

Allen told council on April 15 that there were plans to utilize the adjacent police department for some materials checkout while the library was closed. In response to Council Member Keith Kopelson’s question about the impact of the closure on library employees, Allen noted that “the goal is to make sure no employees will be financially impacted.”

Town Square Park bid on horizon

Council also received an update on a project a block to the west of the library at the April 15 meeting. Staples presented an overview of the Town Square Park design, a greenspace slated for the center of the city on just over two acres off Meadowwood Lane.

The project would add 56 parking spaces, sidewalks, landscaping, a restroom and lighting to the now barren space just east of the Liberty Lake Farmers Market. The cost estimate on the park sits at \$744,000, under the \$785,000 budgeted by council.

Council Member Odin Langford was less than enthused about one proposed landmark in the park — an entryway arch that was part of the original plan

drawn up years ago and revised by Welch Comer Engineers as part of a more cost-effective budget. Allen emphasized that the arch was “a nice feature, but not an essential feature” and could be included as a line item in the bid “so council could decide whether to include it or not.”

“Our goal is to not keep adding things to this project,” Allen said. “I’d rather have the discussion tonight than when we bring it back to award the contract.”

Staples said plans are to award the bid at the May 20 meeting and begin construction by the end of June, with the park being wrapped up sometime in September or October.

Waste management update

Allen’s report on April 15 also included the latest on the city’s attempts to secure a waste management contract in light of Spokane County taking over regional solid waste from the city of Spokane. Liberty Lake has aligned with a group of jurisdictions that includes Spokane Valley, Cheney, Deer Park, Millwood and Airway Heights to test the waters for waste management alternatives and, in Allen’s words, “see what the best cost options are.”

Allen added that “some questions have emerged” in response to the city’s request for proposals that went out in April, with seven entities responding. Allen said all RFP proposals are due by May 8.

Meanwhile, Liberty Lake has yet to receive any cost estimates from Spokane County. The county issued a letter to the city on March 31 requesting an answer on an interlocal agreement by April 30. That deadline has now been moved to May 15.

Peterson said the debate over whether to sign on with the county or a private company for waste management “includes a lot of variables,” adding that a final agreement would need to be reached by November.

Council narrows options for Trailhead facility

Over the past decade, Trailhead at Liberty Lake has been transformed into one of the region’s more respected and utilized golf courses.

Meanwhile, the venue that serves as Trailhead’s flagship facility has been part of another storyline.

The city, which purchased the course and accompanying building for \$2.4 million in 2002, will spend around \$40,000 this year to address plumbing and restoration issues at the venerable structure that is home to a pro shop, banquet facilities and Palenque Mexican Restaurant. The total represents a significant jump from the average annual expense for previous re-

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IN THE BOOKS, ON THE DOCKET

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

By Craig Howard
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In the Books (April)

- Council heard a presentation by Yoko Colby of Minapsys at its April 15 meeting. The company specializes in online surveys that, in Colby’s words, “produce meaningful results through discussion, collaboration and evaluation.” The city has had discussions with Minapsys about gathering follow-up information from the parks, recreation and open space survey as well as conducting future surveys. Since the company is attempting to break into the municipal market, there would be no initial cost to the city.

- Jennifer Camp, the city’s Parks and Open Space superintendent, provided an update on spring maintenance, noting that runoff has led to bunker damage at Trailhead and the need to replenish sand. She added that several irrigation breaks at the course have already been

repaired. Camp also noted that diseased trees have been taken down along upper Country Vista with plans to replace them with red sunset maples. The city has also recently hired Nick Arellano, a full-time irrigation technician, who previously worked for the city of Coeur d’Alene.

- City Administrator Katy Allen told council April 15 she has had discussions with management at the Hawkstone apartment complex on East Appleway regarding a shuttle van at the facility. Allen said while the vehicle has been utilized by seniors to this point, the city is recommending that shuttle transportation be available to all residents. At a meeting April 1, Council members bargaged representatives of the Spokane Transit Authority with questions regarding the lack of a bus stop near the complex. The STA officials pointed to the challenges of navigating a turnaround in the area as well as the expense of extending a route but suggested that STA bring the city a cost analysis of adding another stop.

- Pat Dockrey delivered an overview of the Food for Thought program which now provides nutrition for 180 less-fortunate students in 13 local schools. The program serves as a weekend supplement to the free-and-reduced lunch

program. Dockrey said organizers are hoping to rally community support through donations. A resident or business can sponsor a student for the school year for \$125.

On the Docket (May)

- A municipal open house will be held at City Hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m. May 15

- Council will hear an update on Spokane County’s Emergency Management program at its May 6 meeting.

- Also on May 6, the Liberty Lake Police Department will present its annual report and municipal staff will provide an update on plans for the building at the Trailhead at Liberty Lake golf course.

- Council is expected to award the contract for structural repairs at the library on May 6 and review a first read ordinance on a budget amendment to cover the cost.

- Larry Larson of the Washington Department of Transportation and Allen will conduct a workshop on the proposed I-90 interchange at the May 20 council meeting.

- The May 20 meeting will also include a workshop on the city’s Transportation Improvement Program, outlining capital projects and priorities from 2014 to 2020.

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pairs — around \$5,000 from 2008 to 2013.

At the April 1 City Council meeting, the governing board tossed out options to patch up or remodel the existing facility, currently in need of a new roof, updated HVAC system, plumbing upgrades and improvements that would bring the building into compliance with standards outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

While the city is currently assessing the structural stability of the deck and railing on the top floor of the building and addressing asbestos issues on the lower level, it appears the idea of a massive renovation has given way to the goal of a new facility.

“We’re basically looking at a Band-Aid approach or a forward-thinking approach,” said Mayor Peterson. “I think the message tonight was loud and clear that we want the forward-thinking approach.”

Finance Director R.J. Stevenson presented council with five options for the building, each with corresponding funding sources. After passing on the patch up/remodel alternatives, council also expressed disinterest in issuing a bond to pay for a new building. The current note on the Trailhead site is at just over \$600,000 and should be paid off by 2017.

Council was more agreeable to options that would generate money for an original venue through the sale of a portion of the Trailhead parcel or a leasing part of the property to a developer. Both would include stipulations on land use from the city.

Council Member Hugh Severs was one of several around the dais who expressed hesitation with selling off the land, describing it as a “great asset to the city.” Stevenson emphasized that the city was merely trying to narrow down options for the site, not move ahead immediately with a strategy.

Council Member Dan Dunne said any plan should take into account the potential of the property.

“This location is a great opportunity for the city,” Dunne said.

Allen said the city would be allotting funds over the next year to ensure that the building is “safe, compliant and operational.”

In an update at the April 15 meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Cris Kaminskas reported that initial inspections of the deck at the Trailhead building have revealed some rail damage but it appears that, overall, the structure is “solid.” The city is still waiting on a report on the deck from a structural engineer. Asbestos was also removed from the lower level of the Trailhead facility, clearing the way for the space to reopen.

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Catherine Kuhn Brown is a clinical psychologist and counselor doing business at the Liberty Lake PORTAL.

"The PORTAL is a very positive energy space," Cathy declared, "and that has been such a gift to me. People are so friendly and I've found it very supportive for doing this very hard work."

A portion of Cathy's hard work includes her efforts as a marriage preservation specialist. With her experience as a nurse, coupled with her PhD in Psychology, Cathy is uniquely equipped to apply an approach known

as Interpersonal Neurobiology. She specializes in helping adults recognize the symptoms of stress and trauma and then discover what to do with those indicators.

"We typically don't know what to do with our body symptoms so we exit to complaining, working, drugs, alcohol, and such," Cathy explained. "If we can learn how to work with the natural capacities of our brain that brings a lot of healing."

Cathy describes her work as helping couples to "calm the alarm, read their need for connection, and re-connect with their partner at a very deep bonded level. It's not a band aid fix but an actual structural change in the brain," says Cathy Brown, PhD.

Prior to opening her office in the PORTAL, Cathy recalls working in a very isolated location. The PORTAL provides a welcome contrast. "Steven Daines does an amazing job in

how he so graciously supports and welcomes everyone like family here," Cathy said. She mentioned the Friday lunches and gathering for treats provided by the PORTAL on St. Patrick's Day and other holidays. "We're all treated like we matter and that's what everybody needs to thrive."

Mayor Peterson presents Prize to PORTAL's Pitch Perfect Contest Winners



Jo LeVan of Liberty Lake is working to start a Craig's List of sorts for crafters and craftsmen. She and Tanya Smith of Tanya Smith Photography entered the PORTAL's Pitch Perfect contest earlier this spring. On April 16th, Mayor Peterson presented both entrepreneurs with a \$1000 check from the Liberty Lake Portal.



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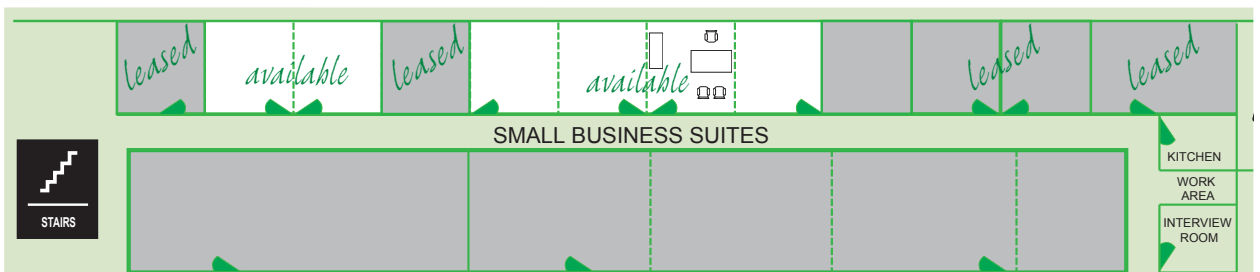
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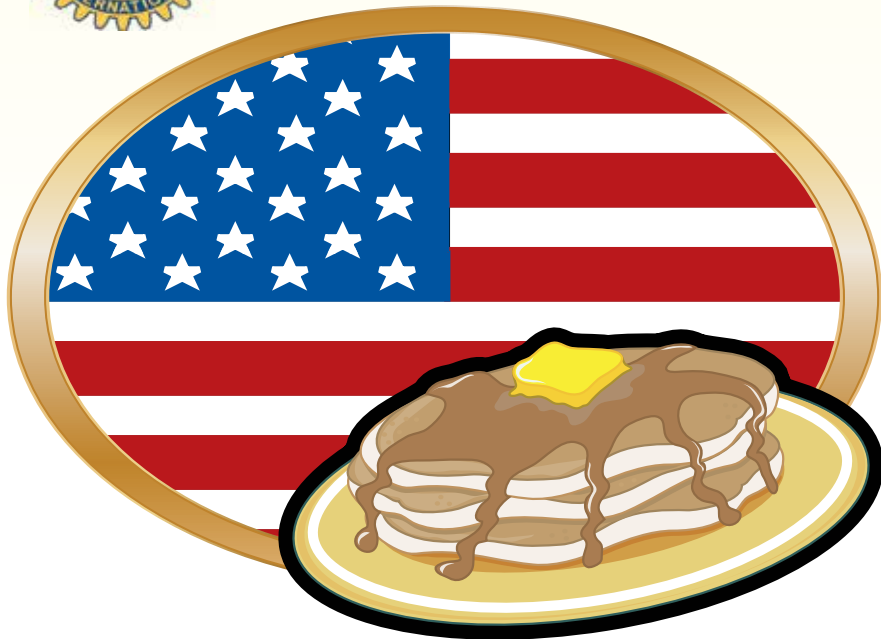
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Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast



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Monday, May 26th 2014 Memorial Day

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9 am – Memorial Day program
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Immediately following breakfast, join us for the dedication of the Pavillion Park Fallen Heroes Circuit Course, honoring US Air Force Captain Victoria "Tori" Ann Pinckney.



Spokane Valley Fire Department Announcement Important Fire Station Upgrade Information



STATION 1 - UNIVERSITY
10319 E. Sprague

STATION 4 - OTIS ORCHARDS
22406 E. Wellesley

**These stations will be temporarily relocated during the remodel process.
For services please go to the closest fire station.**

As the Fire Chief of the Spokane Valley Fire Department, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of upcoming Fire Station upgrade projects that will begin soon at two of the Spokane Valley Fire Department stations: University Fire Station 1 and Otis Orchards Fire Station 4. If you have any questions regarding these projects, please feel free to contact me directly at (509) 928-1700 or by email at: collinsb@spokanevalleyfire.com

Why does my neighborhood fire station need to be upgraded? It seems to be doing just fine.

While the facilities look fine from the exterior, the stations built in 1976 and 1984 do not contain several important requirements of modern fire stations such as a fire sprinkler system, sleeping areas and bathroom facilities that accommodate both male and female firefighters, emergency lighting and power generation capability in case of disaster, and various electrical and mechanical requirements and safety features. These projects ensure that the fire stations are brought into compliance with current laws and safety standards, remain functional, and can continue to provide reliable neighborhood resources to deliver fire and emergency medical services on a 24/7 basis.

Is emergency response going to be impacted?

Fire Department staff has put in place a plan to minimize service impacts. The stations will continue to be fully functional for a majority of the project. There will be a time when the water and gas has to be shut off in the building which will require the station crew to be temporarily relocated to another nearby station, mainly during the overnight hours. Crews will respond as normal to your area from that station. Staff will work with the contractors to see that this period of temporary relocation is as short as possible.

How long will this upgrade take?

The project from start to finish is anticipated to take no more than six months. Department staff is working with the architects, contractors and others involved to reduce this time frame down to the absolute minimum.

How is this upgrade being paid for?

The Spokane Valley Fire Department prides itself on excellent fiscal oversight and prudent planning. Funding for this project comes from monies set aside by the Board of Fire Commissioners for exactly these types of upgrade and maintenance projects. Money earmarked for these upgrades has been saved over several years to assure that when projects like this need to be done that they are fully paid for and encumber no debt.

Will the Fire Stations look different when it is completed?

Most all of the changes will occur on the inside of the stations. There will be some minor structural exterior changes, but those will not be noticed by most neighborhood residents.

As your Fire Chief, I am committed to providing our community with excellent emergency services. These projects afford responders a safe and modern working and living environment, and facilities that withstand both the daily wear and tear yet are fully functional should a disaster or catastrophic event occur.

Sincerely,
Bryan Collins
Fire Chief - Spokane Valley Fire Department
(509) 928-1700 collinsb@spokanevalleyfire.com

NEWS

Daines remembered as high-tech pioneer with first-class heart

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

For the Central Valley School District, it was a game-changing gift. For Bernard Daines, it was just another opportunity to make a difference.

Mike Pearson remembers the day in 2002 when Daines, a graduate of Central Valley High School, informed CVSD that he would be donating \$1 million toward technology upgrades. The extraordinary contribution would mean the best in high-tech support for students on the new campuses of Central Valley and University high schools.

"It was pretty amazing," said Pearson, who was working as director of Secondary Education for CVSD at the time and would go on to serve as superintendent. "Bernard was a very nice guy, a very humble guy. He said he wanted to say 'thank you' to the district."

Pearson was one of many to remember the generosity, wisdom and character of the technology pioneer last month after Daines passed away on April 4 at Kootenai Medical Center. He would have celebrated his 70th birthday on April 12. Daines had suffered from the effects of diabetes in recent years and was receiving regular dialysis treatments.

Recognized as a computer innovator on the international stage, Daines founded companies like Worldwide Packets, Packet Engines and Linus Networx. He was also co-founder of Grand Junction Networks that was later sold to Cisco Systems. Daines was one of the earliest developers of Ethernet technology and had the distinction of being featured by Newsweek magazine as one of 100 people to watch in the 21st century's opening decade.

Among his honors, Daines was nominated by the administration of President George W. Bush to serve on the Information Technology Committee and was a sought-after presenter on network technologies at high-profile conferences and university-hosted lectures.

Eldonna Shaw, CEO of the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, recalls Daines speaking at a chamber gathering years ago and making a lasting impression.

"He was certainly a wonderful gentleman," Shaw said. "He was so respected by the community, his peers and the computer industry. It was so nice to know that we had someone from here who was a leader in his field."

Despite the unique list of achievements and accolades, Daines is remembered as



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Bernard Daines and his wife, Marsha, raised six kids and have 23 grandchildren. At right, the technology pioneer is pictured in earlier days.



an unpretentious life-long learner who put family, faith and community first. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held many leadership callings throughout his life. After Liberty Lake incorporation passed in 2000, Daines provided the fledgling city with a rent-free site at the Liberty Lake Portal for its transitional headquarters.

"Bernard was there to support the city when we were just starting up," said Mayor Steve Peterson. "He always looked for ways to have a positive impact."

The Portal building on Mission Avenue had become the latest in a long list of successful projects for Daines. Now with 50 tenants, the site has lived up to its own marketing slogan of being "the region's premier office building in the heart of the business and technology hub." He was also a founder of TierPoint, a Liberty Lake-based data center that was later acquired by Cequel Data Centers.

In an interview with The Splash about the Portal last year, Daines said he relished the building being in Liberty Lake "because if there's a high-tech area in Spokane County, this is it." Daines and his wife, Marsha, lived in a far-from-grandiose home in the Rocky Hill neighborhood of Liberty Lake. The couple raised six children.

Daines' son, Steven, is property manager at the Liberty Lake Portal. He says his dad "leaves a legacy of always believing in yourself."

"He wanted to help people achieve their own goals," Steven Daines said. "He taught me the value of listening and listening. Just ask a question and let people talk — it's amazing what you can learn."

Daines was born in Prince Edward Island, Canada, in 1944, the oldest of eight children. His family moved to Moses Lake when he was a boy and later settled in Spokane Valley in hopes of remedying his chronic asthma. He attended Greenacres Junior High and CVHS.

At Central Valley, Daines sold milk at lunch, wrote for the school newspaper and catapulted a friend to ASB president by broadcasting creative radio commercials leading up to the vote. At a high school science fair, Daines distanced himself from the competition by introducing a language-translation computer.

Daines also participated in theater at CV and earned the lead role in a play his senior year. The title of the production was fitting in light of his future efforts as a magnanimous supporter of charitable causes — "You Can't Take it With You." A full schedule of honors classes nearly kept Daines from earning his high school diploma since he had trouble finding the time to procure the required credits in state history. He would graduate but skip the ceremony. "I don't like ceremonies," he told friends.

Daines went on to attend Brigham Young University, where he began as an engineering major but switched to computers. He would become the first graduate of BYU's computer science program in 1969. After college, Daines followed the early technology migration to California's Silicon Valley, working as a consultant and network engineer.

From six-digit donations to covering the bill for ensuing customers at a drive-thru, Daines was known for sharing his wealth, not flaunting it. Basic flannel shirts were his trademark.

"He never talked about work successes or money or accomplishments with his children," said daughter Randi (Daines) Brunt. "He was not boastful or proud. We never knew how much money he made or anything like that. I am still finding out all the ways he helped people, whether financially, or through a job or an opportunity, or just a time when he showed up. He was a person of integrity — no hypocrisy, no false appearances."

Daines is survived by his wife, Marsha, children Kevin, Staci, Randi, Jarom, Tyler and Steven and 23 grandchildren.

News Briefs

Liberty Lake receives WellCity award

The city of Liberty Lake was recently recognized by the Association of Washington Cities Employee Benefit Trust as a 2014 WellCity Award recipient.

According to a press release, a total of 96 cities and public entities met the stringent WellCity standards to demonstrate their commitment to employee health. As part of meeting the standards, the city earned a 2 percent discount on medical premiums.

"This recognition shows that our city employees and the citizens of Liberty Lake are committed to a lifestyle that encourages us to be more productive, more energized, require fewer sick days and provide a better image of our community," Mayor Steve Peterson said.

AWC's Employee Benefit Trust is a health insurance pool that provides coverage to 14,000 city employees across the state. For more, visit www.awcnet.org/wellcityawards.

Local fire stations to receive upgrades

The Spokane Valley Fire Department recently announced that the stations located at 10319 E. Sprague (University Fire Station 1) and 22406 E. Wellesley (Otis Orchards Fire Station 4) will be undergoing upgrades. During the remodel process, which will occur mainly on the building interiors, services will be temporarily relocated.

According to SVFD Chief Bryan Collins, these upgrades will ensure that stations are in compliance with current laws and safety standards, and remain functional to deliver fire and emergency medical services on a regular basis.

The project is anticipated to take no more than six months. While the stations will be fully functional for a majority of the upgrades, SVFD staff has put a plan in place to minimize service impacts. For more, call 928-1700.

Liberty Lake named Tree City USA

In honor of Arbor Day, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources selected several Eastern Washington cities, including Liberty Lake, as Tree Cities USA.

To be selected by the Arbor Day Foundation, a city needs to have either a tree board or a city department that is responsible for tree care and management, establish a tree ordinance, spend at least \$2 per capita on tree care and celebrate Arbor Day.

In addition to Liberty Lake, other Eastern Washington cities named included Airway Heights, Chelan, Cheney, Colfax, Colville, Fairchild, Fairfield, George, Millwood, Okanogan, Omak, Oroville, Pullman, Ritzville and Spokane.

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Calendar of Events

COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 7 | Saint George's School preview 6 to 7 p.m., Telect, 23321 E. Knox Ave. Parents of students in grades 8 to 10 are invited to a preview of the school's new International Baccalaureate Diploma. For more: 464.8744 or www.sgs.org

May 10 | Car-B-Cue car show 8:30 a.m. to noon, Opportunity Presbyterian Church, 202 N. Pines Road. All makes, models and years are invited to 17th annual event which includes a car show, plant sale, bloodmobile and \$5 barbecue. Check-in and show begins at 8:30 a.m., and awards are at noon. For more: 924-9750 or home@opportunitypresbyterian.org

May 11 | Mother's Day

May 12 | Relay for Life meeting 5:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway. Team captains are invited to meet at 5:30 p.m.; the planning committee will meet at 6 p.m. to plan for the July event. For more: www.facebook.com/libertylakerelay

May 17 | Liberty Lake Farmers Market opens 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Liberty Square parking lot, 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane. This is opening day for the market which will run on Saturdays through Oct. 11. For more: www.libertylakefarmersmarket.com

May 23-26 | Stateline Street Fair 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Fri., Sat. and Sun.), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mon.), Greyhound Park, Post Falls. A kids zone, vendor booths, food court and live entertainment will be a part of this free event. For more: www.statelinestreetfair.com

May 26 | Memorial Day

May 26 | Memorial Day pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Pavillion Park. Presented by Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club, donations will be accepted for a meal of pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice. Veterans eat free, and a short program will be held at 9 a.m. Dedication of Fallen Heroes Circuit Course at Pavillion Park will follow breakfast.

Recurring

Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library 4 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, 1428 N. Liberty Lake Road. For more: 869-7657

Liberty Lake Municipal Library 23123 E. Mission Avenue. 4 p.m. Mondays, Lego club; 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, toddler/preschool story time; 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 p.m. Saturdays, kids craft. For more: 232-2510

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

Senior Lunch programs 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, 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. This supportive critique group welcomes adult writers. For more: 570-4440

MUSIC & THE ARTS

May 1-3 | "The Masked Canary" 7 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. Tickets for this musical melodrama are \$15 for adults, \$12 for ages 5 to 12 and seniors, and free for children under 5. For more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

May 17 | Community Talent Show 7 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. Tickets for all ages will be sold at the door for \$5. Auditions to participate in the show are 6 p.m. May 4 and 5 at the theater. Ages six to adult are invited to audition, and all types and variety of talent acts will be considered (provided they are G-rated, safe and not involving animals. For more: www.libertylaketheatre.com or 342-2055

May 21-24, 28-31 | "Noises Off" 7:30 p.m., CVHS Performing Arts Center, 821 S. Sullivan Ave., Spokane Valley. Presented by the Central Valley Theatre department, follow an acting troupe as they stumble from bumbling dress rehearsal to disastrous closing night. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved at cvtheatre.com. For more, call 228-5218.

June 1-2 | Auditions for "Goldilocks and The Three Pigs" 6:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. Ages five and older as well as adults are welcome to audition for LLCT's summer children's production. No experience or preparation needed. For more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

Recurring

Liberty Lake Art Society Third Wednesday of the month, various times/locations. Create, learn and explore new art avenues, as well as display, sell and network your art. Work on projects to benefit Liberty Lake and surround communities. Dues are \$10 per year, and you do not need to be a local resident to join. For more: 255-9600

Line Dancing 6 p.m. Saturdays, Lakeside Church, 23129 E. Mission Ave. For experienced line dancers. For more: 210-9779

CIVIC & BUSINESS

May 1 | Salon Capello Aveda Hair Care anniversary event Salon Capello, 21950 E. Country Vista Drive, suite 300. The first 100 guests who come by the salon on this day will receive a free botanical treatment with their next service. For more: 924-2204

May 10 | Garden Expo 2014 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Spokane Community College Lair, 1810 N. Greene St. Presented by the Inland Empire Gardeners, there will be demos, seminars, door prizes, music, food and over 250 garden-related vendors. For more: www.tieg.org or 535-8434

May 15 | City of Liberty Lake Open House 5 to 6:30 p.m., Council chambers, 22710 E. Country Vista Dr. The public is invited to meet with the mayor and city council members. For more: www.libertylakewa.gov or 755-6700

May 16 | Business Connections Breakfast 7 to 9 a.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, 110 N. Sullivan. Program: Panel of Mayors. Cost is \$25 for members and guests; \$45 for non-members. For more: www.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 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Liberty Lake Portal, 23403 E. Mission Ave., Suite 120. Open to professionals interested in promoting business in the Liberty Lake and Valley areas. For more: 323-8953

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 second Monday of each month, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

HEALTH & RECREATION

May 3 | NBC Camps Volleyball Clinic 8 a.m. to Noon, HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Geared for athletes in grades 6 to 8, the cost is \$40 per player. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

May 3 | Warrior Camp MMA Event 6 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Ticket for these live cage fights are \$20 and available at Warrior Camp, 5027 E. Trent, Spokane. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

May 4 | Team Luke Classic 8 a.m., Meadowwood and Liberty Lake Golf Courses. Although the deadline has passed to enter a team, the proceeds from this golf scramble will benefit Luke Simpson, a CVHS grad who suffers brain trauma from a serious bike accident. An account for the family has been set up at STCU. For more: facebook.com/supportlukesimpson

May 10 | Liberty Lake Trail Run 9 a.m., LL Regional Park, 3707 S. Zephyr Road. Registration for the 8-mile loop is \$35 (if done by May 8). A portion of the profits are donated to local high school cross country programs. For more: davedutro@gmail.com

May 10 | LLCTA Free Tennis Clinics for kids 9 to 10 a.m. (7 years and younger), 10 to 11 a.m. (8 to 14 years), Rocky Hill Park. No registration is required; bring a tennis racquet and court shoes. 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 10 | Spokane Wolfpack Cheer Clinic Noon to 4 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Kids age 12 and younger are invited for cheer training. Cost is \$25; registration begins at 11 a.m. For more: hubsportscenter.org

May 18 | HUB Invitational Volleyball Tournament 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

May 24-25 | May Mania Pickleball Tournament 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Men's and women's doubles are on Saturday, and mixed doubles will play on Sunday. Cost is \$20 per person and \$5 per event; registration deadline is May 5. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

May 24 | 'Run for the Son' scenic run/walk 9 a.m., Rockin' B Ranch. The cost to sign up for the 3.1-mile run/walk celebration for all ages is \$10; registrations must be postmarked by May 17. For more: www.libertycross.org

May 31 | Liberty Lake Kiwanis Foundation Golf Scramble 1 p.m., Meadowwood Golf Course. Registration is \$100 per golfer, which includes green fees, golf cart, free range balls and choice of chicken or steak dinner. The funds raised at this tenth annual event benefit local kids by providing scholarships. To register or for more: www.libertylakekiwanis.org or 294-8500

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 | 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: windermere marathon.com

Recurring

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. 30. For more: 255-9293 or larrywest2@live.com

Liberty Lake Running Club 6 p.m. Thursdays, Twisp Café & Coffee House, 23505 E. Appleway Ave. The club meets for a three-mile run weekly

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through October. May fun runs include Cinco de Mayo (May 1) and Strolling Store Time (May 22). For more: www.facebook.com/LLRunningClub

Realistic Wellness 8:30 a.m. Saturdays, Lakeside Church, 23129 E. Mission Ave. A co-ed exercise class for all levels. For more: 210-9779

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

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- *Feet to Friends walking group: 9:30 to 11 a.m. Mon. and Thurs., \$1/person*
- *Kenpo Karate: 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., Mon. and Wed., \$25/month*
- *Pickleball drop-in: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mon. through Thurs.; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sun. \$2/ seniors (\$4/non-seniors)*
- *Wing Chun Kung Fu: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. Cost varies.*
- *Zumba classes drop-in: 6 to 7 p.m. Mon.; 9 to 10 a.m. Sat.; \$3/person*

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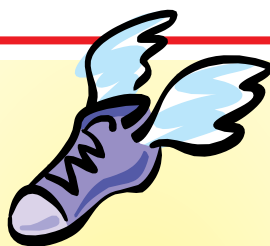
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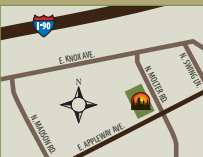
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Making Waves Beyond the Pool

Swim team raises funds for Meals on Wheels

By Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Local swimmers made a splash this spring by raising over \$4,000 to feed area residents in need of meals.

Members of the Liberty Lake SeaMonkeys each swam 72 pool lengths during the third annual Swim a Mile for a Meal on April 1 at the Liberty Lake Athletic Club. Proceeds from the fundraiser went to feed elderly and disabled residents through the Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels (MOW).

The event was organized by Victoria Leichner, a 17-year-old Central Valley and Running Start student. A member of the Liberty Lake SeaMonkeys swim team since she was eight, Victoria said she used to help her mom deliver meals to those in need when she was younger.

But two years ago while a freshman in high school, she had the idea to do a charity event to raise money and awareness for the hungry in the community. She approached her coach, Brandon Blize, to ask if the team could do a swim fundraiser for MOW, and the idea kept rolling from there.

"It's all about awareness of those in need," Victoria said. "Many are homebound and hungry and need our help."

When interviewed at the April 1 event, Victoria said she hoped to meet or beat last year's total of \$3,000 due to the fact that the organization recently had to turn away people in need. Her wish came true as over \$4,000 in donations had been given as of press time to the Swim a Mile for a Meal fundraiser.

Swim team members asked fam-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the blue team (above) swam 72 laps for the third annual Swim a Meal for a Meal fundraiser on April 1. The Liberty Lake SeaMonkeys, also consisting of the gold team (pictured on page 43) and the adult master team, raised over \$4,000 in donations for Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels.



SPLASH PHOTO BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

ily, friends, neighbors or whoever might be willing to give a donation to MOW, Victoria said. Some of the 60 members of the swim club even challenged one another to see who could raise the most money. Then the participants swam one mile (72 pool lengths) for their contribution to the cause.

Annemarie Rau and Emma Fredekind, elementary students and neighbors, both joined the SeaMonkeys swim team at the beginning of the school year and carpool to weekly practices together. They planned to go around their neighborhood to ask for funds for MOW.

"I'm trying to raise as much as I can so that no seniors in our community will go without a meal," 10-year-old Annemarie said.

While the Swim a Mile for Meal event was a fun event to bring awareness to a worthwhile cause, the club is a serious competitor among area teams, regularly posting wins in both team and individual scores. The team, whose members range in age from 6 to 18 years old, has been coached by Blize for the past 12 years.

Emma, 9, said that her love for swimming pushes her to work hard on her favorite event, the individual medley (which consists of the butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle). She said that Coach Blize encourages each member to try their hardest at whatever they do.

"He always wants us to compete to the best of our ability," Emma said.

BY THE NUMBERS

60+ Number of members on Liberty Lake SeaMonkeys team

\$4,000 Donations given so far via 2014 Swim a Mile for a Meal

1,333 Meals to be provided to area seniors with funds raised

17 Age of event organizer Victoria Leichner

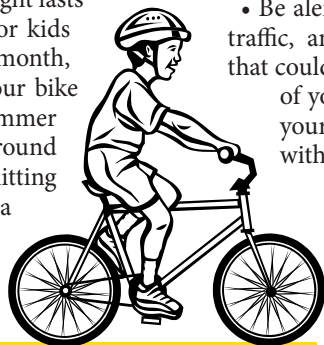
\$9,250 Total raised by SeaMonkeys since the event started in 2012

COMMUNITY

Preparing for two-wheeled adventures

By **Tammy Kimberley**
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

The weather is warmer and daylight lasts longer, which means more time for kids to be outside! May is national bike month, so there's no better time to get your bike in working order to enjoy the summer ahead. Whether you're biking around the neighborhood with friends or hitting local trails with your family, take a look at the safety tips below to be prepared for riding on the road.



- If you're going biking with friends, tell your parents (or other trusted adults) where you are headed as well as when to expect you home.

On the road

- Go with the flow. Ride in the same direction as vehicles travel on the road.
- Obey all traffic signals, signs and road markings. Look before you turn.

- Be alert. Listen for upcoming traffic, and watch for anything that could make you lose control of your bike. Don't listen to your iPod or any headset with riding.

- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times in order to control your bike. If you need to carry books or other items, place them in a basket on your bike or in a backpack.

- Avoid riding at night. If you must ride at night, make sure you have reflectors on the front and rear of your bike.

Source: www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/KidsandBikeSafetyWeb/

Before you go

- Wear a bicycle helmet that fits properly, as well as bright-colored clothing.
- Check to see if your tires are inflated properly, and test your brakes to make sure they work.
- Scout out your route ahead of time, and use sidewalks or trails when possible in order to avoid traffic.

LOCAL BIKING EVENTS

Spokane Valley Cycle Celebration
July 27, Mirabeau Meadows Park
www.cyclecelebration.com

Spokefest
Sept. 7, downtown Spokane
www.spokefest.org

RIM Ride
Sept. 14, Liberty Lake
www.rotaryinmotion.com/rotary



A contest about courage

At the end of this month, there is a special day dedicated to honoring those who have served to protect the freedom of our country — Memorial Day. It is a national holiday that is celebrated the last Monday of each May. On May 26 of this year, most schools and many businesses will not be open so that people can reflect on the sacrifice and courage of those who have made our lives better.

This month the Wave is holding a contest centered around courage. Courage, the PACE character trait of the month, is the decision to do what you know is right even when you might be afraid. For our contest, we are asking kids to create a piece of artwork that displays courage. It can be a drawing of someone being heroic or a picture of something that represents courage to you. Your artwork can be a simple pencil drawing, a colorful painting, a creative

collage or whatever you feel inspired to do. Please include a title with your artwork.

Kids in kindergarten through sixth grade who live or attend school in Liberty Lake are eligible to enter this contest. Entries will be judged on their originality and artistic nature. Gift cards to Toys "R" Us will be awarded to the first (\$25), second (\$15) and third (\$10) place winners, courtesy of KiDDS Dental in Liberty Lake. Winning entries will also be featured in the next issue of The Splash and may be included in future PACE promotion.

Drawings can be scanned and emailed to tammy@libertylakesplash.com or delivered to the Splash office, 23403 E. Mission Ave., Ste. 102 in Liberty Lake by May 15. Please include your name, age, phone number, parent's name and the city you live in. Only one entry per person, please.

Kids Tell It Like It Is

In honor of Mother's Day, what do you think is your mom's favorite thing to do?

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley at Liberty Lake Elementary School



"Scrapbooking about me and my sister."
Naleah McClellan, 11, 5th grade



"She likes to Tango with my stepdad."
Sophia Sanders, 11, 5th grade



"She's a shopaholic and is really into couponing."
Livia Kent, 11, 5th grade



"Probably building stuff like desks with her friend Lindsey."
Nathan Holmquist, 8, 2nd grade



"Playing Candy Crush. She's really good at it."
Merrick Galleener, 8, 2nd grade



"Go to all me and my brother's performances."
Jessica Hoagburg, 10, 5th grade



"Getting her nails done."
Abby Nielson, 7, 1st grade



"Going to Café Rio."
Payton Christensen, 11, 5th grade



"Watch me play on my harp."
Naomi Knudtson, 11, 5th grade

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'Poncho' owes the snow

Former Olympic skier credits many life values to athletics

By Sarah Robertson
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

It's not every day you meet a man who owes so much to the snow. But then again, it's not every day you meet a man like Dennis "Poncho" McCoy — or a man named "Poncho," for that matter.

The former Olympic skier is one of Liberty Lake's newer residents.

McCoy first hit the slopes of Mammoth, Calif., at the age of 3. The young boy was already known as "Poncho" — a name that stuck, McCoy said, when neighbors who noted he was a big baby would come by and say, "what a ponch."

Living in a rural mountain town in the High Sierras, skiing was a natural past time.

"That's just what we did there," he said.

McCoy's parents skied, and his dad was his first ski coach.

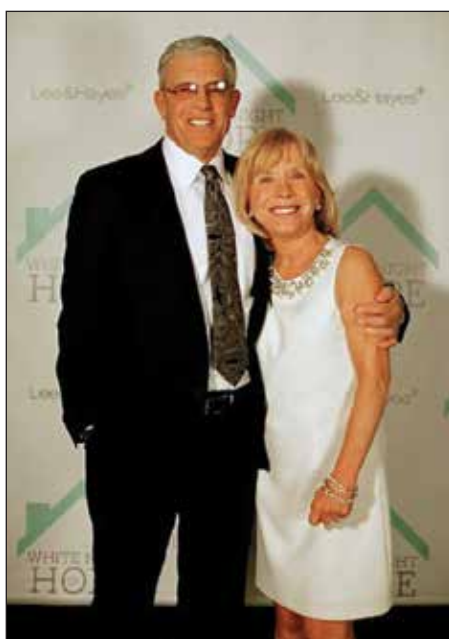
"I knew I wanted to compete when I was very young," McCoy said. "I liked competing and knew I was good enough. I wasn't always the best, but I was disciplined and worked hard."

McCoy started competing in national competitions in high school and placed sixth in the country. He went on to receive a ski scholarship to the University of Denver and became part of the U.S. ski team. McCoy spent five seasons with the team (1966-1970) as a slalom and downhill skier, the latter being his specialty.

As McCoy will tell you, "the team sent me all over the world." He skied all year round — spending summers in the Chilean mountains and traveling Europe, Australia and Canada to compete.

His fondest memory from that period? The 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France.

"Even though I'd competed on the world stage, the biggest event was the Olympics," he said. "It was awesome ... marching down the boulevard to the giant stadium. (Former French president Charles) de Gaulle



was there."

McCoy almost didn't make the Olympic team. The prior fall, a ski company took a picture of him on the slopes and used it as advertising without his knowledge. McCoy was ranked No. 1 on the team at the time.

The Olympic committee was very strict about athletes maintaining amateur status and not profiting from their sport. Eventually, the posters were pulled, and McCoy received the green light for the Olympics.

While he didn't place in France, McCoy was a three-time NCAA champion for the University of Denver and a three-time all-American. His only regret? Not competing in the 1972 Olympics in Sapporo, Japan.

But since Olympic athletes received no compensation, it was time to move on. McCoy graduated with a degree in economics and finance and started on another dream — becoming a cattle rancher.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Dennis "Poncho" McCoy competed in the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France. At left, he is pictured with his wife, Beverly.



Luckily, McCoy's wife agreed to the plan.

"I told her it was my life's dream to cattle ranch, and she was game to do that," he said. "She went from being a big city girl to a ranch wife."

Before that, Beverly McCoy was a girl on the slopes. The McCoy's first met skiing in Mammoth.

"She's a really good skier," McCoy said. "I think it was love at first sight. She's the high point of my life."

The couple settled near Dillon, Mont., and owned a cattle ranch for 30 years. McCoy, Beverly and their two daughters — Dorcey and Roma — "learned to do everything" from roping cows and running a swather to growing feed and birthing calves.

After daughter Dorcey attended Gonzaga University, she married a "local boy" and settled in Liberty Lake. With two little grandsons here, the McCoy's couldn't help

FAST FACTS

Dennis "Poncho" McCoy

Favorite restaurant

Hay J's Bistro

Favorite Liberty Lake activities

Paddleboarding, fishing with the grandkids and exploring Liberty Lake and the area on foot.

Favorite things about Liberty Lake

"I never miss the Farmers Market when I'm here. I like buying the fresh food and wandering around ... and the breakfast burritos."

Favorite place to visit as a skier

Switzerland (for downhill)

Favorite place to visit

Arctic/semi-arctic Canada and Alaska

Hobbies (aside from skiing)

Bow hunting

but make Liberty Lake their home as well. McCoy said the couple loves it here, but he remains a "livestock man by profession," so he continues to manage a 250,000-acre ranch in Canada and splits his time.

All these years later, McCoy still keeps up with friends he made internationally at the 1968 Olympics — visiting friends in their home countries and welcoming them to his home as well.

"Athletics was a great springboard into life," McCoy said. "It gave me an education, my worldview, I met my wife and a lot of great people. It teaches a great work ethic and setting goals, which are so important to get through life."

Resulting values like discipline, hard work and patience have made a major difference for McCoy.

"They got me through the Olympics and ranching," he said.

— King Crossword — Answers

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Trivia Test

- 1. SCIENCE:** What is another word for molten rock below the Earth's surface?
- 2. ANIMAL KINGDOM:** How many toes does a hippopotamus have?
- 3. MEASUREMENTS:** How many miles are run in a 5K (kilometer) foot-race?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the Ionian Sea?
- 5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** How many colleges are housed at Oxford University?
- 6. ASTROLOGY:** What is the symbol of the Gemini sign?
- 7. LITERATURE:** Who wrote the novel "Humboldt's Gift"?
- 8. MUSIC:** In what year did singer Kelly Clarkson win the "American Idol" competition?
- 9. MOVIES:** What Chevy Chase movie featured the tagline "yule crack up"?
- 10. ENTERTAINERS:** What band is Ozzie Osbourne associated with?

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Bank could draw thousands

'Collecting' by Larry Cox
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Q: I have a cast-iron bank that has been in my family for more than a century. It is a Monkey and Coconut bank. When a coin is placed in the monkey's paw and a lever pressed, the coconut opens and the coin drops into it as the monkey's eyes move and its mouth opens. It is in fairly good condition considering the age. I have been offered \$500 for it. — *Drew, Appleton, Wisc.*

A: Your bank was patented on March 2, 1886, by James H. Bowen of Philadelphia. It was manufactured by J. & E. Stevens and Company of Cromwell, Conn. The bank was available on either a brown or red base. I found the Monkey and Coconut bank referenced in "The Official Guide to Mechanical Banks" by Dan Morphy and published by House of Collectibles. Morphy claims this bank is worth somewhere in the \$1,000 to \$12,000 range based, of course, on condition.

Q: My dad and granddad were barbers in upstate New York. They both collected related items, such as razors, shaving mugs, a shoeshine stand and even three barber poles. Are these worth keeping? — *Kenneth, Las Vegas, N.M.*

A: Barber shop collectibles are quite popular. Typical prices include a Victorian-era mug rack, \$750; an electrified barber pole

from the 1950s, \$300; a Koken barber chair, circa 1940, \$850; and a razor strop, \$35. Values are based on condition and rarity.

Christian Jones might be a good contact for you, since he collects and appraises barber-related items. He also is the author of an excellent guide, "Barber Shop History & Antiques," available at amazon.com. Contact him at 1959 Route 3, Hamilton, NJ 08690; barbershop101@gmail.com; and TBSbarbershops.com.

Q: While stationed in Germany during the 1960s, I collected several dozen Hummel figurines. Can you recommend a good guide so I can determine the values of ones I have? — *Steve, Salem, Ore.*

A: Although there are several excellent guides, my personal pick is "M.I. Hummel: Figurines, Plates, Miniatures & More" by Robert L. Miller and published by Portfolio Books. This guide is the most accurate and documents thousands of Hummel items. Especially helpful is a chart of the various Hummel marks, making it fairly easy to date years of production.

Write to Larry Cox in care of KFWS, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to questionsforcox@aol.com. Due to the large volume of mail he receives, Mr. Cox cannot personally answer all reader questions, nor do appraisals. Do not send any materials requiring return mail.

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ACROSS

- 1 United nations
- 5 Half (Pref.)
- 9 TV overseer (Abbr.)
- 12 Pearl Harbor site
- 13 Former mates
- 14 Carte lead-in
- 15 Honesty of purpose
- 17 Charged bit
- 18 Sudden rush of wind
- 19 Glossy alternative
- 21 Earth tone
- 24 Apiece
- 25 Hammer's target
- 26 As one
- 30 Web address
- 31 Melodic
- 32 Anger
- 33 Individuality
- 35 Error
- 36 Very dry, as champagne
- 37 Cock and bull
- 38 Figure of speech
- 40 Suitor
- 42 — canto
- 43 Nightstick
- 48 Ailing
- 49 Love god

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- 51 Crafty
- 52 Info on a notarized document
- 53 Oodle?
- 9 Popular country singer
- 10 Coagulate
- 11 Walking stick
- 16 Bear hair
- 20 Performance
- 21 Burden
- 22 Give a darn
- 23 Backwoods dweller
- 24 "Zounds!"
- 26 Hit the horn
- 27 Yoko of music
- 28 Great Lake
- 29 Agents, for short
- 31 Hitched a ride
- 34 To and —
- 35 Pasta toppings
- 37 Has permission
- 38 Sacred Egyptian bird
- 39 Farmer's home?
- 40 Rorschach picture
- 41 Differently
- 44 401(k) alternative
- 45 Fond du —, Wis.
- 46 G8 member
- 47 Foundation

DOWN

- 1 Cranberry territory
- 2 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
- 3 Discoverer's cry
- 4 Bat
- 5 Vast areas
- 6 Way out
- 7 Encountered
- 8 "Moby-Dick" narrator

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Answers to Trivia Test

1. Magma
2. Four on each foot
3. 3.1 miles
4. Between southern Italy and Greece
5. 38
6. The twins
7. Saul Bellow
8. 2002
9. "Christmas Vacation"
10. Black Sabbath



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CV soph seeing fast rise in racing world

By Treva Lind
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

A need for speed drives one Liberty Lake household.

Central Valley High School sophomore Max Mällinen is steering the wheel of a race car in the F1600 Formula F Championship Series several weeks before he's even old enough to get a regular driver's license.

Mällinen, a lifelong Liberty Lake resident, is racing in the series starting this spring for Swan Motorsports of Fort Worth, Texas. He's driving Swan's black No. 10 Honda Spectrum that can reach speeds of 140 to 150 mph in the series' multiple races spread over seven weekends until mid-October.

He also is following in racing tracks already blazed by his father, Michael Mällinen, who has won several racing championships in formula car and sports prototype series races. His dad has national wins in the Formula Atlantic, the American Le Mans, IMSA Pro Atlantic C2, and Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) series races, among others.

The younger Mällinen has competed in kart racing since age 9, gaining three karting championships in the past two years. He says he's long held a goal to compete in formula car racing while watching his father's wins.

"I remember watching my dad racing on the track, and winning a lot, I might add," Max Mällinen said. "Seeing them on TV and sometimes in person, I remember thinking how cool it would be to be one of those guys."

"This is the beginning of my car racing career," Mällinen added. "I was able to receive my racing license for cars, and I'm one of the few to receive that license at 15 years of age. Actually, I received it when I was 14 years and 364 days old."

Mällinen earned selection to the Swan Motorsports team while also being on the CVHS tennis team, playing football for the Bears, and competing in USSA downhill ski racing, for which he is ranked 17th in the nation.

"This is my first year with tennis," he said. "With football, I've had a really fun time. I'm glad it keeps working out with my busy schedule."

He gained his racing competition license through SCCA, the sport's national sanctioning body. The step required training at racing schools and showing experience driving in races from his years in kart competitions.

His first real race-car drive happened at the Allen Berg Racing Schools' Willow Springs track near L.A. However, Mällinen and other students had to start at the wheel of a standard car that had a manual gear box. He ended up stalling out enough times



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Max Mällinen of Liberty Lake is a 15-year-old Central Valley High School sophomore who is yet to get his regular driver's license. That doesn't stop him from competing in the F1600 Formula F Championship Series for Swan Motorsports of Fort Worth, Texas. His father, Michael Mällinen, is a championship racer.

that he now laughs about it.

"I get in, and I've never shifted before. I say, 'how do you work a gear shift?' I have all these incredible cars in front of me. I stalled it maybe 100 times. Then I got the hang of it, and it was easy."

Michael Mällinen, who works as a CEO in the semiconductor industry, gives his son credit for racing skills that go beyond ease and a desire to win. He said Max has an innate ability to understand and talk to his team about the complex technology in race cars today.

"Max is a very fast driver," said Michael, who still competes in formula car competitions for Swan Motorsports. "When Max goes out on the track, there are sensors and the engineers can track his brake pressure and everything he's doing in the car. Half the time, he's with engineers and the aerodynamicist talking about how to adjust, how to reduce drag on the car."

"They look for drivers who have the communication skills and can think fast because the machines have become so technical. Max works extremely well with the team. He has an engineering mind, so he works well with the data."

Max Mällinen trained with Swan for three years as a developmental driver, and he signed with the Swan Motorsports team for a multiyear stint to drive in the F1600 series and move up the formula racing ladder toward the Atlantic Championship Se-

ries. Over the next three years, he plans to race in F2000, Atlantic and selected European Formula 3 races to pursue his goal of becoming a professional open wheel driver.

He said this opportunity with the F1600 series is a way to start as a professional driver. "We do get paid for this," he said. "The SCCA is the governing body, and you can do amateur all the way to professional, and this is a professional series. The next youngest driver (in F1600) I believe was 18."

Swan Motorsports owner Mirl Swan says he has followed Max Mällinen's progression in the sport.

"Max has done a fantastic job during testing, posting some good times and showing great consistency," Swan said.

When he turns 16 in June, Mällinen can claim plenty of behind-the-wheel experience to get his regular driver's license. In fact, he described his practice drives under his learner's permit around the Spokane Valley as slow and steady with his mother, Elizabeth, or father in the passenger seat.

"I don't really go fast on the streets," he said. "I actually go about five miles an hour below and usually getting honked at. I think you get the adrenaline out of your system on the track."

His brother, 12-year-old Finn, rounds out the family and also is an avid kart racer.

"I might have to be watching my rearview mirrors soon," Max said about his brother's racing prowess.

He added that his mom provides lots of support.

"Without my mom, this would be impossible," he said. "To be perfectly honest, she's

profiles:

MAX MÄLLINEN

Age

15 (turns 16 on June 2)

Job 10 years from now

Hopefully a good way into my Formula 1 racing career.

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Favorite sport

Motorsports. Motorsports go incredibly fast. It's all up to you and another guy is right next to you. That's the competition. It's amazing you're so close, and you both come out fine.

Favorite race car driver

That's tough. I'd have to go with Michael Schumacher for being the most famous motorsports driver in the world. Not far behind him is Kimi Raikkonen.

the best cook I know. Without these healthy meals, I couldn't race at the level I do."

The F1600 Formula F races are held at different venues, including Watkins Glen, N.Y., Virginia, Ohio and Pittsburgh. Drivers accumulate points during series, and the driver with the most points becomes the champion.

Mällinen said his F1600 pro debut in April at a Georgia track went well despite mechanical issues, with him finishing 18th out of 26 cars. He placed fifth in a qualifying round, but then missed that day's race because of those issues. He raced Sunday despite the loss of first gear.

"It was a really incredible race with the nation's best, and international drivers from Russia, Norway and Colombia," he said. "I confirmed my thoughts that I'm fast compared to the nation."




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LLCT encourages audience involvement with 'Masked Canary'

By Treva Lind
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

A musical comedy set in the 1880s will take audiences back to the old western Arizona town of Tombstone for performances of "The Masked Canary" this weekend.

The 90-minute play runs at 7 p.m. May 1-3 at Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. Tickets are available at the door for \$15 per adult, and for \$12 per senior and child from ages 6 to 12.

Director Emily D. Nichols said audiences will be encouraged to cheer for the play's heroine and boo loudly at the villain as they get caught up in the tone of the play that teeters toward slapstick.

"The audience doesn't have to do the typical sit still," Nichols said. "The audience is totally welcome to laugh, be loud, holler at the villain and cheer when something goes well with the heroine. It's kind of slapstick in a way that allows the actors to go over the top. It's just really fun."

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cast members from "The Masked Canary" rehearse for the Liberty Lake Community Theatre production, which closes May 1-3.

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- Peachy Jamm — Jana Ward
- Little Victoria — Marcella Summers
- Lt. Pete Bogg — Chris Bastible
- Lonely Wolf — Kevin Kuecken
- Old Timer — Dan DiCicco
- Sidekick — Brittany Sweeney
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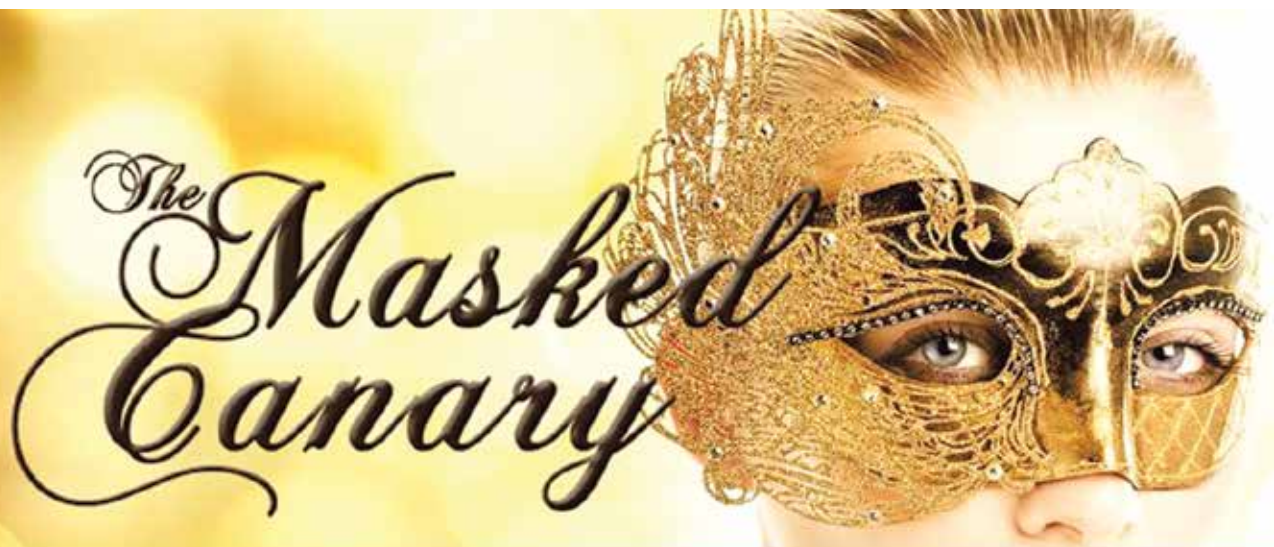
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Obituaries



Carl Hollingsworth

Chief Master Sergeant Carlos "Carl" Hollingsworth, beloved husband, dad, grandpa, uncle and friend, went to his permanent change of station, heaven, on

March 11, 2014, in Sun Lakes, Ariz. He was born in Lillybrook, W.Va., on Feb. 25, 1931, to Everett and Florence Hollingsworth. He graduated from Beckley High School in 1948 and then entered the Army Air Force. His first overseas assignment was in Germany during the Berlin Airlift. He met his wife, Betty, while he was stationed at Larson AFB, Wash. They were married in 1958 and shared 55 wonderful years together. He was stationed all over the world including Korea and Vietnam. He retired from the Air Force after serving 27 years and moved to Liberty Lake. He was employed by Jaremko Nissan for over 15 years.

In 1955 Carl became an amateur radio operator while stationed in Japan. His last call sign was W7KYJ. He loved playing softball, basketball and bowling on the Air Base teams. As a pitcher, he was known for his knuckleball. He learned to fish on the New River in West Virginia as a child and spent many hours fishing at Liberty Lake when he retired and later in Arizona with his grandson, Chase.



Margaret Rasmussen

We love him and miss him. Until we meet again, we will celebrate his life and await the day we are all reunited. A military celebration of life service will be held 2 p.m. June 7 at the Spokane valley Nazarene Church with a meal following afterwards in the church gym/ROC.

Margaret Sheard Blackwood Rasmussen was born in Bracken, Saskatchewan (Canada) on July 30, 1930, during the great depression. The Lord called her home on April 11, 2014 in Spokane, Wash. Margaret's parents, William John Sheard and Emily Margaret Buie Sheard, homesteaded in Canada and Montana. They were both Canadian immigrants. She was the seventh of 11 children.

The family moved to St. Ignatius, Mont., when Margaret was three. She attended school in St. Ignatius and Hamilton, Mont. In 1945, during her sophomore year, the family moved to Chewelah, Wash., where she graduated from high school. In 1949 her parents moved to Mica, Wash.

Margaret worked for Pacific Telephone until she met and married Mitch Blackwood in 1952. Mitch was in the Air Force and for 20 years they traveled the United States until he retired in Spokane in 1971. Together they had five daughters and Margaret was a full time mom, a job she took seriously. Margaret and Mitch were married 34 years when Mitch passed away from cancer.

In 1988, Margaret went to work as a secretary for the Liberty Lake Community Church. There she met Anton (Ras) Rasmussen, an elder in the church. They had a lot in common. Ras was also from Montana and he had taught and coached football in Chewelah. He was a retired vice principal of Central Valley High School in Spokane Valley. They married in 1991. They loved vacationing in Hawaii and went every other year until health issues prevented them from traveling.

Margaret was a devoted Christian and was active in the Liberty Lake Community Church. She was also very active in the Liberty Lake Garden Club. She loved gardening, cake decorating, traveling, helping those in need and doting on her grandchildren. Her faith in God and her great sense of humor gave her the strength to face any adversity she had to endure in her life. She always said she was blessed to have had two great marriages and the love of two very good men.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Anton Rasmussen; her five daughters, Kathy Clayton (Mel), Pat Wagner (Stuart), Tina Rupp, Joni Chambers (Dave) and Joyce Bodie (Dave); four stepchildren, Lynn Vincent (Tom), Steve Rasmussen (Nancy), Gary Rasmussen (Judy) and Ann Gotfredson (Bill). She is also survived by three brothers, Norman Sheard, Donald Sheard and Walt Sheard, as well as one sister, Eleanor Holmes. Together, Ras and Margaret have 23 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Emily Buie Sheard; two brothers, John Sheard and Allan Sheard; and four sisters, Olive Bryson, Anne Page, Verna Carr and Florence Newell.

A Celebration of Life Ceremony was held at April 18, 2014, at Liberty Lake Community Church. Memorial donations can be made to Hospice of Spokane.

Editor's note: Two other noteworthy passings can be found in this month's Splash. A story on Bernard Daines is on page 12, and a paid obituary on Janet Wesche is on page 28.

CANARY

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At the same time, audiences will find a rich musical experience, along with some dancing, she said.

"It's paired with incredibly difficult vocals on a technical level, so the audience will see a very worthwhile performance," she said.

The play's main character, Amanda Goodsort, has a secret of monumental proportions. She disguises herself as "The Masked Canary" for her theater performances in Tombstone.

Away from the bright lights, though, Amanda has raised herself into high social circles and is trying to protect that secret identity. She's up against adversaries Judge Mortimer Harshly and his scam artist partner, Peachy Jamm, who both plot to blackmail her.

"The evil judge is just after her money," Nichols said.

Nichols isn't new to the theater community. She has performed as an actor previously at Liberty Lake Community Theatre, where she was in the production of "Tiny Tim's Christmas" this past December. She also has done other area community theater work, both as an actor and in some directing roles.

Nichols said she is enjoying working with a cast of 14 for "The Masked Canary," along with four crew members. The melodramatic musical's assortment of characters is very diverse, Nichols added.

Some additional characters include the airy French maid Fifi; a pious Flora, who is always up on a pedestal; a hypochondriac Old Timer; a wise-cracking sidekick; and a dreamy Lt. Bogg along with Victoria, his "Belle of Boston." Audiences also will see Wing Tip, a wise ancient Chinese philosopher; Harvard graduate Lonely Wolf; the Unknown Woman who has a lot to say; and the can-can dancers, among other performers.

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JANET LEE (MARTINSON) WESCHE

May 13, 1938 – March 31, 2014



Our beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandma “Jan” Wesche passed away at the age of 75 on March 31, 2014, at her home in Liberty Lake, surrounded by her family.

Jan was known for her fun-loving spirit, encouragement to others, her hospitality and her very positive attitude. She lived every day with a zest for life that was rare and believed that strangers were only friends she hadn’t met yet. Jan’s motto was, “Why not?”

Jan was the second in a family of four girls raised in Bellingham, Wash. She loved to sing as they walked to the Baptist church on Sunday and rode bikes with her sisters in the summer the 6 miles to Lake Whatcom. Jan graduated from Bellingham High School, attended Western Washington College one year and then graduated from Seattle Pacific College in 1959. She met her husband, David, at SPC, and they married only two weeks after her graduation. Jan supported her family by teaching elementary school while Dave was a medical student. She had two children before her husband joined the U.S. Air Force and one son during the military years. She also did some substitute teaching when the family moved, and they lived in Texas, California, and Alaska during that time. Jan moved the family to Lynnwood, Wash., a block away from her sister, during the year Dave was stationed in Vietnam. While in Alaska, Jan was a troop leader for her daughter’s Junior Girl Scout troop for two years.

After the military, the family lived in Portland, Ore., and while there, Jan taught reading to students with dyslexia. She was also a museum docent at the Oregon History Museum and gave downtown tours of the city. After Dave’s residency in Oregon, the family moved to Liberty Lake and Dave began his practice in the Spokane valley. Jan made friends quickly and made Liberty Lake her home.

Jan soon learned to waterski, and over the years she participated in other water activities: kayaking, canoeing and windsurfing. Jan participated in a kayak excursion in Canada with a group of women she met for



the first time on this trip, and they became lasting friends.

While living at Liberty Lake, Jan participated in many activities with her friends: a bridge group, a book club, a biking group and a member of the “B” team (the “Best Team”) water ski group. The “B” team was a group of friends who waterskied every morning during the summer, and she did this until the age of 71.

Jan was an annual participant in Spokane’s Bloomsday run from 1978 until 1998, only stopping at the age of 60 when an ankle she’d broken years before became too painful. At that point, she became an avid biker. She was also an enthusiastic snow skier and a member of the Schweitzer Mountain Chapel committee.

Jan was a Realtor for a few years in the Spokane Valley area. She was part-owner of Brighton Court, an assisted living facility in the Valley where her mother was able to reside for eight years, and Jan loved being able to visit her mom on an almost daily basis. She was a member and officer of PEO Chapter IT and recently became a member of the Daughters of Norway. She served as president and board member of the Alpine Shores neighborhood association and served as Director of the Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Jan loved to travel and visited many families overseas. These were the families of exchange students she and Dave had hosted over the years, and also families she met through her daughter’s year as an exchange

student. This included trips to Germany, Sweden, Norway, France, Italy, Holland, Austria, and even a side trip to St. Petersburg, Russia. After Dave retired, he was able to accompany Jan on many of her adventures: swimming with the dolphins in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; an African safari in Kenya; and a trip to China to visit Dave’s birthplace, where he was born to missionary minister parents.

Jan was a community volunteer of the American Cancer Society, visiting and encouraging women through Reach to Recovery. She served as a school board member with two terms as president of the Central Valley School District from 1983-1991. Jan was also a member of the Washington State Medical Association Auxiliary from 1983-1994 and served as a Spokane County president and Washington State president during those years.

Jan lived her Christian faith and was a wonderful example of Christ’s love. Her favorite verse was Joshua 1:9, which says, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Jan’s presence will be missed by those who knew and loved her. She was a “force of life,” a generous spirit and a friend to all.

Jan is survived by her husband of 55 years, Dr. David H. Wesche of Liberty Lake; daughter, Dr. Shannon L. Wesche of Tucson, Ariz.; son, Dr. Daniel E. Wesche (Maureen) of Flagstaff, Ariz.; and son, Marcus A. Wesche (Shea Wills) of Liberty Lake. Jan leaves a legacy of



12 grandchildren: Samantha, Anna Marie, Bailey, Nicholas, Thomas, Maggie, Grace, Jaelyn, Nora, Kate, Olivia and Charlie.

Jan is also survived by her three sisters, Charlotte Gay (Merlin) of Everett, Wash., Lloydine Nordtvedt (Thomas) of Ketchikan, Alaska; and Carolyn Bren (Mike) of Grandview, Wash. She is also survived by her dear sister-in-law, Colleen Wesche Lewis, of Portland, Ore., brothers-in-law, Paul Wesche (Berniece) of Albany, Ore., Lilburn Wesche (Esther) of Boise, Idaho; Robert Wesche (Dora) of Youngtown, Ariz., and numerous nieces and nephews.

At Jan’s request, there will not be a service at this time. At the family’s request, donations can be made in Jan’s name to **Hospice of Spokane** or Cancer Care Northwest Foundation.



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Library to break ground on garden

By Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

With trees budding and flowers in blooms, there's no better time to prepare the ground for the season ahead. The Liberty Lake Library Municipal Library is planning to do this, literally, with the creation of a reading garden north of the main entrance.

The idea for the garden evolved from discussions of how to enhance the appearance of the building, Library Foundation Board President Randy Long said. The Board's desire was to create a natural, aesthetically-pleasing space that patrons could use and enjoy.

The project, which was funded by the Library Foundation in partnership with the city, is expected to begin this month and be completed within three weeks of breaking ground. The garden will include natural stone elements, including benches and flagstone paths, as well as trees, shrubs, perennials and specimen plants. Long said it will also include several custom wood pieces created by local craftsman Tim Holman, including a bench, gate and three trellises.

"We hope the garden will serve a multitude of purposes, including children story times, a quiet place to just read or think, or a place to enjoy a cup of coffee or a cool drink," Long said. "We hope it is a refuge from stress and anxiety."

The group would like to see if the community desires to extend the reading garden across the front of the library to the south, Long said, but that would require additional fundraising. Library patrons are welcome to offer their input or ideas at the Foundation's regular noon meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at the library.



SUBMITTED RENDERING

A celebration of the reading garden is being planned for June 16, and more details will be available closer to the event.

"We are extremely proud of what we

believe will be something very special," Long said. "We want the community, including everyone who has contributed to this project, to be present and share the joy."

Prepare for planting season

For those wanting to cultivate their outdoor knowledge, they need look no further than the library. Liberty Lake Municipal Library Director Pamela Mogen said they have several shelves of gardening books, although they become "slim pickings" during the spring and early summer.

A variety of books, DVDs and website resources specialize in everything from flowers and vegetables to landscaping ideas and backyard structures.

The collection also supports the city's raised garden beds and has fueled past ideas such as a salsa and spaghetti sauce garden in planters outside the building.

"This year we'll be extending those ideas into the reading garden, where the library's mission of informing, entertaining and encouraging community spirit can be experienced outdoors in an inspiring and beautiful setting," Mogen said.

The library hopes to offer gardening programs in May, Mogen said, and residents are encouraged to check the library's website and Facebook page for announcements.

Book Review

Making their way in the minors



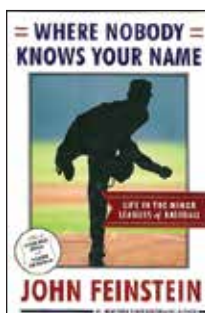
By Daniel Pringle
LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

With baseball season underway, most people are paying attention to the Strasburgs, the Jeters, the A-Rods and the other multi-million dollar prospects playing under MLB's bright lights. But for every one of those stars, countless unknowns are grinding it out in the uncertain, unforgiv-

ing world of the minors. John Feinstein's "Where Nobody Knows Your Name" tells their story.

Told over the course of the 2012 season, the challenges and successes experienced by a range of veterans and rookies, managers, even umpires and broadcasters, unfold in a series of vignettes bouncing between ball clubs in

the AAA system. This is where professional baseball is really played. On AAA teams whose players are one step (or injury) away from the majors, a single-A farm club in Kentucky, or the winter-league in South America, hundreds of hopefuls wait for the right combination of talent, hard work and



luck to get them to the next level and the dream of the big leagues. The hope of making it, even for one at-bat, compels them to endure punishing travel, budget accommodations, lackluster crowds and persistent disappointment.

While some of them are close by book's end, Feinstein doesn't follow the usual uplifting arc of a sports story, leaving some of them in limbo or out of the game entirely, and for that it is truer to the reality. But it's also true that the collective dream of pro ball is so powerful, and the love of the game so profound, that many take the chance and survive on the hope they have what it takes. This love of the game is what inspires in the end, and that even though these players don't make it all the way, they swing for the fences.

Daniel Pringle is adult services and reference librarian at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library.



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COMMUNITY

2nd Circuit Course installment to be dedicated on Memorial Day

Event coinciding with annual breakfast

By Amy Busek
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The second of five installments of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course is scheduled to be installed at Pavillion Park on Memorial Day. The timing coincides with the Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club's annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast.

Following the breakfast and color guard/musical program at the park, which is a donation-based event from 8 to 10 a.m., the new circuit course will be dedicated.

"We've been working really closely with the Rotary, and they are totally onboard and a huge supporter of the Circuit Course," said Amy O'Connell, secretary of Fallen Heroes.

The event will start around 10:30 a.m., O'Connell said, and the group is hoping to get a live band at the ceremony.

This particular course is dedicated to the memory of U.S. Air Force Capt. Victoria

Ann Pinckney, who died in a plane crash May 3, 2013.

Each of the five courses will be dedicated to a fallen soldier from each branch of the military. The first course was built at Rocky Hill Park last September and has nine pieces of exercise equipment. The equipment is owned by the city and is available for park goers to use. O'Connell said she frequently sees kids using the equipment at Rocky Hill, seeing the circuit as a way for kids, along with adults, to develop good exercise habits.

"It's pretty neat to see them getting access, too," O'Connell said.

When completed the five stations are intended to complement one another.

"The idea is to have five different stations to make a course," she said. "You could go through all five of them, you could go through two of them, run in between them, walk in between them or just show up at one and exercise."

The two Liberty Lake parks are just over a mile from each other.

O'Connell said that the organization



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

Attendees enjoy the fare at a past Memorial Day Breakfast sponsored by the Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary.

chose to honor Pinckney because of her deep roots in Spokane. Pinckney was stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base for sev-

IF YOU GO ...

Memorial Day Breakfast and Circuit Course Dedication

When: 8 to 10 a.m. (breakfast) and 10:30 a.m. (dedication) on May 26

Where: Pavillion Park

What: The annual breakfast, hosted by Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary, raises money for Inland Northwest Honor Flight, and the dedication honors U.S. Air Force Capt. Victoria Ann Pinckney.

eral years, joining a local church and giving birth to her child here, O'Connell said. Pinckney is originally from Palmsdale, Calif.

"She was heavily involved at Fairchild and in the community," O'Connell said.

Some of Pinckney's family members may attend as well, she said.

The circuit course was approved by the city to be included in its parks as an effort to both promote community fitness and honor fallen military service people. The idea was developed by Bob Wiese of Liberty Lake, Fallen Heroes president, who served in the Marines and sought a way to honor those who died in service to their country.

Market opening 13th season May 17

By Valerie Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The area's largest farmers market is set to open for its 13th season May 17.

"We always try to do the weekend after Mother's Day," said longtime Liberty Lake Farmers Market board member Holli Parker, who's been with the market since its founding. "We always thought it was a good time."

Parker estimates having 30 vendors on site for opening day. Customers can expect to be treated to all the fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers, crafts and food the community has come to enjoy.

Fifty vendors are scheduled to set up shop every Saturday over the course of the six-month season. Many vendors from previous years plan to return, including Jalapeno Heaven burritos and Veraci Pizza.

"We have great food," Parker said. "You could sit there all day long and eat."

There are also 10 new vendors committed to the season, six of which are small farms.

"We're excited about that," Parker said. "We love new farmers. That is what we are all about."

Parker is still hoping to add a coffee vendor this year. She said they have been trying

READY TO MARKET

The Liberty Lake Farmers Market is held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 17 through Oct. 11. The market is located 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane. Live entertainment is planned every Saturday.

Learn more:
www.libertylakefarmersmarket.com

to add one for years, and the market has approached a couple different vendors about the possibility.

In addition to adding new vendors this season, the market is expanding the size of its site for two special events.

The additional space will come as a result of the city of Liberty Lake's plans this summer to renovate the field east of the market behind the former Barlows restaurant location. The renovated space will become Phase I of a three-phase project creating the new Liberty Lake Town Square Park, and the city granted the market permission to use the additional space.

During construction, the market and city are hosting two special two-day events

commemorating the new expansion. The first event is Pies and Rides Festival, scheduled for June 21 and 22. A classic car show will be held in the empty field while the annual pie festival takes place in the market. Art in the Market is the second two-day event planned for Sept. 6-7.

Though Parker hopes to see the market completely expand into the new space next season, she added that the growth needs to happen without compromising the identity of the market.

"We want to keep the integrity of the market," Parker said. "We don't want to get bigger for the sake of getting bigger."

The market also plans to have a series of special events again this season timed on regular market days. One such event is the annual Italian Festival, scheduled for July 19. The day features cooking demonstrations and entertainment as well as the Leaning Tower of Pisa replica available for selfies or group shots.

On Sept. 20, the market hosts a customer appreciation day, and "Buy out the Market" is scheduled for the last day of the season on Oct. 11.

Parker said the market typically draws an estimated 500 to 1,000 visitors each week, and up to 1,500 during its peak.

VENDORS

Among the crafters, farmers and others planning to set up shop at the 2014 Liberty Lake Farmers Market this season are the following.

New vendors: Le Petit Jarden, KD Sweet Cob, Nothing Fancy Goat Milk Soap, Kia's Flowers and Produce, XIONG's (Maikia Xiong), Xiong's Produce (Yer Her), reFRESHed and Spiceologist

Returning vendors: Huestis Photo, Liberty Lake Soap, Andie Raven Soap, Silvia Custom Jewelry, Thistle Down Wool, C & S Hydro-hut, Cherry Bomb Garlic Farm, Elithorp Farm and Nursery, Full Bushel Farm, Gourmet Foragables & More, KC's Fresh Produce, Leisure Lavender Farm, Maggie's Garden, Maple K Farms LLC, Next Level Farms, Ong's Garden, Ormond Valley Apiaries, Piper Farms, SideWalk Floral & Produce, Susie David's Cattle Co LLC, Tall Grass Farms, The Herb Garden, Tonnemaker Hill Farm, Twin Springs Farm, Vang Produce, Wild and Sweet Honey, Chattaroy Cheese Company, Ole World Oils, White Cane Salmon, Crepe Café, Lenny's Jalapeno Heaven, Trezzi Farm, Veraci Pizza, Ant'ny's Kickin' Good Salsa, Bouzies Bakery, Bruce Arndt (Poor Papa), Desserts by Sara, Liberty Lake Winery, Petit Chat Village Bakery

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Water contests attracted crowds to lake

By Ross Schneidmiller

LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Reaching out and touching the slippery log first, Frank Kelly won the race. Swimming 215 yards between wharfs, Kelly narrowly beat out Frank Howard for top honors. Kelly would now hold the prize, a silver cup, against all comers for a period of five weeks. The person who would win the greatest number of times out of the six Sunday contests would keep the cup on which the winner's name would be inscribed.

Roderick MacKenzie, the popular landlord of the MacKenzie Hotel located on Liberty Lake's west side, hosted these types of weekly water competitions in the late 1890s. The lake was in its beginning stages of becoming a popular Spokane destination. MacKenzie utilized the Spokane Daily Chronicle to promote the races and his resort.

Along with swimming events for both youth and adults, there were rowboat races. The largest cash prize offered for the events was for the ladies' rowboat race held on Aug. 1st, 1897. Most of that money stayed in the family, though, since MacKenzie's daughter Carrie won that event, receiving \$2 of the \$3 purse.

These were not the first races held at the lake, but possibly the first in the resort era. There were competitions during the gatherings that Chief Andrew Seltice of the Coeur d'Alene Indian tribe held at Liberty Lake in the 1850s. A popular event that both the young and middle-aged participated in was the tip-a-canoe races. The canoe that was tipped under water, over and over, the most times in five minutes was proclaimed the winner.

Water competitions became more prevalent as the resort community developed. In 1908 a 350-foot swimming pier was constructed at Liberty Lake Park. It was said to be the most complete in the Pacific Northwest, fitted with gymnastic apparatus including rings and springboards. It also had graduated diving platforms five feet apart up to 30 feet high. A Spokane gym owner was brought in to establish an aquatics program. Van Cook of Cook's Gymnasium held water carnivals on the weekends which included swimming races, canoe races and tilting contests. He also organized water basketball games at the resort between his gym's team and one he assembled at the lake.

It became common to see headlines in the local papers announcing aquatic events or the results of the competitions at the lake, which were often called water, aquatic or sports carnivals. The sophistication in which the races were run grew as the sports of swimming and diving developed. Often someone from the YMCA or YWCA was in charge of the activities. There were classifications for all ages: boys and girls, men and women. The top swimmers and



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In this circa 1936 photo, Washington Athletic Club swimmer Jack Medica is surrounded by the W.A.C.'s women's relay team. Pictured are (left to right) Olive McKean, Betty Lea, Medica, Doris Buckley and Liberty Lake's Mary Lou Petty (April 5, 1915 – April 2, 2014).

divers from the Inland Empire would compete in these events.

There were rowboat and canoe races as well as novelty events like the single oar race and the coconut race. In the latter, a sack of coconuts was dropped into the lake well out from shore, and the entrants in the event swam out and brought back in as many as possible in one attempt. The crazy man swim was also popular. In this event the participants were required to undress to their bathing suits on the beach, swim around a boat in the lake, return and don their clothes again. This was quite the effort as the required outer garments were shoes, hose, trousers, shirt, tie and knot. Another common event was the tub race; anyone with a washbasin tub could enter.

In the early years the last feature for the water carnivals were the launch races. The entrants were made up of the resort touring boats and resident-owned launches. The race was handicapped to allow for a fair but competitive race. The handicap allowed race officials to compensate for fast or slow boats in the final results and to award the

race to the boat with the highest achievement rather than the quickest time. As motorboats increased in speed and racing became more organized and popular, they became events unto themselves attracting thousands of spectators to the lake.

The most impressive water carnival held at the lake was a three-day event in June of 1934. This water show was a combination of events. Liberty Lake Park (renamed Silver City at that time) hosted the Inland Empire Pacific Northwest Amateur Swimming and Diving Championships. Swimming luminaries from Seattle's Washington Athletic Club (W.A.C.) were also on hand for match races plus races against time in their attempts to set American and world records. Seating arrangements were prepared for 6,000 spectators, and bus service was arranged from Spokane.

The first night opened with exhibition swims by coach Ray Daughters' visiting stars from W.A.C., as well as diving demonstrations, spectacular tied board riding, log rolling and other stunts. The second night featured record attempts by Jack Medica,

EVENTS, COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

From the Liberty Lake Historical Society, a 2014 monthly series

JANUARY: Ice Skating

FEBRUARY: Parade of Mermaid Competitions

MARCH: Opening Day of Fishing

APRIL: Dancing

MAY: Water Competitions

JUNE: Liberty Lake Amateur

JULY: All Valley Picnics

AUGUST: Dutch Jake Picnics

SEPTEMBER: Hydroplane Races

OCTOBER: Baseball Games

NOVEMBER: Liberty Lake and Football

DECEMBER: A.R.T.'s Christmas in July

Seattle's world champion. Another highlight was a match race between Olive McKean, national 100-yard champion, and Liberty Lake's very own Mary Lou Petty seeking a new 220-yard record. Petty, who was now training under Daughters, was a big reason the coach hoped to repeat as national relay champions. Record quests by the W.A.C. women's relay team rounded out the evening. Sunday saw additional attempts at world and American marks as well as a five-mile marathon swim by local stars over a triangular course in front of grandstands.

On the Monday after the event, the Chronicle's headlines read, "Water Pageant Is Great Show." Although the crowds were not as large as promoters had hoped, those who did attend witnessed record-smashing accomplishments. Of the records that were broken, some had been held by Olympic swimming legends Helene Madison, Johnny Weissmuller and Buster Crabbe.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

- Prizes for the boys rowboat race held at Liberty Lake on Aug. 1, 1897, were 73 cents for first place, 37 cents for second place and a pound of candy for third place.

- The July 30, 1904, edition of The Spokesman-Review credited 22-year-old Joseph Leahy with setting a new swimming record at Liberty Lake. Using mostly the breaststroke, Leahy swam the 1 3/4 mile course across the widest part of the lake in one hour and three minutes. An Irish immigrant,

Leahy developed his skills swimming across the two-mile bay of Cork, Ireland.

- A tied board was similar to a rectangle-shaped surfboard except it was tied to the boat by a rope thus freeing up the performer's hands for acrobatics. A board not connected to the boat was called a free board.

- Mary Lou Petty may have lost the match to Olive McKean, but she broke individual swimming records including the 400-meter freestyle record held by McKean. Between 1934 and 1936, Petty set six American

records and one world record. As a member of the W.A.C. relay team, she was part of seven American records. In 1936 Petty was the highpoint winner on her 21st birthday at the indoor national swimming meet in Chicago. Later that year she placed 4th in the 400-meter freestyle at the Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany.

- Ray Daughters brought five tested stopwatches with him to Liberty Lake in 1934 so when the timers caught his swimmers breaking records, the new marks would be official.

COMMUNITY

Community Briefs

Splash to feature local grads

The Splash plans to recognize Liberty Lake high school graduates in its June issue. In order to participate, graduates are asked to submit name, high school, parents' names, plans after graduation and photo to photos@libertylakesplash.com by May 9.

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

Service to honor LL man

A memorial service for longtime Liberty Lake resident Lyle Stephenson will be held 2 p.m. May 3 at Thornhill Valley Chapel, 1400 S. Pines Road, Spokane Valley. The service will include full military honors.

To read the story about Stephenson in the December issue of The Splash, go to this link: www.libertylakesplash.com/news.asp?id=22949. For more information on the service, call 924-2211.

FOPP now accepting scholarship applications

Friends of Pavillion Park will be award-

ing three \$750 scholarships and a \$1,000 Elmer Schneidmiller Community Leadership Award to students seeking post-high school education in the 2014-2015 school year. Scholarship application materials are due by May 18.

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 scholarship forms, email scholarship chairperson and FOPP Vice President David Himebaugh at davidh@pavillion-park.org.

Education Briefs

CV student earns scholarship

Central Valley High School senior Kelsey McCune was recently awarded a scholarship worth \$4,000 to Eastern Washington University's Honors Program. She is the daughter of Michael and Sandra McCune of Liberty Lake.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, students must have a 3.6+ GPA, superior SAT scores and/or a 26+ ACT comprehensive score.

CV students honored for LETEM program

Katelyn Dolan of Liberty Lake and Philip Howard of Veradale, both seniors at Central Valley High School, were both honored at the Central Valley school board meeting April 14 for their program, Life Enhancement Through Education in Music (LETEM) that distributes instruments to students in need.

They were presented with bronze medallions to recognize their selection as distinguished finalists for Washington in the 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. For more information, visit www.spirit.prudential.com.

Colleges honor local students

The following Liberty Lake residents were recently recognized by colleges for their academic performance or for meeting graduation requirements. Information was provided via press releases submitted from schools.

Eastern Washington University

Dean's List, winter quarter
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Whitworth University

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2 Mail-in form: \$15

Complete the registration form below and submit it along with your fee. Remember, registration **must be received by June 6** 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 2014 Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales Guide. 10,000 copies will be distributed by mail to everyone in Liberty Lake on June 12, 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 16-17, 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 PAVILLION PARK

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.

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, indicate the Pavillion Park option 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 14.

REGISTER AS A COMMERCIAL VENDOR AT 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, use either of the two options listed under "Register a sale at your home" at left, but instead of listing your address, indicate the Pavillion Park option 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 14.

COMMUNITY

GMS releases honor roll

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The following students attained honor roll for the second trimester of the 2013-2014 school year at Greenacres Middle School.

Sixth grade

4.0 GPA: Katelyn Bartel, Carter Childress, Jenny Drinkwine, Joshua Hermes, Emily Heskett, Tyler Hunter, Tyler Jones, Kaitlyn Kaluza, Thane Lake, Sara McGill, Addison McLelland, Shawn Mulligan, Jasmyrn Persicke, Halinah Putz, Makenzie Raab, Noah Sanders, Yohann Sharma, Sydney Sutton, Claire Westby

3.25 GPA and higher: Boden Albright, Danya Alharbi, Dori Ames, Abigail Austin, Eloise Austin, Victoria Axtell, Jeremy Baum, Drake Beale, Kylee Behar, Tenya Benjamin, Hunter Bly, Brenna Brantner, Paige Bridgens, Garrett Burns, Chad Carlson, Gracie Carlson, Tyshaun Carmen, Caden Carter, Marcos Cesero, Anika Chalich, Eric Chandler, Andre Charbonneau, Hunter Clark, Kieleen Clark, Adrianna Collie, Tate Cornell, Briana Creeger, Jacob Crowley, Jamie Dickman, Bryden Dodson, Jorren Dumo, Christina Evey, Preston Finch, Abby Ford, Kylie Forsyth, Lea Foster, Jeremy Fuhrman, Sydney Gannon, Esha Gollapalli, Rab Greenup, Luke Grisafi, Ryan Hagerty, Rachel Hamry, Katelyn Hansen, Grace Hanson, Christi Harms, Ryan Harper, Andrew Harter, Taryn Harvey, Essence Hiatt, Lindsey Hickson, Brelin Johns, Caden Johnson, Adam Jones, Collyn Jones, Kyle Jones, Mohammad Kaddoura, Kyle Kaminskas, Kylie Keller, Griffin Keys, Madelynn Knight, Emilee Kopelson, Miranda Kuhlmann, Aidan Lamkins, Haley Lance, David Laptev, Emma Leiby, Gabriella Magana, Finn Mallinen, Jessie Marshall, Abbey Martineau, MaryKate McHenry, Brock McNeilly, Mason McNeilly, Jacob Measel, Nathan Mercer, Aidan Meyer, Olivia Minnick, Vitaly Mitrofanov, Trinity Montoya, Mia Morales, Ethan Moriniti, Josef Mueller, Brandon Neer, Madelynn Ochse, Emma Ohlsen, Ethan Oliver, Ryan Ovnick, Alexis Palmer, Carly Petersen, Kayla Piche, SkyeSuraja Potter, Kyra Price, Dallin Prince, Olivia Racho, Ryan Redden, Ashley Rich, Kole Richardson, Rogan Rodriguez, Evann Rohm, Connor Russell, Jacob Sattler, Brenna Schmaltz, Hailey Schmedtje, Drew Scott, Cameron Shely, Jensen Shpyitka, Jayce Simmons, Julia Simpson, Olivia Sine, Jaylen Smith, Madison Smith, Brandon Snider, Carson Spence, Emily St. John, Marissa Suarez, Matthew Szymanski, Devin Tanak, Suheyle Tanak, Makayla Taylor, Akaysha Thomas, Kalani Trotter, Kellen Ungaro, Ryan Ungaro, Kaleb Vakaloloma, Jessica Vargas, Kody Vaughn, Korbin Weiler, Jacob White, Chelsea Whitson, Dylan Williams, Kirsten Wolf, Simon Xiong, Lucy Yan, Courtney Youseph, Aubrey Zeutschel

Seventh grade

4.0 GPA: Brendan Bertone, MaKayla Claypool, MaKenzie Claypool, Chloe Klingler, Kali Natarajan, Margeaux Rottrup, Abigail Sims

3.25 GPA and higher: Natalie Abernathy, Jason Ambriz, Maggie Ames, Jamie Anderson, Rachel Anderson, Jackson Ashworth, Kylie Austin, Spencer Auth, Seth Baker, Marissa Bankey, Shawn Barnett, Alexis Beard, Kylie Beckett, Ty Bennett, Avery Benson, Andrew Bertone, Alyssa Bertram, Caleb Betts, Emma Brewer, Ethan Brooks, Liberty Broughton, Michael Bucknell, Reese Bungamer, Kelsie Cabiad, Kylar Cahalan, Deidre Calvo, Brenna Carlton, Ian Chambers, Miles Chambers, Carmen Christensen, Gabrielle Christiansen, Benjamin Church, Haley Clark, Sierra Clark, Sam Clary, Logan Coddington, Casey Constance, Trinity Coulter, Rafe Cox, Alisa Crooks, Parker Culron, Mitchell Curi, Andrew Deering, Brooke DeRuwe, Gage Engel, Mikelle Fawson, Kaitlin Federman, Logan Fredekind, Berkeley Fredrick, Isabelle French, Michaela Frye, Sulamita Gavriyluk, Scott Gerber, Haley Gerth, Ibby Glover, Caille Grant, Ty Gray, Madeline Greer, Serena Greiner, Alicia Gutierrez, Liliya Gutsulenko, Riley Hadley, Ethan Hagmann, Andrea Hamilton, Syrena Harris, Madeline Hassett, Siqi He, Holly Heckerman, Chelsey Heizer, Carlie Houn, Samantha Hughes, Kelly Hyle, Haley Johnson, Jack Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Cassana Jones, Geoffrey Julian, Tatyana Karpstov, Grant Kelley, Brianna Kimberley, Gunnar Krogh, Genevieve Lorhan, Hunter Lynch, Tyler Madden, Michael Marinello, Justin Maynes, Hayden McAuliff, Molly McCormick, Emily McFarling, Gavery Merrill, Alondra Morando, Claire Mumm, Aisley Niles, Stella Olander, Kaitlyn Pegrum, Kara Peha, Sylvia Phillips, Kenda Piaatt, Chloe Poshusta, Ashlen Raskell, Joshua Reneau, Noah Reneau, Madison Reynolds, Olivia Rich, Kylie Roche, Roni Rountree, Grace Sampson, Teigan Sampson, Katherine Sams, Ethan Schaefer, Benjamin Schmidt, Carlee Scholl, Arman Shaarbaf, Damon Sheneman, Hannah Sherman, Madelyn Simmelink, Riley Simonowski, Kendal Siva, Liam Smith, Samantha Smith, Shane Stewart, Allison Taylor, Elle Taylor, Kyle Van Liew, Luke Walker, Karen Weaver, Cameron Whitcher, Reid Whitecotton, Coryn Whiteley, Tomekia Whitman, Calvin Whybrew, Jordan Williams, Julius Wirthlin, Samantha Woodbury, Jared Woodlief

Eighth grade

4.0 GPA: Elise Brockbank, Britton Curtis, Sidney Gardner, Kelsey Gumm, Hannah Hislop, James Hotchkiss, Lacie Hull, Lexie Hull, Javion Joyner, Hannah Lundblad, Bridget McDonald, Holland Pratt, Ryu Sharma, Kavia Turpin, Jack Wampler

3.25 GPA and higher: Morgan Adkins, William Ames, Mitchell Axtell, Carissa Ball, Samantha Barrie, Asia Beale, Lean Brown, Jada Bryant, Autumn Call, Calista Carlson, Hailey Carter, Selena Chen, Hailey Christopher, Peter Cleary, Hannah Conant, Ty Cornell, Hannah Craig, Emily Critchlow, Kalle Crouch, Mallory Daines, Alexa Davis, Stacia Dehamer, Makena Dodson, John Dunne, Thomas Edwards, Andrew Ferrero, Kaelyn Frederick, Sean Fullmer, Bryce Gardner, Blair Gasaway, Ashley Griffiths, Sean Hagerty, Brayden Hamilton, Hunter Hamilton, Amanda Hanson, Lexi Harames, Grace Hardesty, Norah Harman, John Hatcher, Chang He, Harrison Heckerman, Anna Hilbert, Charlotte Himebaugh, Alyson Hinman, Angela Hoene, Ayaiana Hopkins, Caitlin Hopkins, Alexandra Horton, Justis Huston, Alison Jacobson, Elsa Jensen, Brady Jones, Dawson Jordan, Sadie Justus, Pamelapreet Kang, Natalia Karpstov, Kessidy Keller, Kobe King, Madison Kramer, Eli Lake, Tate Laker, Alina Lavrova, Jayden Layton, Nathan Leland, Jacob Lewis, Dalton Liesse, Sara Lynn, Bekk Martin, Matthew Martin, Micah Mason, Kate McLelland, Noah Moffeit, Connor Moore, Brian Munro, Kathleen O'Dea, Trey Orr, Gavin Osteimer, Madison Papich, Anna Pecha, Erica Pecha, Kaden Perala, Seth Pierce, Brooklynn Pieroni, Preslee Pieroni, Madelynn Prince, Mason Rawley, Madison Reese, Chloe Robbins, Gabriel Romney, Tyler Rowell, Trystan Sampilo, Milan Saric, Sydni Schaefer, Cory Schmidt, Mason Scott, Brenna Shanks, Aubony Slack, Kaitlyn Standow, Zachary Stocker, Melissa Sweeney, Austin Tomlinson, Hannah Wampler, Kylie Weiler, Brittney Wheeler, Connor Whitney, Bradley Wiggs, Alissa Williams, Madeline Wilson, Beaudry Young, Braunsun Young, Tyler Zarecor, Hailey Zeutschel

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Not par for the course

Kiwanis club focusing on the golfing fun factor at 10th annual Scholarship Scramble

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

John Niece believes even the average hacker will score a hole-in-one at this year's 10th annual Liberty Lake Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Scramble.

That's due to some tinkering under the hood of the golf tournament in order to maximize the fun and minimize the need to actually be, well, much of a golfer.

"I like to call it the funnest tournament on earth," said Niece, a longtime Kiwanian who is captaining the Scramble this year. "It really will be — unless they are really snobby, or zero handicap or something."

Whereas scratch golfers won past tournaments by carding scores well below par, average golfers will be able to score as well or better using "stroke enhancement kits" — which include items like the ability to throw the golf ball closer to the pin and a 2-foot string that allows players to kick in the difference on that shot that just missed.

"You don't necessarily have to be a 7 handicap or lower to have a chance to win this thing," Niece said. "Hit a few good shots, throw the ball a few times, get enough chips and you are going to score well."

Niece said one "stroke enhancement kit" is included with the \$100 registration fee, and additional kits will be available for purchase. All proceeds from the event benefit the scholarships distributed by the club

— more than \$140,000 and counting have been distributed in the event's history.

Also included in the fee is a chicken or steak dinner — a new 1 p.m. afternoon start time providing the opportunity to move away from the barbecue lunch of years' past.

The scramble also won't fall on its traditional first Saturday in June this year — it will be May 31 instead — because the local high schools have graduations on the first Saturday this year instead of the second Saturday of years' past.

"This whole tournament is about scholarships," Niece explained. "We have the kids who receive scholarships at the event, so (landing the same day as graduation) wasn't going to work too well."

Niece emphasized that scholarship recipients traditionally include everything from the top academic achievers to others seeking to be first-generation college students from their family. Past recipients have included some from Barker High School, an alternative school in the Central Valley School District where the Liberty Lake Kiwanians support a Key Club.

"To give a kid an opportunity to go on in education is really cool," Niece said.

The Kiwanis Club lost a significant sponsor this year, meaning they are working even harder to make up for the lost income. Several sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses or individuals (opportunities start at \$50).

For more information about the tournament, sponsorships or to register, visit www.libertylakekiwanis.org or call Niece at 294-8500.

Registration open for Yard Sales

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Registration is now open to be a part of the 21st annual Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales, which returns 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 14. The event is being organized for the fourth consecutive year by the Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club, with registration support and the official guide from The Splash.

Homes with Liberty Lake addresses can register for \$10 online at www.libertylakesplash.com/yardsale, or the mail-in cost is \$15 (a registration form is included in this issue of The Splash). The deadline to register to be included in the official event map and guide is June 6. 10,000 copies of the guide will be distributed leading up to the day of the event, including by direct mail on June 12 to every business and residential address in Liberty Lake.

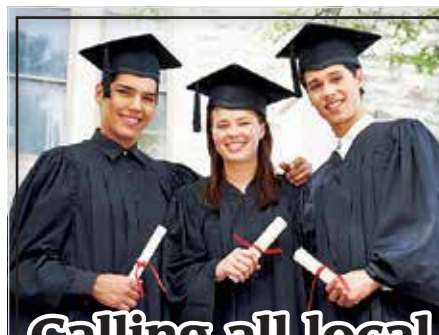
In addition to home sales, anyone can register to hold a sale or sign up as a commercial vendor at Pavillion Park. The cost

for either option is \$50, though non-commercial Pavillion Park sales receive \$35 back after cleaning up their site at the end of the event. Registration for either option is available at www.libertylakesplash.com/yardsale.

The fees collected for the event go first toward the event's expenses. Proceeds support the Liberty Lake Kiwanis, including scholarships and other youth-oriented programs.

The club is again seeking sponsors to help with fundraising. Sponsors receive logo recognition in all event materials, including on the cover of the official guide. They also receive premium placement advertising in the official guide.

The annual event, founded by Lorraine Halverson and Betty Button in 1994, now attracts thousands of shoppers each year and features more than 300 sales. For more information about registration or sponsorship, email yardsales@libertylakesplash.com or call 242-7752.



Calling all local graduates

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

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

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

Information must be received by Friday, May 9. Contact 242-7752 or photos@libertylakesplash.com with any questions.

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LOCAL LENS

Math team takes fourth



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Liberty Lake fourth grade Math Is Cool team placed fourth out of nearly 120 teams at the district Math Is Cool competition April 18 at Mt. Spokane High School. Team members included (back row) Brayden Herndon, Sam Carter, Diego Annett, Natalie Brown, Ashley Boswell, Leah Welsh, Madison Russell, Jonah Gartner, Ansel LaPier, Annemarie Rau; (front row) Ethan Sheneman, Madison Stayton, Summer Oakes, Savannah Spraggins, Sydney Spraggins and Jordyn Gartner. The team was coached by Tanya LaPier and Katie Boswell.

Yoga for fallen heroes



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Mat hosted a fundraiser March 30 for the Liberty Lake Fallen Heroes Circuit Course. Donations received were designated toward a sign and plaque to be displayed the new Pavillion Park course which is scheduled to be dedicated May 26.

Keeping watch over the young

A great-horned owl took possession of a hawk's nest made last year behind the Legacy Ridge area. Michael Hassett captured a shot of the owl with its baby.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

City celebrates Arbor Day with students



SPLASH PHOTOS BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Mayor Steve Peterson read a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day and then invited Liberty Lake students to help shovel dirt into a recently planted silver sterling linden tree at Pavillion Park. The nearly 140 fourth grade students in attendance were given a ponderosa pine from the city as part of the Fourth Grade Foresters USA program.

Hitting the trails



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Wilson family (top right), John and Wendy Carey (lower right), and other members of the Liberty Lake Running Club ran the Centennial Trail in April.

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.



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LIBERTY LAKE



A hypothetical week of midday dining

By Valerie Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

One of the keys to a good city is a diverse offering of lunchtime dining. Though its commercial and retail centers are still relatively young, Liberty Lake is increasingly making its case as a great place to have lunch.

On a budget? In a hurry? Sky's the limit? The Splash researched a week's worth of dining variety for the noon hour. The following hypothetical week-at-a-glance is designed to satisfy the palate of everyone from the diner seeking a quick bite to the epicure seeking a gourmet experience.

For this project, we paid special attention to Friday — as this is the category that has changed the most since patios began opening for a spring lunch last year at this time. That would be the food truck option, and noontime hunger pangs on Friday can now be resolved by a trio of mobile vendors, whereas last year there was only one, and that one didn't have the permanent location it now enjoys.

Happy dining!

SUNDAY

Lunch at the 19th hole

GOLF COURSE DINING

Liberty Lake Golf Course Clubhouse, 24403 E. Sprague Ave.

MeadowWood Golf Course Clubhouse, 24501 E. Valleyway Ave.

Palenque Mexican Restaurant, 1102 N. Liberty Lake Road

Whether you play 18 or skip straight to the 19th hole, local golf course clubhouses provide a variety of dining experiences for the athletic or the athletically challenged.

Palenque Mexican Restaurant, located at Trailhead Golf Course, 1102 N. Liberty Road, offer authentic Mexican cuisine, while the clubhouses at the county-owned Meadowwood and Liberty Lake golf courses offer a full range of lunchtime fare. Golfer or not, diners have long enjoyed lunch at these links venues, all of which offer great views of open green space.

MONDAY

Lunch on epicurean delights

EPICUREAN OPTIONS

Barlows at Liberty Lake, 1428 N. Liberty Lake Road

Hay J's Bistro, 21706 E. Mission Ave.

Twisp Café, 23505 E. Appleway Ave.

No study of Liberty Lake's lunch venues would be complete without exploring the epicurean options served by the area's finer dining options.

Barlows owners Alicia and Michael Fry recently expanded their operation at a gorgeous new location. What hasn't changed: their desire to provide guests the ultimate dining experience through a combination of great food, nice atmosphere and quality service. Its menu still highlights recipes passed down by Alicia's mother,

but the new location is also open for dinner, and all day the influence of new executive chef Everett Fees can be seen and tasted.

Hay J's Bistro, 21706 E. Mission, offers nontraditional sandwiches, wraps, burgers and entrees from its menu, www.hayjsbistro.com, served in a unique location. Though found in a gas station strip mall, its interior reflects the high-end menu selections.

Following the purchase of Twisp Café by owner Bobby and Stacy Taninchev last year, the menu changed to include a selection of American and Mediterranean dishes.

Choices, found at www.twisp-cafe.com, range from several Mediterranean-inspired salads, sandwiches, paninis and soups, all made from scratch, including the sauces and dressing. For dessert, Bobby Taninchev makes his own family recipe for baklava.

"I have the best baklava in town," he said. "We make everything with lots of love."

Even Twisp's coffee drinks come with a special touch. Barista Kyle Siegel creates coffee art on his java creations.

TUESDAY

Lunch in a jiffy

FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS

Carl's Jr./Green Burrito, 1317 N. Liberty Lake Road

McDonald's, 1306 N. Liberty Lake Road

Taco Bell, 22312 E. Appleway Ave.

Taco Time, 1421 N. Liberty Lake Road



SPLASH PHOTO BY VALERIE PUTNAM

Bobby Taninchev has put the focus on the food since purchasing Twisp last year.

Whether your schedule means using the drive-up window or having the time to come inside to order, Liberty Lake offers several established fast food restaurants to choose from. Menus at these establishments offer a variety of quick, budget-friendly items.

From grabbing a Big Mac at a fast food original (McDonald's), to a hybrid burger/Mexican joint (Carl's Jr./Green Burrito) to a pair of unapologetically south-of-the-border establishments (tacos Time and Bell, respectively), the speedy options are readily available.

Should the desire for a fresh made sandwich overcome you, Liberty Lake boasts four venues that specialize in this lunch-time favorite.

National brands Subway and Quizno's have long claimed turf in across-the-street shopping plazas, while San Francisco Sourdough has also been a mainstay of the community since nearly the turn of the century. By those standards, the new kid on the block is Jimmy John's, which recently celebrated its one-year anniversary in the community.

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

Lunch 101 — the sandwich Lunch off the beaten path

SANDWICH STOPS

Jimmy Johns, 1429 N. Liberty Lake Road

Quizno's, 1235 N. Liberty Lake Road

San Francisco Sourdough Eatery, 23801 E. Appleway Ave.

Subway, 1336 N. Liberty Lake Road

HIDDEN GEMS

Eat Good, 24001 E. Mission Ave.

R'nR Clubhouse, 23203 E. Knox Ave.

Safeway deli, 1233 N. Liberty Lake Road

For the adventurous types, Liberty Lake has a few gems off the beaten path worth discovering. Eat Good, located in the Meadow-

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The R'nR Clubhouse boasts a '50s theme and an affordable menu offered to lunchtime crowds Monday through Saturday. The open-to-the-public restaurant is located on the campus of R'nR RV, 23203 E. Knox Ave.



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wood Technology Campus, bills itself as “fast food service with fine dining skill and execution.” Eat Good was founded on the premise of serving a fast food that is healthy — check out www.facebook.com/eatgoodgroup.

Another hidden gem is the R'nR Clubhouse restaurant. Designed originally for the RV dealer's customers, the venue is open to the public with a 1950s-style restaurant. Menu offerings include sandwiches, wraps, salads, soups, burgers and fish and chips. A salad bar with a rotating selection of fresh offerings is \$3 for one trip. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginning in June, the restaurant will open one hour earlier at 9 a.m. through September. Orders can be called in ahead of time.

Another option many walk by but don't think about is the Safeway deli. Safeway offers quick inexpensive options such as sandwiches, chicken and Chinese cuisine and its seating area — shared with the in-house Starbucks — has recently expanded, enabling a true dine-in experience.

FRIDAY

Lunch on wheels

FOOD TRUCK VENDORS

Bubbadogz (located at Chevron)

Johnny Dogs (located at Liberty Lake Portal, only open Fridays)

White House Grill (also located at Liberty Lake Portal)

As spring brings out the sun, it also calls forth the region's mobile food options — food carts, food trucks, food trailers, you name it. The phenomenon has long been popular on the East Coast and in larger markets, such as Portland, Ore.

Indeed, more than 600 mobile food vendors line the streets of Portland, according to recent data. In Liberty Lake, there are three mobile cuisine options. Though hardly a large number, astute residents may feel like there is a little high. That's because the Liberty Lake Portal, 23403 E. Mission Ave., is opening its parking lot to a pair of well-known vendors.

But first, the veteran of the trio is the city's first mobile cart, Bubbadogz, which has found a long-term home in the Chevron parking lot at 1109 N. Liberty Lake Road.

Owners Matt and Sandi Wasteneys serve all-beef Nathan's hot dogs and Longhorn Barbecue sausages on fresh buns. On the side of their dogs, customers can indulge in garlic parmesan fries.

“It's been a fun name,” Sandi Wasteneys said of Bubbadogz, noting it was named after her father's business, Big Bubbas Tires. “It's just kinda stuck with us.”

The Wasteneys began selling hot dogs in 2010 from a smaller New York style cart, working area events such as Bloomsday and the Lilac Parade.

“At big events, we couldn't keep up,” Sandi Wasteneys said about purchasing the larger cart. “It went from a hobby to now we pretty much do it full time.”

Last year, the business had a larger cart custom built to accommodate larger crowds. The new cart incorporates two fryers and two food warmers to keep more dogs warm.

Recently, while purchasing propane at the Chevron station, Matt

SPLASH PHOTOS BY VALERIE PUTNAM

Mobile food options have rolled into Liberty Lake this season as never before. Above, White House Grill owner Raci Erdem planned to open in Liberty Lake April 28. At right, Keith Kopelson is serving Johnny Dogs on Fridays while Bubbadogz is open this year at Chevron.



Wasteneys struck up a conversation with the station owner that led to a deal that provides his cart there throughout the season.

The couple plans to serve its fare of dogs there each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. When not serving patrons of special events, they will be at the Chevron on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weather permitting, they hope to remain open until October.

With over 10 different toppings lining the cart to customize the dog for individual tastes, the cost for lunch ranges from \$3 for a Bubbadog to \$4 for a German sausage. If adding side dishes, plan on \$4 for a basket of garlic parmesan fries or \$3 for regular fries.

As part of the location agreement, beverages can only be pur-

chased inside the Chevron station.

Keep track of the cart online at bubbadogzlibertylake.com.

Johnny Dogs may not be as familiar to the community as Bubbadogz at this point, but the business is owned by a familiar face: Liberty Lake Councilman Keith Kopelson. Johnny Dogs offers a similar menu as Bubbadogz with 1/4 pound all beef Nathan's hot dogs and Longhorn Barbecue sausages. Kopelson operates in the parking lot of the Liberty Lake Portal building, 23403 E. Mission Ave. He plans to serve his customers now through October each Friday from 10:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A Nathan dog meal, which includes a drink and chips, costs \$4, and the sausage meal runs \$5.

“Street food is so good,” Ko-

pelson said. “Nathan dogs are the best hot dogs you can buy.”

Kopelson remembers eating food from mobile vendors while growing up in New York.

“When we would go into the city, that is where we would eat usually,” Kopelson said. “You would come out of Grand Central Station, and the vendors were lined up on the streets. We would grab a pretzel and a hot dog then go onto whatever we were going to do that day.”

He began street vending after helping the Wasteneys last year at Bloomsday. When the Wasteneys decided to purchase a larger cart, Kopelson bought the smaller one to operate as a hobby.

“I always wanted to do a food
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type truck," said Kopelson, who had looked at different options before purchasing the hot dog cart from his friends. "But (Matt Wastenev) said hot dogs were the way to go."

Kopelson said he likes the simple menu and ease of set up and tear down.

"I love being outside and interacting with people," Kopelson said. "I've never had an unhappy customer."

The third member of the food truck trio isn't a hot dog vendor, but the business is familiar to many in Liberty Lake. White House Grill owner Raci Erdem recently announced he is starting a "new adventure" by bringing mobile food service to Liberty Lake, also in the Portal parking lot.

"I always wanted to have something in Liberty Lake," Erdem said. "It's a good spot."

Erdem's three staple dishes include his restaurant's most popular lunch menu item, the Spring Bowl, along with a Gyro sandwich and a marinated garlic chicken sandwich.

Along with the staples, his patrons can choose from the truck's daily lunch and dinner specials. Each meal comes with the

choice of fries or garlic pasta salad.

"It comes with mouthwash, too," Erdem laughed.

With all meals prepped at his Post Falls location, Erdem's truck is now serving a unique choice of meals from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dining choices from the truck range from \$7.50 to \$10.

"It's a good alternative to restaurant food," Erdem said. "It's going to be fun there."

Erdem hired three new staff to man the truck along with using his current Post Falls staff.

Customers can find the daily specials and menu posted online at www.whitehousegrill.com and can also find updates at www.facebook.com/whitehousegrill.

SATURDAY Lunch at the Market

FARMERS MARKET VENDORS

Jalapeno Heaven
Veraci Pizza

Aromas of garlic, wood-fired pizza and fresh-baked goodies permeate the Liberty Lake Farmers Market every Saturday, inviting market-goers to indulge. The market, set to open May 17, will be open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 11.

Many residents have already established a Saturday lunch tradition at either Jalapeno Heaven, featuring Lenny's famous burritos, or Veraci Pizza, which offers hand-made, apple-wood fired clay oven specialty pizzas baked in only 90 seconds.

Of course, a Market lunch visit can be complimented by several vendor offerings.

THE EIGHTH DAY Lunch has only just begun

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Pizza Hut, 1330 N. Liberty
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True Legends Grill, 1803 N.
Harvard Road

Seven days of lunch isn't enough to cover all of the great options in Liberty Lake.

With choices of pizza, calzones, burgers, sandwiches, soup and salad, True Legends Grill offers a speedy lunch menu (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) posted online at www.truelegendsgrill.com.

For an Asian experience, Ding How features a large menu with several categories of items to choose from, including chef-suggested dishes, ala cart menu items, Korean cuisine and a vast array of sushi options.

Even Just Chillin' Frozen Yogurt offers lunch options such as hot dogs and soups, not a bad choice for those who view lunch as a required precursor to dessert.

And finally, what would lunch be without the timeless pizza option. Pizza Hut is easily the best dine-in option, but lunch-sized portions are available at Domino's, and even take-and-bake Papa Murphy's can't be forgotten during a lunch rush, as it boasts a convenient array of ready-to-eat salads.

In Biz

R'nR RV acquires land

In April, R'nR RV Centers purchased two parcels of land totaling approximately three acres neighboring their current Liberty Lake location, 23203 E. Knox Ave.

According to a press release, the RV dealer plans to utilize the adjacent property for storage and service offerings.

STCU members elect two to leadership positions

STCU members recently elected two people to leadership positions within the credit union. Nick Leute was named to the Board of Directors, and Christopher Stevens was elected to the Supervisory Committee.



LEUTE

Leute holds a bachelor's degree in pre-med and master's degree in health policy and administration from WSU and is the performance improvement coordinator at Shriners' Hospitals for Children-Spokane.



STEVENS

Stevens is an assistant professor at Gonzaga University's School of Business Administration and has a master's degree in strategic management/entrepreneurship and a Ph.D. in organizational behavior.

Credit union members also reelected two board members, Dolores Humiston and Mike Rennaker. For more, go to www.stcu.org.

Credit unions receive awards

Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Marketing & Business Development Council awarded Spokane Teachers Credit Union (STCU) several Diamond Awards including a Category's Best Award for its efforts in providing free financial education to Inland Northwest residents. STCU recently opened its 17th branch location in the Hutton Building, 9 W. Washington Street, Spokane.

Horizon Credit Union was also recognized with five Diamond awards from the CUNA Marketing & Business Development Council. Josh Allison, Horizon's relationship development manager, was honored with the industry's 2014 Business Development Professional of the Year Award.

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CV golfers swinging for upper-tier finish



By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Of all high school sports seasons, spring seems to speed by faster than an Indy race-car. The final track meets are May 8 with district and regional meets not far behind.

Baseball and softball leagues are already two-thirds complete. Soccer begins post-season this week. State tournaments end the school year on the final weekend this month.

Golf pair to draw to

If early scores are an indication, two CV golfers have shown potential to play deep into the season.

Michael Stansbury, a Bears senior, shot rounds of 73 and 77 in the first two of five Greater Spokane League tournaments that placed him among the top six.

Sophomore **Jake Dringle** duplicated Stansbury's 73 in the first match, when they shared fifth place.

"Michael's a quiet guy and competitive," coach **Steve Rasmussen** said, "and he's a bunch more consistent. He has a lot of shots."

Dringle, after his hot start, ballooned to 88 in his second match. Playing at tougher MeadowWood, he found water early, double bogeyed and let the game get away from him, Rasmussen said.

"Meadowwood had some teeth in it," Rasmussen said of a league match where scores overall tended to be higher. "We had a conversation. He's just an absolutely great kid who wants to play in college."

If the pair can replicate their early efforts, they'll be in the mix for six state berths.

Scoreboard

COMMUNITY GOLF

4/1 Liberty Lake Women's 18-Hole Club Medal Play

A Flight: Michelle Knowles, 78
B Flight: Leslie Sevigney, 78
C Flight: Kimber Mayher, 83

4/2 MeadowWood Women's Club Count your putts

Sharon Schoen, 31; Lynnette Heidenreich, 32; Sue Meyer, 32; Bette Harmon, 32

4/8 Liberty Lake 9-Hole Club

Flight A: Low gross, Robin McKee, 44; Net, Arla Beck, 36
Flight B: Low gross, Kathy Camyn, 57; Net, Shirley Schoenberger, 35
Flight C: Low gross, Emma Long, 66; Net, Pat Rider, 43
No Handicap: Low gross, Marylou Nowels, 58

CV is a top-three/four team in the GSL.

A welcome addition to the fold has been football-basketball standout **Adam Chamberlain**. He had run track in spring before. Typically CV's No. 6 golfer, he had the Bears second-best score in their second match.

"It's an interesting story," Rasmussen said. "At our preseason meeting, he came and asked, 'Can I come out?'"

Rasmussen told him he couldn't come out just for fun, but had to actually make the lineup.

"He's an athlete and took to the lessons fast," Rasmussen said. "All of a sudden, he's shooting in the low 80s."

His first two scores were 81 and 84.

Girls tracksters formidable

The onus had been on CV's girls track team prior to the season. They've welcomed the challenge.

They finished first in an early invitation-al meet in Wenatchee and dominated early GSL meets with a team that includes soccer and basketball standouts and a stable of distance runners from last fall's third-place cross country state finishers.

Their times and distances put that at or near the top as Greater Spokane League leaders.

Among the girls so far, **Briegan Bester** has run an area-best 5:14.65 1,600 meters and **Kearan Nelson** is tops at 2:28.7 for 800 meters.

Basketball players **Madison Hovren** has clocked swift times, 16.24 in the 100 meter hurdles and 48.44 in the 300s — in the rain, at that — and **Mariah Cunningham** already high jumped 5-feet and long jumped 17-9 ½.

Soccer players **Kelsey Turnbow** and

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4/8 Liberty Lake Ladies Club

"Ts and Fs" Less ½ Handicap

A Flight: Cheryl Hull, 39
B Flight: Chrissie Tamura, 45
C & D Flight: Marilee Codd, 46

4/15 MeadowWood Women's 18-Hole Club Medal Play

Gross winners: Sue Lightfoot, 81; Jackie Babin, 82
Net winners: Sue Meyer, 70; Sharon Schoen, 71; Patsy Lynn, 72

4/15 Liberty Lake Women's Club

Liberty Cup and Putting

Low Net: Chrissie Tamura, 71
Putting: Jackie Babin, 28 putts; Ann Eure, 31 putts

4/16 MeadowWood Women's Club

Best Nine Less ½ Handicap

Jackie Babin, 33.5; Sandy McLaughlin, 35; Sharon Schoen, 35; Sue Meyer, 36



SPLASH PHOTO BY MIKE VLAHOVICH

Blazing times in the 1,600 have Central Valley junior Briton Demars eyeing the school record.

Demars making steady strides as miler

By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

What does it take to become a school record-setting distance runner? Passion, hard work — and a ukulele.

Central Valley junior Briton Demars is not yet 17 years old and is already part of two state cross country team trophy winners. But his preference is track and field and the shorter 1,600 meter race which melds distance runner's endurance with sprinter's speed.

"I like to consider myself a miler," he says. "You need to be up on your toes and ready to go — head, heart and guts."

At the end of March in the wind and cold at Wenatchee, Demars set the Central Valley junior class record time of 4 minutes, 22.87 seconds and now has his eye on the school record (4:15.17) set by Sean Coyle in 2007.

"In terms of potential, if you drew a stair step to show kids how to progress," Bears track coach Chuck Bowden says, "he would be the poster child. He's been successful at each level — freshman, sophomore and junior. He's also been as patient as he's been determined."

Demars was an alternate to state cross country as a freshman. His sophomore season, he was CV's No. 4 finisher. Last fall, running the 5,000 meters in cross country, he was CV's second finisher and placed ninth among all Class 4A juniors.

The Bears were disappointed in their

third place team effort after winning state the year before, but, said distance coach Kieran Mahoney, in any other year it would have had CV runners jumping for joy.

The race definitely inspired Demars. His time of 15:59 was nearly 15 seconds faster than the previous year.

"After cross country, that set a fire in me," Demars says. "I just was not at my best and wasn't going to stand for less than my best. Over the winter, I ran every day and put time in the weight room. And you know? I think it's starting to pay off."

The new weight training is another piece to the puzzle essential for distance running success. Setting the early season junior class record at 1,600 meters offers proof. Last season, his times hovered in the 4:30 range.

Over the winter, Mahoney went online and learned that Galen Rupp, silver medalist during the 2012 Olympics 10,000 meters, had a sport specific weight training regimen that enabled him to overhaul the field, save one, with a blistering last lap.

"I looked and analyzed where he got his speed and strength," Mahoney explained. "Coach Bowden has incorporated quite a few things in the weight room that really focuses on core. It's the next piece of the program I wanted to put in. I have seen a big improvement."

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SPORTS

23 seconds or less

A pursuit of candy — and the community that comes with it



By Chad Kimberley
SPLASH COLUMN

Take a moment and ponder what you can accomplish in 23 seconds or less ... go ahead ... I will wait ... I am not going anywhere ... got it yet?

OK, it has now been nearly 23 seconds; if you don't have anything by now, I am moving on with this column.

23 seconds is not a long amount of time. It is roughly the time it takes my son to brush his teeth (don't worry local dentists, I send him back for a second and third round), my daughter to finish off a bowl of ice cream or for three touchdowns to be scored in an Arena Football game.

Now granted, other things that take 23 seconds seem to last forever, such as my wife trying to wake up enough to hit the snooze button while I lay in bed softly cursing the individual who invented that horrific noise.

But today, I want to focus on things that go quick, and another one that flew by recently was the Liberty Lake Easter Egg Hunt at Pavillion Park. I love this annual event, which has been organized the last couple of years by Alisha and Brian Davis, who took over from former Liberty Lake Mayor (and Alisha's mom) Wendy Van Orman in 2013.

My family has been attending for about six years, and it always highlights three of my favorite things in life: community, chaos and candy. The organizers do a great job in creating spaces where each age group can participate in their own personal hunt, which in actuality is just a ton of eggs spread over a squared off area of ground in which the kids circle around like a lion stalking its prey.

As we arrive a few minutes before the actual dash for the candy, it is always fun for the kids to see friends, for parents to reconnect with one another, and to meet a few new folks along the way. It is what Liberty Lake does best, in my opinion: creates spaces for community to occur, and the Easter Egg Hunt does

this well.

My oldest daughter, who has graduated from hunting to advising my youngest on strategies to collect the highest number of eggs in less than 23 seconds, headed over to their quadrant, while my middle daughter met up with friends on the outer edge of their space in preparation for the mad dash to the middle.

As I watched all the kids getting ready, you could start seeing a changing of philosophies as they scoured the field before them. In fact, these kids were about to go back to very pre-historic times. Some of these kids were clearly hunters; some other kids were more the gatherers. You could see kids pointing out to various toys that were placed throughout the field or specific colored or sized eggs which they believed may hold the golden tickets to earn themselves big prizes at the end of the hunt.

Other kids were gatherers, as they positioned themselves in strategic locations where they could simply fall into the box and start scooping up arms full of eggs and throw them in their baskets before heading back home to sort through their collections.

The next thing I knew, the countdown was going from 10 to zero, and the chaos ensued. 23 seconds later, it was all over. My kids and I sat down in the grass and started opening eggs to see what I was going to steal from their baskets when they were not looking. Butterfinger eggs, all mine. Dark chocolate goes to the wife. Sour candy goes to the oldest daughter. All other chocolate goes to the youngest two. After six years, we have a fairly solid system.

Just like that, the event was over, and the kids spent a few more minutes talking to their friends. We picked up a coupon for a free spinner toothbrush from KiDDS Dental (solid strategy giving out certificates for a free toothbrush amongst a sea of candy and potential cavities), and we made plans to head to Liberty Lake Chevron to cash in on some free drinks and candy the kids got in the form of slips of paper from this business.

As we headed to the car, we realized we were only at the park for about 30 minutes total, and the kids let me know that if we leave now we can get over to Valley Real Life in time for their Easter Egg grab and pick up a bit more candy.

More Community. More Chaos. More Candy.

I think I have 23 more seconds I can spare.

Chad Kimberley lives in Liberty Lake. He is a local teacher and coach.

Shooting for first



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ashley Boswell, a member of the Bearcats team, recently took first place in a girls fourth grade AAU basketball free-throw competition. Ashley is in fourth grade at Liberty Lake Elementary School.

Winning wrestler



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Liberty Lake resident Luke Grisafi won the 60 lbs. novice championship at the Jason Crawford Memorial Tournament April 12 at the Spokane Convention Center. Luke wrestles for Team Real Life in Post Falls, Idaho.

Spring Fling champs



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Emerald City Smoothies 8th grade girls basketball team won the Spring Fling tournament at the Warehouse in Spokane March 29-30. Pictured are (left to right) Amiah Routson, Claire Dingus, **Bryn Anderson**, Kalle Crouch, Abby Gennett, Brianna Robinson and **Haley Christopher**. Not pictured are Glory Ellison and coaches **Ron Anderson** and Jeremy Gennett. (Liberty Lake residents are highlighted in bold.)

Making a splash for Meals on Wheels



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Liberty Lake SeaMonkeys raised over \$4,000 during their annual Swim a Meal for a Meal fundraiser in April. Team members each completed 72 laps (equaling one mile) at the Liberty Lake Athletic Club on April 1 in exchange for donations to Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels. Members of the blue team (see story on page 18), gold team (pictured here) and the adult master team all participated.

The Call to Courage

By John Cooney
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



Kindness, tolerance, generosity, forgiveness, honesty, self-control and almost every other virtue all have something in common. They are all useless, completely and utterly useless. Useless, that is, if not paired with the less-noticed virtue of courage. The virtue of courage, as downplayed as it may be, is actually the reflection of all other virtues. In other words, courage is the vehicle through which all of the other attributes come into being. Accordingly, the importance of being courageous, or rather the importance of understanding what courage is and recognizing it in our own lives, must be enhanced.

To invoke the virtue of courage, a catalyst must be found. Otherwise, one may be content to let courage lie dormant. As such, to awaken courage requires us to believe in something greater than ourselves. Placing your hope in life, God, an ideal or some type of goal is of the utmost importance. Rarely are we able to comprehend how courageous we will be in time of trouble by simply envisioning ourselves in dilemmas. Instead, we must convince ourselves that faith in something greater than ourselves will make our courage stronger than the obstacles we face. Cicero summed it up well when he wrote, "A man of courage is also full of faith."

The virtue of courage is most frequently thought of in life-threatening situations, much like the actions a firefighter or soldier displays, or perhaps someone battling terminal illness. If placed in a comparable situation, we too may instinctively act in a

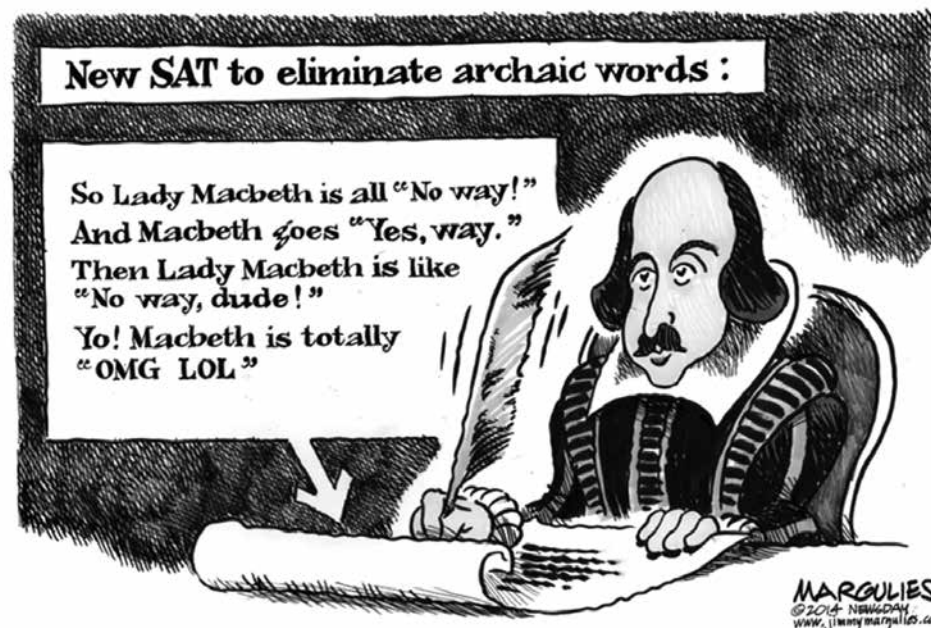
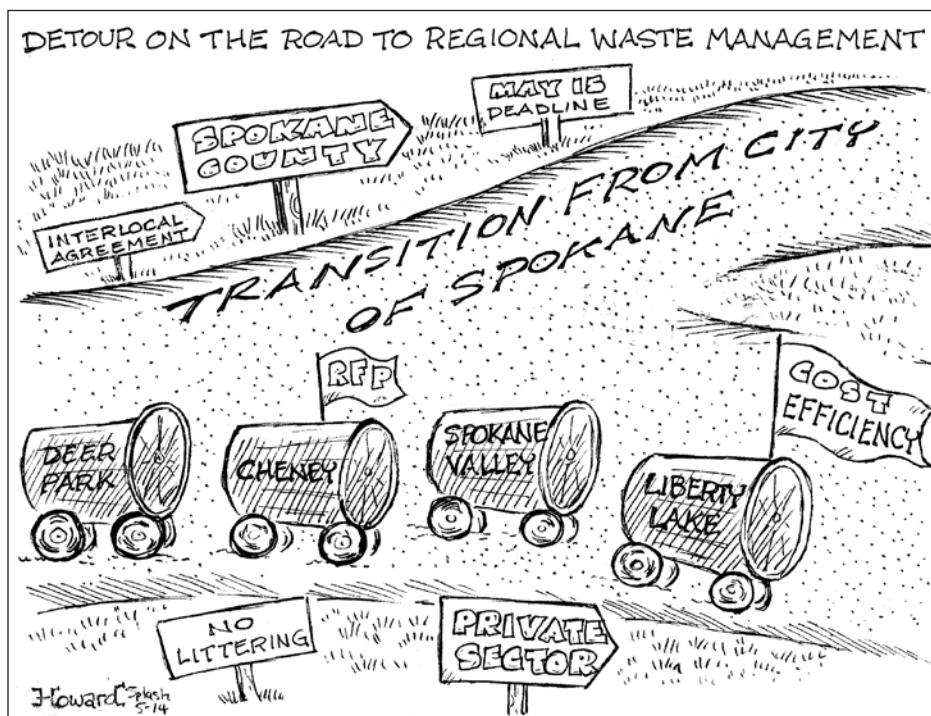
courageous manner, yet the perpetual test of being courageous lies in the subtleties of life. For instance, it takes courage to display honesty and admit fault when the substantial consequences that follow are known. It takes courage to wake up every single morning feeling ill-equipped but ready to give it your all. It takes courage to forgive the unforgivable, to humbly serve others, and to exercise self-control in the face of worldly pressures.

To better understand the attribute of courage, the antithesis of courage, fear, must be considered. It would be incorrect to assume that a person acting with courage does not also harbor the mindset of fear or timidity. While fear occupies the mind of a person acting courageously, it has not conquered the virtue of courage. Significantly, a conscious decision must be made to let courage reign. All the while, fear or cowardice may be present but will ultimately surrender to the supremacy of courage.

Perhaps the greatest challenge in exhibiting courage comes following defeat. Experiencing defeat promotes our fears of inadequacy, ill-preparedness and inferiority. When defeat prevails, fear earns the upper hand and our resolve subsides. Ultimately, by giving in to defeat, we are essentially conditioning ourselves to let fear prevail, making it unlikely we will choose once more to act courageously. Fortunately, there is a systematic remedy to prevent this setback.

Ultimately, the only way to allow courage to consistently dominate fear is to make it a daily practice. Like the muscles of the body, to grow stronger, courage must be exercised frequently. Making a conscious decision to persistently act courageously in the subtleties of life will not only develop the ability to become more courageous, it will also continually suppress fears of inadequacy. By exercising the virtue of courage, the fear that prevents us from turning the virtues of kindness, tolerance, generosity, forgiveness, honesty and self-control into action will subside. In the end, when courage prevents the paralysis of fear from setting in, the other great virtues will turn from simple nouns into the actions that define us.

The Honorable John O. Cooney was elected as a Superior Court Judge in 2012 and is serving his first term, currently assigned to the Family Law Dept. of the Superior Court. Cooney is married and a father of four, a graduate of Gonzaga University and a graduate of Gonzaga University School of Law. He worked as an attorney for Law Offices of John Cooney & Associates, P.S. 2000-2006, was elected to Spokane County District Court in 2006, and then elected to Spokane County Superior Court in 2012. He supports the Partners Advancing Character Education (PACE) Program, and his civic involvement also includes the Lilac Bloomsday Association and Kira's Kloset.



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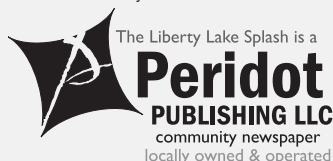
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DEMARS

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A life-long resident of the area, Demars, like many, had been involved in other sports before the running bug bit in middle school.

"I think it was my freshman year that I started to break out and realized the potential I had," he says. "Cross country started my fire, and ever since then I realized I could set the school (1,600) record. That's what I'm working on."

On the way to the Eastmont Invitational in Wenatchee, Bowden noted he had the school record written on his hand.

"I don't think he noticed that I noticed," Bowden said. "I was telling the other coaches, 'he's really dialed in.'"

The multi-faceted youngster keeps active in myriad ways. He is involved with Associated Student Body leadership class at CV, and says scouting, church and time spent with family and friends is important.

Though running has become his muse, it's not been his only moment in the sun. As a freshman, he had a singing part in the drama department's production of "Singing in the Rain."

"It's the first and only play I've done," Demars says. "The director asked if I wanted to do other plays and I said, 'you know? Running is my thing now and I want to be good with it.'"

He's a musician who played saxophone and clarinet during two years in the band and has dabbled with piano for four or five years, he said, "just to try something out."

The ukulele? It's his constant companion and plays a part in his distance success. On bus trips, Bowden said, he entertains teammates.

The soothing sound helps prepare him for competition.

"I sit in the tent with a blanket and play," Demars says. "I like the vibe it brings, kind of peaceful and calm before a race."

It may be the most important puzzle piece in his record running quest.

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SPORTS

NOTEBOOK

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Savannah Hoekstra are sub-13 second sprinters and part of three formidable relay teams.

A pair of Central Valley boys high jumpers, junior **Max Sykes** (6-foot-5) and sophomore **Ben Craig** (6-4) are top league high jumpers. The Bears were beaten by just five points to perennial power Mead in an early GSL meet.

Central Valley's boys finished second at the Eastmont 'Cats Invitational.

Softball shares lead

CV's softball players found themselves in a familiar place — atop the GSL with rival University. This year, however, thanks to an April 18 win over U-Hi, the Bears held a one-game advantage in the standings in late April.

While the Bears didn't have a hitter in the top 10 — when the first statistics were released **Mykenzie Adams** led the team with a .400 batting average — having the best pitcher in league doesn't hurt.

Carli Riordan was 6-1 with a 0.90 earned run average and league-leading 59 strikeouts a third of the way through the season.

Riordan also had driven in 10 runs and hit three doubles.

As coach **Joe Stanton** said earlier, "I'd probably put her up there with the best pitchers in state. When you've got that going, you're definitely headed in the right direction."

Sophomore **Jade Rockford** has scored 11 runs.

Young team in tough company

Central Valley's soccer team is young, and that youth found the Bears looking up at a trio of unbeaten GSL foes midway through the season.

Losses came against two of the unbeaten — Lewis and Clark and Ferris — with a match against tri-leader Mt. Spokane left on the schedule. They defeated the Wildcats

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1-0 in a nonleague match.

CV (4-2) lost to LC 2-1 on a late goal and the Saxons in a shootout following a 0-0 deadlock in regulation and overtime.

Sophomores **Miquel Naves** and **Mark McClain** led the team in scoring with six and five goals respectively after eight matches, including non-league contests. Other young contributors have been junior **Brian Choate** and freshman **JD Hauenstein**.

Baseball hopes for best

Wins haven't come easy, but Central Valley's baseball team remained hopeful about its Greater Spokane League season.

Despite a 3-6 record at the season's midpoint and trailing league leader Gonzaga Prep, Ferris and Lewis and Clark by at least three games, the Bears had a manageable remaining schedule and could

conceivably finish with a break-even or winning record and reach the playoffs.

The Bears won two of their next three and were at 5-7 at press time. The season ends with two games against Shadle Park, which stood at 8-4.

At the season's midpoint, **Jackson Axtell** was CV's hitting leader with a .364 batting average and **Colton Peha** was sixth in the league with three doubles.

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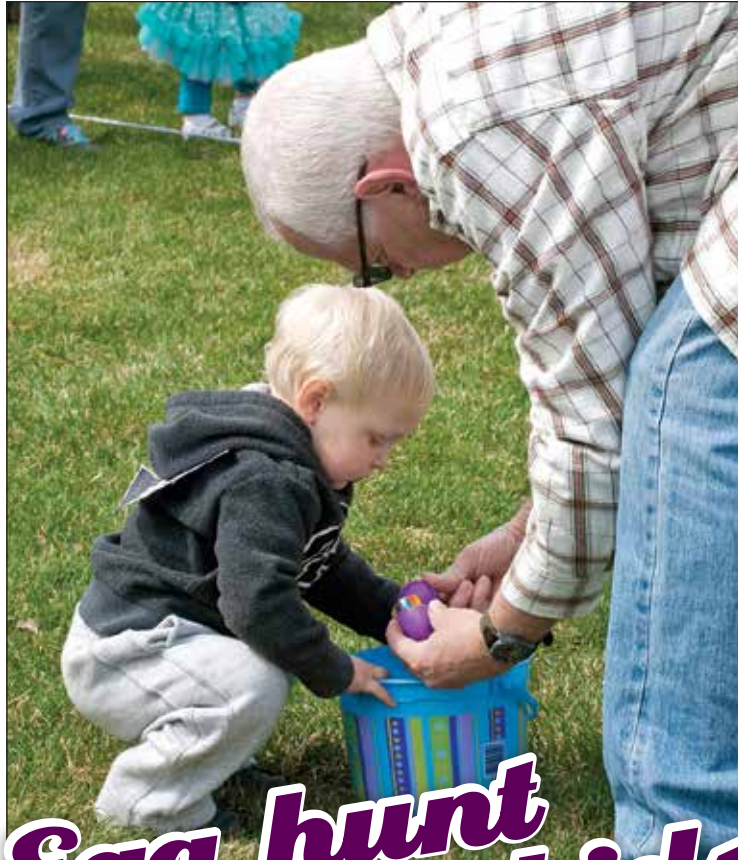


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