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Layered leader

Moore brings wealth of experience to new role on council

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Like his fellow candidates for the City Council position vacated by Lori Olander, Bob Moore was required to complete an application prior to the interview process.

With an abundance of professional and municipal experience spanning 60 years, the only question was whether or not Moore would have enough room on the form.

The native of Ohio was appointed to Liberty Lake's governing board on June 10, earning the bid over a quartet of council hopefuls. On his application, Moore noted that the city lacked a senior



Newsmaker Q&A

citizen representative and emphasized that he was committed "to protecting the character and integrity of our community."

A year after moving to Liberty Lake, Moore joined the city's planning commission. He had served as chair since 2012.

Moore and his wife, Jackie, resided in the Tampa, Fla., area before transitioning to the Inland Northwest to be closer to family. His daughter, Cris — currently serving as the city's mayor pro tem — and his grandson, Kyle, a sixth grader, live here. Moore will tell you that the best aspect of living in Liberty Lake is being a grandfather.

Moore grew up in Norwood, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati, and graduated from Norwood High School in 1954. In 2012, he was inducted into the school's

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Bob Moore was appointed to the Liberty Lake City Council on June 10, replacing Lori Olander, who resigned due to a work conflict. Moore has lived in Liberty Lake since 2009 and brings a background in corporate management, finance and government service to his new role.



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LEADER

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Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. He would stay in his home state to attend college, earning a degree in management from the University of Cincinnati. His educational pedigree includes degrees from Ohio University's School of Banking, the American Institute of Banking and the National Institute of Credit. Moore also attended the Graduate School of Credit and Financial Management at the Harvard University Business School.

Moore's professional path would take him into a variety of fields, including manufacturing, finance, oil, accounting, real estate and more. His career in corporate executive management wound down in 2001, when he retired as vice president of corporate operations for Reptron Electronics Inc. in Tampa. After retirement, Moore spent time as a financial advisor. He still runs his own business consulting company.

Moore's appointment to the Liberty Lake City Council represents his second tenure with a municipal governing board. He served on the council in Montgomery, Ohio, from 1979 to 1981, holding a position as the finance committee chair. He chaired Montgomery's planning commission from 1974 to 1978.

An avid golfer, Moore has played in pro-am tournaments in Florida, Ohio and Colorado. He now takes to the fairways with the "Over the Hill Gang" seen often on both Meadowwood and Liberty Lake courses.

The Splash caught up with Moore following his appointment to chat about a variety of municipal topics, the process of applying for a council seat and the future of leadership in Spokane County's easternmost jurisdiction.

Q. What was your impression of the field of fellow applicants for the vacant council position?

A. Overall, I was very impressed with the other applicants for the vacant council position. They all seemed to be willing to serve the community and interested in making Liberty Lake a better place to live. As you know, the protocol for the interview process prevented each of us from hearing the other interviews. Therefore, my impressions are based upon conversations in the sequester room waiting for our respective interviews.

Q: Did you have any thoughts of running for a council seat in the general election last year?

A: In retrospect, I had no thoughts of serving on City Council until Lori Olander resigned and encouraged me to apply for her vacant position. Josh Beckett, another former Council member, also

encouraged me to apply and in the past suggested that I run for council. Since my term on planning commission was scheduled to expire in December 2014, this was an opportunity to continue to serve the community for the remainder of Lori's term without having to incur the costs and other commitments required in a political campaign. I am very honored and pleased to have been selected to serve on council and to represent all of the citizens of Liberty Lake.

Q: You have been a regular attendee at council meetings. What do you think you've learned from observing council discussions that will help you in this new role?

A: Attending most council meetings has given me a good understanding of the current issues facing the city and that should be helpful in making informed and objective decisions. I've also learned about the dynamics of city government in Liberty Lake and the roles of the mayor, city staff and City Council in a primarily non-political atmosphere. I'm looking forward to participating in the open debate of some current issues including the marijuana moratorium, waste disposal, the proposed zoning change and amendments and possible changes to the signage code.

Q: Dan Dunne is an example of a former planning commission member who has made a successful transition to the City Council. How will your experience on the commission help you?

A: Dan Dunne and I served together on the planning commission, and I'm looking forward to serving with him again and also with the other council members. After serving four-and-a-half years on planning commission, I have learned a great deal about the Liberty Lake comprehensive plan and the development code, which together provide the direction for the growth and development of Liberty Lake. The founders of Liberty Lake had a lot of insight and vision about the desired character of Liberty Lake and how that should be protected. Understanding the annual review process by planning commission should help me make informed and objective decisions regarding planning and development matters.

Q: Tell us about your experience on the City Council in Montgomery, Ohio. What were some of the issues you dealt with there, and do you see any similarities between Montgomery and Liberty Lake?

A: The demographics of Montgomery and Liberty Lake are very similar in relation to population size, gross revenues and other characteristics. In Montgomery, however, the primary concern was protecting the residential character of the community and to limit commercial development. Most local governments have the same basic functions and responsibilities that are transferable such as

planning and zoning, budgeting, capital improvements and passing ordinances. Liberty Lake is subject to the Growth Management Act of the state of Washington passed in 1990 that provides the framework for land use planning and development regulations.

Q: The utility tax has been one of the most controversial issues in the city over the past several years. The person you are replacing was an outspoken critic of the tax. What is your opinion of it?

A: I favored the utility tax from the beginning when it was adopted in 2010 as an emergency measure to fix the city's cash flow problems at that time. It is now tied to capital improvements and is necessary to partially fund the Transportation Improvement Plan. I favor reducing the utility tax rate in years when other revenues exceed budget and not just spend the excess funds and perpetuate the tax.

Q: There have been a slew of capital projects championed by the city in the last couple years, from the Harvard Road roundabout to the Liberty Lake Ball Fields and the recently approved Town Square Park. What has been your opinion on these projects and are there any upcoming capital projects you expect to support?

A: I supported all of the capital projects previously approved by council and think they all will be lasting enhancements to the community. All of these projects are characterized by partnerships with the state of Washington, the Central Valley School District, Spokane Transit Authority and local businesses and developers through the Harvard Road Mitigation Fund impact fees. I expect to support the Transportation Improvement Plan and the improvements to Appleway and the other projects.

Q: You have held a number of influential roles with large companies in fields like manufacturing, finance and oil. How do you think that leadership experience will translate to your new duties on council and, by the same token, do you foresee any issues taking on a more collaborative role as one of seven on a governing board?

A: I have been fortunate in my career to have held some responsible positions in both the private and public sectors. My management style and philosophy has always been participative, that is working with others to accomplish goals and objectives. I believe in transparent and responsive government at all levels and in an open forum to debate the issues with input from all citizens and businesses within Liberty Lake. I don't foresee any conflicting issues at this time, but it is imperative that the city continues to grow and generate the revenues required to support future capital projects. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve on the Liberty Lake City Council.

Moore emerges from applicants at special Council meeting

By Craig Howard

SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

When numbers were drawn to determine the order of interviews for five City Council hopefuls on June 10, Bob Moore emerged as first in line.

Later, when representatives of the governing board cast ballots on a replacement for Lori Olander, Moore again found himself ahead of the field.

The native of Ohio earned four votes to become the latest member of the City Council during a special meeting at City Hall that spanned just over two hours. Donald Walker, the only other applicant to earn a nomination among the quintet of finalists, received one vote.

"I will do my very best to fulfill every responsibility," Moore told his new colleagues after the appointment.

City Attorney Sean Boutz administered the oath of office to Moore at the conclusion of the meeting. Council deliberated for just over 30 minutes in an executive session after conducting interviews with each of the applicants. Debbi Haskins, Charles Matthews and Julie Anne Young rounded out the list of candidates.

"We ended up with five outstanding individuals," said Mayor Steve Peterson before the council vote. "It's difficult to make a decision within such a minute space because you're all good."


Moore moved from Florida to Liberty Lake in 2009 with his wife, Jackie. In 2010, he was appointed to the city's planning commission, where he has served to the present. He was selected as chair in 2012.

Moore's experience on the commission proved valuable during the interview process as he referenced his role in reviewing the city's comprehensive plan and development code each year since 2010. He has also served as the commission's representative on the community development committee.


"We need to maintain the community as a viable economic entity," Moore said. "We need to cover the costs of capital improvements and be ready and able to adjust to any changes in the economy."

A retired manufacturing executive who also spent time in finance and oil,


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Police Report

The following incidents and arrests were among those reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department from May 19 to June 23. The report is listed in chronological order.

Incidents and arrests

- **RV theft/vandalism** — At 8 a.m. May 19, LLPD responded to a report of theft at the 19000 block of East Cataldo Avenue, where a business reported that three recreational vehicles were entered overnight and damaged extensively. The combined value of items stolen and damage was estimated in excess of \$10,000. The following day at 4:16 p.m., officers received an additional report of theft from the location, when another RV was entered overnight and a flat-screen television taken.
- **Scam averted** — At 8 a.m. May 19, LLPD received a report of fraud at the 800 block of North Malvern Circle. A complainant reported being contacted via the Internet in regard to the sale of a painting. The agreed upon amount to purchase the painting was \$3,500; however, the buyer sent a check to the complainant for \$6,500 and asked that he cash the check and send back the extra funds via a wire transfer. The complainant was aware this is a sign of a scam and made contact with LLPD to report the incident.
- **Stolen bicycle No. 1** — At 4:41 p.m. May 20, LLPD responded to a report of theft at the 22000 block of East Mission Avenue, where a man reported that someone had stolen his \$400 bicycle from the Park and Ride during the course of the day.
- **Found laptop** — At 11:30 a.m. May 22, LLPD received a laptop found at Mission Avenue and Holl Road. However, due to the condition of the laptop, an owner was unable to be located.
- **Theft arrest** — A 27-year-old Liberty Lake man was arrested at 5:07 a.m. May 22 at the 1200 block of North Liberty Lake Road for theft. A store employee reported a man who was known from two previous theft incidents was back in the store with a basket of items. Officers arrived and positioned themselves outside the store. The man saw the officers upon leaving the store and proceeded to throw down his items and run. Shortly after, he was apprehended and booked into the Spokane County Jail on charges of retail theft.
- **Stereo theft** — At 10:24 a.m. May 25, LLPD responded to the 1300 block of North Fairway Road when a complainant reported that sometime during the night, someone had entered his unlocked vehicle and stolen his \$650 stereo system.
- **Juvenile arrested** — A 14-year-old girl was arrested at 11 a.m. May 26 at the 19000 block of East Shannon Avenue for

assault and interfering with the reporting of domestic violence. A person reported the subject had hit her and a family member. The girl was arrested after investigation and booked into Spokane Juvenile Detention.

- **Lost property** — At 9:44 a.m. May 27, LLPD received a lost property report from a woman visiting the United States from France. She left her wallet with all documentation and money on the roof of her vehicle when leaving a local store and drove away.
- **Fraud** — At noon May 27, LLPD responded to a report of fraud at the 1300 block of North Fairway. The complainant reported someone had fraudulently charged his bank account in the amount of \$1,086.
- **Stolen bicycle No. 2** — At 10:42 p.m. May 28, LLPD responded to a report of theft at the 24000 block of East Spotted Owl. A woman reported her husband's \$100 bicycle was stolen from outside, where it was unlocked.
- **Garage theft** — At 11:03 a.m. May 29, LLPD responded to the 2100 block of North Sedge Lane for a burglary/theft. A man said he left his garage open and his vehicle parked inside unlocked and with the keys in the ignition. Overnight, an estimated \$700 of goods was stolen from the vehicle, he said.
- **Stolen bicycle No. 3** — At 6 a.m. May 30, LLPD responded to a report of theft at the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive, where a \$1,050 bicycle was reported stolen. The owner said he had locked the bike outside his apartment before it was stolen overnight.
- **Juvenile 'out of control'** — At 2:43 p.m. May 30, LLPD responded to the 1200 block of North Liberty Lake Road on the report that a juvenile male was in store custody after walking through the store and eating items without paying for them and then attempting to leave. The officer made contact with the subject's mother, who advised her son was "out of control" and had been trespassed from multiple locations. The boy told officers he intended to steal the items. He was released to his mother, and charges were forwarded to the prosecutor's office.
- **Stolen vehicle reported, but not stolen** — At 6:35 p.m. May 30, LLPD received a report of a stolen vehicle at Appleway and Molter from a man who said he was currently out of state staying at a hotel but had been pulled over for DWLS earlier in the month in Liberty Lake. He said he had parked his vehicle in a parking lot and was given a ride to another location, but upon return to his vehicle found it was not there. He believes a family member that has been consistently harassing him stole the vehicle. Officers went to the location,

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Animal problem	1
Burglary	4
Child abuse or neglect	1
Citizen assist	4
Custodial interference	1
Deceased person	1
Disorderly conduct	2
Domestic violence	2
Drug possession	1
DUI	6
Family fight	3
Fraud	3
Fugitive	1
Harassment	2
Juvenile runaway	1
Lost or found property	5
Malicious mischief	2
Not classified	6
Property theft	14
Recovered stolen vehicle	1
Suspicious person/circumstance	9
Traffic accident	2
Traffic hazard	1
Traffic offense	17
Trespassing	1
Vehicle prowling	4
Vehicle theft	1
Violation of court order	1
Welfare check	3

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Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department May 19 to June 23

Assault IV	1
Driving without a license	1
Driving without a license with ID	1
DUI	7
DWLS	23
Expired registration	6
Failure to wear safety belt	1
Fugitive of this state	1
Improper lane usage	1
Liability insurance	6
Speeding	15
Texting while driving	1
Unsafe/improper backing	1
Violation of protection order	2

and observed the vehicle to still be parked in the same spot.

• **Drug possession** — A 20-year-old Spokane Valley man was arrested at 5:35 a.m. June 2 at Henry and East Country Vista for possession of drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of burglary tools. An officer observed the man walking down the roadway dressed in all black with what appeared to be a

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weighted-down backpack. He was walking from an area where many recent vehicle prowls have been reported. Upon contact, the man reported he was coming from a friend's home where he was returning a jacket. When asked if he had any weapons, he advised he had a knife. During a pat down, the officer found a meth pipe, drug paraphernalia and burglary tools. He was arrested and booked into the Spokane County Jail.

• **Stolen bicycle No. 4** — At 9 a.m. June 5, LLPD responded to the 19000 block of East Caulfield Avenue for a report that someone had entered an open garage and taken a \$250 bicycle from inside.

• **Domestic violence arrest** — A 33-year-old Liberty Lake woman was arrested at 4:30 p.m. June 5 at the 21000 block of East Country Vista Drive for domestic violence assault. She originally called police to report her boyfriend would not leave the residence after she had asked and then went on to report she had hit him. An officer made contact her at the location, and she was arrested for domestic violence.

• **Stolen bicycles Nos. 5 and 6** — At 1 p.m. June 7, LLPD responded to the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive for a theft. A woman reported two bicycles she had locked in front of her apartment had been stolen. The bicycles were estimated at costing \$490.

• **Vehicle prowl** — At 5:16 p.m. June 7, LLPD responded to the 24000 block of East Hawkstone Loop for a vehicle prowl. The complainant reported walking out to the vehicle and finding a knife lying on the driver's seat of the vehicle. While no damage was observed to have been done to the vehicle, an estimated \$475 in items were taken from inside.

• **Theft** — At 10 a.m. June 12, LLPD responded to the 19000 block of East Cataldo for a theft report. Overnight, a vehicle belonging to a customer was entered and three televisions were taken from inside.

• **Suspicious circumstance** — At 11:46 a.m. June 13, LLPD responded to the 24000 block of East Maxwell for a suspicious circumstance. A woman reported that sometime during the night her vehicle was stolen, and \$1,200 along with three credit cards were also taken. Major damage to her vehicle was also reported. The case was closed after investigation led to the complainant admitting she blacked out and had forgotten she drove to the casino during the night.

• **Theft** — At 1:51 p.m. June 14, LLPD responded to the 1300 block of North Liberty Lake Road for a lost property/theft report at a local business. The complainant reported leaving \$100 at the regis-

ter after gathering his items, and upon return for the funds they were missing. A review of surveillance footage showed two teenage males take the money. The matter was forwarded to the detective for investigation.

• **Bicycle goes week without being stolen** — At 11:30 a.m. June 19, a bicycle was brought into the police department. The bicycle had been abandoned in front of the library for over a week.

• **Disorderly conduct** — At 2:48 a.m. June 21, LLPD responded to the 23000 block of East Inlet Drive for a disorderly conduct. A complainant reported there was a young male pounding on her door and threatening to kill her if she didn't open up. The male left her door and started to pound on a neighboring door yelling the same thing. Officers made contact with the male as he walked down the roadway a short time later and observed him to be highly intoxicated. A family member was called to the location to escort him home.

• **Child abuse** — At 11:47 p.m. June 21, LLPD responded to the 21000 block of Rockrose Lane for child abuse. After picking her child up from her ex-spouse's residence, the complainant noticed bruising near both of the child's ears. The incident was forwarded to another agency for follow up.

• **Theft** — At 1:43 a.m. June 23, LLPD responded to the 22000 block of East Appleway Avenue for a theft. The complainant reported a male and female entered the store, and the male tried to distract the complainant while the female filled a cooler full of items. When the complainant confronted both individuals, they fled. Officers identified the vehicle, and pictures of the suspects were shown to the complainant, who confirmed they were the subjects involved. Video surveillance is being reviewed and forwarded to the detective.

Morgan promoted to sergeant

Darin Morgan, a seven-year veteran of the Liberty Lake Police Department, was recently promoted from master police officer to sergeant. Morgan replaces Clint Gibson, who died in April in an off-duty incident.



MORGAN

Morgan previously worked for the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office following a career in the U.S. Army, where part of his service included a role in rescuing U.S. soldiers during the 1993 "Black Hawk Down" incident in Somalia.

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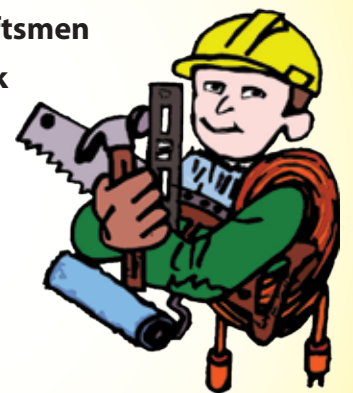
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By Craig Howard
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When the Liberty Lake City Council approved a moratorium on the growth, processing and sale of marijuana back in January, much remained uncertain regarding the statewide implementation of an initiative that had passed in November 2012.

While I-502 made small amounts of marijuana legal for those over 21 and applied taxes to the sale of the drug, cities like Yakima and Wenatchee took a cue from State Attorney General Bob Ferguson, who stated that local laws established

by jurisdictions took precedence over a state referendum.

Liberty Lake followed suit, passing a six-month ban on any activity connected to I-502. Now, with the end of the moratorium approaching on Aug. 4, the governing board is faced with another decision — whether to lift the injunction, extend it for another six months or implement a permanent ban. Council can also look at current zoning regulations to provide additional safeguards against retail operations associated with the drug.

At the June 17 council meeting, Police Chief Brian Asmus provided an update of issues surrounding I-502, including news that Wenatchee — a city that had banned marijuana-related businesses within municipal limits — was facing a lawsuit for its stance.

Ultimately, council agreed to table the vote on the moratorium until its next meeting — scheduled for July 15.

“We need more time, in my opinion,” said Council Member Keith Kopelson.

Opinions varied on June 17, from Mayor Pro Tem Cris Kaminskis who entertained support for the idea of a permanent ban, to fellow council members Dan Dunne and Bob Moore, who noted that the initiative had passed and was now part of state law. Marijuana still falls under the illegal definition under federal law as a schedule I controlled substance.

Kaminskas said her view was based on the fact that I-502 failed by over 10 percentage points on the ballot in Liberty Lake.

Several citizens chimed in on the dis-

ussion, including Mike Kennedy, who expressed support for the moratorium and urged the city to beware of “revenue and greed” in the I-502 debate.

“That is the point you’re making with this decision and the message it sends to kids, the kids of the future and everyone in this room,” Kennedy said. “We don’t need that revenue.”

Margaret Barnes pointed out that marijuana is still considered an illegal drug according to federal guidelines and told council about her work as a nurse, treating prisoners who dealt with drug problems. She called marijuana “an addictive drug that leads to other drugs.”

“I ask you to keep it as far away from Liberty Lake as possible,” Barnes said.

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IN THE BOOKS, ON THE DOCKET

A look back and ahead at news from City Hall

By Craig Howard
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In the Books (June)

- Concern was raised about golf balls from the Trailhead driving range sailing over the back container fence and presenting a safety risk to residents of nearby homes and pedestrians on an adjacent walking path. City Administrator Katy Allen said she would review the situation.

- The city celebrated the final payment on the note for City Hall on June 17. Mayor Steve Peterson and Mayor Pro Tem Cris Kaminskis participated in a ceremonial shredding of a copy of Ordinance 137, passed in 2005 that approved the purchase of City Hall for \$1.75 million.

- Allen said the city had received a bid for a restroom at the Liberty Lake Ball Fields site for \$145,000. Council decided to wait on approving the construction until the entire project was closer to completion.

- Council unanimously approved improvements to Pavillion Park. The upgrades will include lighting in the parking lot and along the walkway as well as a shade structure.

- The city will utilize Minapsys to conduct a community survey on priorities for the city prior to the City Council retreat on Aug. 19.

- Finance Director R.J. Stevenson gave an overview and update on TIF (Tax Increment Financing) and LIFT (Local Infrastructure Financing Tool), a pair of funding mechanisms supporting public infrastructure. TIF and LIFT have funded projects like the water and sewer systems for the Bitterroot development, the Harvest Parkway infrastructure and the Harvard Road roundabout.

- Council unanimously approved equipment — in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 — for the next installment of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course in the new Town Square Park.

- Allen noted that Stan Jochim was appointed as the new chair of the planning commission, replacing Bob Moore, who was sworn in as the new council representative on June 10. The city is now advertising for a replacement on the planning commission.

- Police Chief Brian Asmus presented his department’s annual report, noting that each LLPD officer exceeded the required 30 hours of training in 2013. Asmus said the crime rate in Liberty Lake is 70 percent lower than the average throughout Washington state, while the violent crime rate is 95 percent lower. Property crimes in the city are 60 percent lower than the statewide average. Liberty Lake was ranked as the eighth safest city in Washington last year. Asmus said the department continues to raise awareness about domestic violence, hosting the third annual symposium on the subject last year and utilizing a program that provides an inventory of resources to domestic violence survivors. Domestic violence assaults in the city have dropped from 50 in 2011 to 26 last year. Asmus noted that adult arrests were up from 315

in 2012 to 442 last year. He said the increase is related to LLPD’s proactive approach to issues like impaired driving.

- Walt Edelen, water resources program manager with the Spokane Conservation District, gave a brief presentation to council on June 3, highlighting the district’s program that addresses septic tanks. The agency offers loans and grants to residents to replace septic tanks and connect to the sewer system. Help is also available to replace or repair septic tanks.

- Council unanimously approved a six-year Transportation Improvement Program that will address capital projects and preservation from 2015 to 2020. A total of \$19.2 million has been set aside for capital work during that time, including just over \$2 million for improvements along the Appleway corridor next year. The city has earmarked \$2.9 million for road preservation over the next six years.

- The dedication of the Reading Garden at the Liberty Lake Library took place June 15.

- Council unanimously approved an agreement with Studio Cascade Inc. to begin work on a review of the city’s signage policy. The company’s fee of \$24,465 will be covered through an increase in revenue from municipal permitting charges.

- Council approved a preliminary plat in the River District during a closed record hearing. The project — which includes 36 lots and a land tract within the city’s burgeoning northside development — received previous approval with conditions by the county hearing examiner.

On the Docket (July)

- Council has cancelled its regular

meeting scheduled for July 1 and will meet next at 7 p.m. July 15.

- The annual City Council retreat is scheduled for Aug. 19. This year’s list of topics will include establishing priorities for 2015, plans for the Trailhead at Liberty Lake facility and a discussion of licensing for mobile food trucks that operate within city limits. A survey of citizens by Minapsys will gauge community priorities for the retreat.

- Council is expected to make a decision on the I-502 moratorium on July 15. The current ban on the growth, processing and sale of marijuana in city limits expires Aug. 5. Options include extending the moratorium for another six months, implementing a permanent ban or lifting the ban. Council has also discussed addressing zoning changes related to potential retail sites.

- Council will discuss a pair of possibilities for solid waste management as Spokane County prepares to take over the operation from the city of Spokane later this year. City officials have brought up the county and a private sector agreement with Sunshine Disposal and Waste Management as options.

- A workshop is scheduled for July 15 on the Open Government Training Act, including discussions about public meetings and public records.

- Chief Asmus will give a presentation on government’s role in emergency management.

- Council is expected to award a contract for the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course installation at Town Square Park.

- Stevenson will provide an overview of the city’s finances in the second quarter of 2014 as well as a budget forecast.

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Waste discussion continues

Some light finally peeked through in the murky debate over the future of solid waste management in Spokane County last month.

At the June 3 Liberty Lake City Council meeting, City Administrator Katy Allen provided the governing board with an update on continuing discussions with Spokane County over the future of local garbage disposal. The update included an eye toward a pivotal decision made by a jurisdiction to the west that could have wide-ranging impact on the direction taken by Liberty Lake as well as the entire solid waste debate.

Allen was in attendance at the Spokane Valley City Council earlier in the evening, where a unanimous vote took place to secure a solid waste contract with Spokane-based Sunshine Disposal. The agreement represents a significant shift in a regional terrain that has traditionally seen cities and towns tethered to public entities for waste management services.

“Now that the city of Spokane Valley is going with Sunshine Disposal, I’m not sure how it’s going to affect the county’s price,” Allen told council during her presentation.

Spokane County had originally offered a price of \$104.59 a ton to municipalities as part of a new interlocal agreement. With the county taking over solid waste management facilitation from the city of Spokane this November, Liberty Lake and other jurisdictions have been researching a slew of options — both public and private — that would represent the best combination of price and service in moving forward.

With Sunshine now very much in the mix, the county’s proposed price dipped to \$99.70 per ton and even lower to \$94.30 on the night of Spokane Valley’s vote. Sunshine’s offer of \$92 a ton would increase slightly to \$98.15 after implementation of a landfill tax and municipal administration and education costs.

Allen said an agreement with Sunshine would entail transportation and disposal services, not collection. That aspect is currently handled by Waste Management, another private company. Allen noted that the city could look at signing a contract with Waste Management as part of the arrangement. The company currently collects garbage in Liberty Lake based on a state-issued certificate that has been in place before incorporation.

While the county had originally asked for a July 1 deadline, Allen provided an update on the future of regional solid waste management at the June 17 council meeting, saying that Spokane County had lowered its proposed fees and extended its

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MOORE

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Moore now runs his own business consulting company. He enjoys travel and is an avid golfer. Moore also spent time on the planning commission and City Council in Montgomery, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati.

Moore showcased his knowledge of current municipal topics during his interview, adding that there would be a minimal learning curve if he did join the city's leadership team.

"I've attended most of the City Council meetings and am familiar with the issues," said Moore, who described himself as a "fiscal conservative."

Council Member Shane Brickner nominated Moore following the executive session. Brickner, Keith Kopelson, Dan Dunne and Odin Langford all voted in support of Moore while Council Member Hugh Severs nominated Walker and cast the lone vote on his behalf.

Moore is the father of Mayor Pro Tem Cris Kaminskis, who announced early in the meeting that she would sit out any discussion regarding Moore's application. Kaminskis did not cast a vote after nominations were announced.

Olander announced at the May 6 council meeting that she would be stepping down due to conflicts with her work schedule. A total of seven applicants completed the required paperwork before the June 3 deadline, although two — Jennifer



SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

Bob Moore, left, is congratulated by Mayor Steve Peterson after being appointed to the Liberty Lake City Council June 10. A member of the city's planning commission since 2010, Moore was selected from a group of five applicants.

Ophardt and Kenneth Thompson — withdrew prior to the council interview.

Olander defeated Haskins in last November's general election to win a four-year term. Boutz said Moore would be eligible to serve out the remainder of that tenure, subject to running on the ballot in the fall of 2015.

The gathering on June 10 featured five questions per applicant with a 15-minute running clock. Time remaining after the allotted space could be used for closing comments. City Administrator Katy Allen asked ques-

tions of each candidate.

Young, a Realtor who has lived in Liberty Lake since 2004, emphasized that council "needs to somehow, some way, get the message out to the residents of Liberty Lake."

"The city needs to get the word out that we're here and we're listening to them," she said. "We're running a business for the city."

Matthews, a retired engineer, said the city should continue to prioritize public safety and green space while "keeping the burden on taxpayers to a minimum." He commended the gov-

erning board for its collaborative approach to a wide range of issues.

"When I first started attending City Council meetings, I expected to see a lot of contention based on councils I've observed before," Matthews said. "Instead, I saw people who discussed matters and work toward the good of the community."

Walker, a resident of Liberty Lake since 1998, has worked for the past 36 years in the residential real estate and mortgage industry. He said the role of a council member is "to do your homework, understand the issues and listen to the people."

Walker said the city "needs to keep moving forward" with an emphasis on jobs and the economy.

"We need to understand the vision and direction the city has set out in the past," he said. "We can't just settle and become comfortable."

Haskins, a paralegal who works in the municipal finance field, collected over 800 votes in her campaign to unseat Olander last fall. She was out of town on business and answered her questions on June 10 over the phone.

"I learned a lot from my campaign and talking to residents," Haskins said. "Council needs to serve the citizens of Liberty Lake and listen to what's going on in the community."

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deadline. Allen added that the city has been in discussions with Sunshine Disposal and Waste Management about a possible private sector agreement as an alternative to the county. Council is expected to vote on a contract in July.

Library annual report

The Liberty Lake Library Board provided council with its annual report June 17. Board Member Lu Embrey reported expenditures totaled \$411,178.03 last year, \$4,501.97 under the budgeted amount.

The summer reading program included 815 participants in 2013, up 26 percent from the previous year. Attendance for all library programs totaled 5,151. There were 52,501 patron visits in 2013, a year that marked the 10th anniversary of a library that began with donated materials in a cramped space at Greenstone's Liberty Square Building.

Library Director Pamela Mogen concluded the annual report by introducing what she described as a "community-led library service model." The plan will be led by the board, Friends of the Liberty Lake Library and the Library Foundation and include a survey of citizens as well as a focus group.

"By next summer, we expect to have clarity on the Liberty Lake community's opinion on the direction the library should take," Mogen said.

The feedback would then be forwarded to the City Council, Mogen added.

News Briefs

Expect traffic detours during Valley Girl Triathlon

Residents should be prepared for traffic detours and road closures during the annual Valley Girl July 13 in Liberty Lake.

Molter Road from Mission to Inlet Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. for cyclists. Those traveling to the golf courses should follow signs for the Valleyway detour. Those accessing the Mormon Church are asked to use Mission to Malvern or Country Vista to Boone Ave.

For more, go to www.valleygirltri.com

Ehlers named principal at Greenacres Elementary

The Central Valley School Board of Directors recently approved the selection of

Lindsay Ehlers as principal of Greenacres Elementary School.

Ehlers, a Liberty Lake resident who joined the district as an elementary educator in 2001, has been the assistant principal of Greenacres Elementary since 2011. She is a National Board Certified Teacher and has served on a wide variety of district committees including the Teacher Principal Evaluation Project.

For more on new administrators selected to lead CV schools, go to www.cvsd.org.

Position open on city Planning Commission

The city of Liberty Lake is currently accepting applications to serve on the city's Planning Commission. The group meets

the second Wednesday of each month and serves as an advisory body to the City Council on the overall coordination of land use in the city.

Applications, which are being accepted until July 3, can be found at www.libertylakewa.gov.

Renew boat decals

The Washington state Department of Licensing reminds boat owners to renew 2014 boat decals before they get out on the water. All state registrations expired on June 30.

Boat registrations can be renewed online at the DOL website or in person at a neighborhood vehicle licensing office. Those who choose to renew at an office should make sure to note the registra-

tion number on the bow of the boat or watercraft and take that information to the office.

For more, visit dol.wa.gov.

Water report available

The Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District's 2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is being distributed electronically this year, but customers wanting a hard copy may obtain one.

LLSWD Lake Protection Manager Jeremy Jenkins said customers may obtain a physical copy by calling 922-5443; picking one up at the district office, Liberty Lake City Hall or the Liberty Lake Municipal Library; or printing one from the internet at www.libertylake.org/ccr/ccr2013.pdf.

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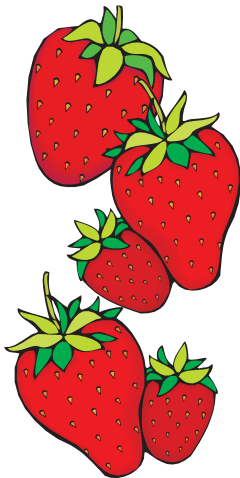
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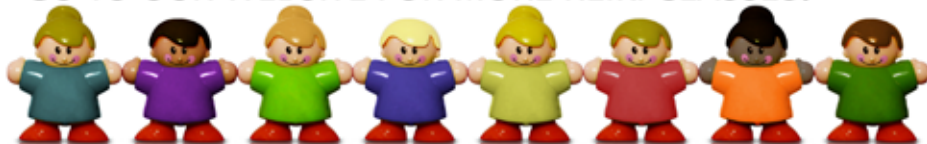
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The lot next to Liberty Lake Elementary School, part of which is currently being developed as Liberty Lake Fields, has been a part of past failed bond campaigns as a school site. In 2015, it's possible this site would be included in a bond as a companion elementary school to the current LLES. One of the structures would serve kindergarten through second graders, while the other would house third through fifth grades.

SPLASH PHOTOS BY TREVA LIND

It's elementary

Facing critical K-5 facility shortage, new eastside school part of proposed 2015 CVSD bond package

By Treva Lind
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

School's out, yet soon enough, new students at Greenacres Middle School will navigate crowded hallways to their first class.

Other local kids will get on a bus to pass their neighborhood classrooms to Evergreen Middle School. For Liberty Lake's youngest pupils, some will head several miles to the Central Valley Kindergarten Center.

Along with eastside crowding, the Central Valley School District faces a tall order to address facility constraints across its boundaries. To name a few: bring full-day kindergarten to all neighborhood schools, reduce teacher-student ratios in lower grades and reconfigure aging schools that have security concerns.

In the next six months, voters are likely to hear much about a set of envisioned construction projects to consider for a February ballot measure. The school board has approved a project list for the bond at an estimated \$112.9 million local cost, and the district expects nearly \$58 million in state matching funds.

However, the dialogue around funding for this bond effort will differ sharply from past attempts to gain voter approval. This package won't ask voters for an increased tax rate, Superintendent Ben Small said.

Rather, the measure will ask to keep the

current level construction tax rate and allow the district to restructure debt otherwise set to come off the books after 2018. In other words, the proposal seeks to replace the expiring bonds for high school construction projects that voters passed in 1998, Small said.

"The high school bonds are set to expire in 2018," he said. "We will begin construction. We can structure debt to where it comes on the books after 2018. The taxpayer would be paying just what they are now."

Though proposed projects are spread districtwide, some would directly affect Liberty Lake residents.

Likely one of the biggest impacts, Small said, would be to build a 624-student elementary school in the east end of the district, with up to two potential sites currently being evaluated. However, Small said the site east of Liberty Lake Elementary is getting close scrutiny.

"For this new elementary school, the scenario we're looking at now is a K-2 school next to the current Liberty Lake Elementary School," he said. "One of the two would be a 3-5 grade school."

The district has long held 23.85 acres at Boone and Ormond next to LLES, and at one time the land was earmarked for a future middle school. In 2012, the district entered an agreement allowing the city of Liberty Lake to "buy" the land for \$10 to



As the Central Valley School District looks to provide full-day kindergarten throughout the district by 2018, a proposed 2015 bond would also move kindergarten students out of the Central Valley Kindergarten Center (pictured) on Barker Road and back into their neighborhood schools.

build community playing fields on a portion. When the district needs to build a school, Central Valley under the deal will buy the property back for \$10, with consideration of fair-market value of any improvements the city has made.

The Central Valley Kindergarten Center, located at 1512 N. Barker, has served its purpose well, Small added, "but it doesn't come close to meeting the standards and

requirements for full-day kindergarten."

Additionally, Greenacres Elementary School would get expanded and renovated under the plan, for a capacity of up to 624 students and to allow full-day kindergarten.

"For a Liberty Lake family, the impact of the bond is full-day kindergarten," Small said. "Whether students live in Greena-

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eres or Liberty Lake, they will go to school in their home neighborhood school. Also, Greenacres Elementary would have expansion and modernization, and that coupled with a new elementary facility on the east end would help ease that pressure.”

Small said another key strategy in the plan is to renovate and expand Evergreen Middle School for a capacity up to 750 students and adjust that school’s residential boundaries so Greenacres Middle School has more room for the students it draws.

“This would take care of overcrowding issues at Greenacres Middle School,” Small said. “Currently, 100 students out of Greenacres Middle School’s attendance area are overflowed to Evergreen.”

The construction plans also would help improve safety and security at Greenacres Elementary, said Melanie Rose, district spokeswoman. The school is an open-concept school, a 1970s-era design that means classrooms don’t have interior walls or doors. Three portable buildings at Greenacres Elementary also mean those students are outside the school’s walls, Rose said.

Other open-concept schools set for proposed renovations include Chester, Sunrise and Ponderosa.

While Central Valley has heard from many residents about the need for a traditional third high school, building that facility won’t be part of the bond measure in February. However, the bond proposal includes funding to do education specification work for the future high school planned on 48.9 acres near 16th and Henry Road in the Saltese area. That facility’s construction would be part of a future bond proposal.

Some funding also would go toward land acquisition to expand North Pines Middle School in the future.

Community input post-2011 bond failure

Small said the district and school board have a clear goal by 2018 to provide full-day kindergarten across the entire district.



Under the proposed 2015 bond, Greenacres Elementary School, above, would be renovated and expanded at an estimated cost of \$22 million. Current crowding at Greenacres Middle School, left, would be eased by adjusting attendance boundaries following the expansion of Evergreen Middle School.

“To do that, it has facility impacts,” he said. It now provides tuition-free, full-day kindergarten at six of its highest poverty schools: Adams, Broadway, McDonald, Opportunity, Progress, and University schools.

At other schools, Central Valley offers regular kindergarten in the morning at no additional cost but provides an extended session for the afternoon that parents pay tuition for on a sliding-scale basis.

Central Valley also must consider future growth and enrollment projections, Small said. A consultant recently did a study on enrollment patterns for conservative growth in the next 25 years.

The study estimates at least a 1.3 percent “likely” enrollment increase per school year. Districtwide enrollment projections when lined up with current school capacity would leave 1,474 elementary students “unhoused” in 2018, a district report said. This number grows to 1,907 in 2021. Projections for middle schools indicate 60 unhoused students in 2018, and 206 in 2021. At the high school level in 2018, 594 students would be unhoused across the district, the report said.

After the 2011 bond failure, the district’s facility planning committee challenged the district to get a better pulse of what

the community wanted, Small said. From recent online community forums on facility needs, Central Valley received 1,500 unique responses. Three priorities rose to the top.

1. “Our community does not want a tax rate increase; they’d like to see us continue to operate within the same tax rate,” Small said.

2. A majority of participants said they want safe, well-equipped neighborhood schools.

3. Residents want the district to address overcrowding and its negative effects on middle and high school students. The district can’t build a new high school and still keep the same tax rate, Small added, “so we’re beginning the front-end planning” for future construction that would be in a later bond issue.

Keeping in mind these concerns and estimated construction costs without increasing the tax rate, Small said the district facilities committee made its recent recommendations, which the board approved in June.

One of the challenges for the district is gaining a supermajority 60 percent voter approval needed for a bond measure to pass. Central Valley’s last four construction bond elections didn’t reach that benchmark.

Breaking down a bond

The list of projects being considered for the Central Valley School District’s February ballot measure include:

✓ Build an elementary school in the east side of the district to meet a capacity of 624 students at an estimated cost of \$21.9 million.

✓ Renovate and expand Evergreen Middle School for up to 750 students, estimated at \$33.2 million.

✓ Construct upgrades to the former Yokes building and move Barker High School to that location, estimated at \$7 million. Plans also call for this site to house the Central Valley Early Learning Center.

✓ Renovate and expand Greenacres, Opportunity and Sunrise elementary schools, for each to meet a capacity of 624 students. Each project is estimated at about \$22 million per site.

✓ Renovate and expand Chester Elementary for 502-student capacity, at a cost of about \$20 million.

✓ Renovate and modernize Ponderosa Elementary for a capacity of 434 students for about \$17 million. This project would be toward the end of the construction schedule, Superintendent Ben Small said.

✓ Land acquisition for North Pines Middle School, and to do specification work for a new high school planned for the Saltese area, at \$4 million.

Under the level-tax rate concept, the district expects property owners will be paying \$2.04 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2017 to service the current bond. They would continue to pay a construction bond tax rate of \$2.04 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2018-2019, assuming the new bond measure passes.

“Our tax rate fluctuates each year based on our debt and assessed valuation,” Rose said. “We expect the \$2.04 rate in 2017, although it may be lower if assessed valuation continues to rise. In any event, the bond tax rate would remain unchanged with passage of the new bond.”

Calendar of Events

COMMUNITY EVENTS

July 2 | Lego contest celebration 10:30 a.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. For more: 232-2510

July 3, 17 | Science with Travis 6:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Ages 7 and up can sign up to attend these times. For more: 232-2510

July 4 | Independence Day

July 5 | Newman Lake Hot Dog and T-shirt sale 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tri-Community Grange, one block north of Trent on Starr, Newman Lake. The grilled hot dogs are great and the annual Newman Lake T-Shirt design is always a surprise during this community event sponsored by Newman Lake Fire Auxiliary and Newman Lake SCOPE.

July 9 | Hot Ice! 10:30 a.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Kids 4 and up are welcome to see what amazing things can be created with sodium acetate. For more: 232-2510

July 14-17 | "Alive" Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon, Valley Real Life, 1831 S. Barker Road. This free event is for kids going into grades kindergarten through 5th in the fall. A family fun night will be held July 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. To register or for more: www.valleyreallife.org

July 16 | Marshmallow Catapults 10:30 a.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Kids ages 4 and up are invited to see how far they can shoot a marshmallow. For more: 232-2510

July 18-19 | 2014 Relay for Life 6 p.m. Fri. to 9 a.m. Sat., Meadowood Technology Campus. Activities, entertainment, food, vendors and more will be available during the annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. There will also be kids activities such as bouncers, games, science fun and crafts. For more: www.relayforlife.org/libertylakewa

July 18-19 | Festive Italiano The 7th annual event sponsored by the American Italian Club of Spokane and the Liberty Lake Farmers Market will include bocce and an ice cream social 6 p.m. Friday followed by a showing of "Roman Holiday" at dusk in Rocky Hill Park. The festival will continue from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Farmers Market. For more: www.libertylakefarmersmarket.com

July 19 | Soap Box Derby Race 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Pavillion Park. The Spokane East Rotary Club is sponsoring the seventh annual Soap Box Derby Race for special-needs kids. There will be a barbecue around 12:30 p.m. For more: 928-6545

July 20 | Church in the Park 10 a.m., Pavillion Park. A service of singing, praise and worship is open to the public followed by a barbecue potluck sponsored by Lakeside Church and Uplift Church. Bring your own lawn chairs. For more: 210-9779

July 21 | Estate Planning Seminar, 2014 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Attorney Tricia Usab will give a free presentation on preparing your estate. For more: 232-2510

July 23 | Rockets! 10:30 a.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Kids ages 4 and up can make their own rocket and see how far they can launch it. For more: 232-2510

July 24 | Minute to Win It! 5:30 to 7 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. All ages can come try new challenges and test out the library's Leap Motion games. For more: 232-2510

July 30 | Taste Test 10:30 a.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. See if you can identify some fun flavors such as sweet, salty and sour. Ages 4 and up welcome. For more: 232-2510

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, Meadowood Technology Campus Liberty Room, 2100 N. Molter Road.

Liberty Lake Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Liberty Square parking lot, 1421 N. Meadowood Lane. The market runs Saturday mornings through Oct. 11. For more: www.libertylakefarmersmarket.com

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 lap sit 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

June 11-13 | Cowboy Supper Shows Rockin' B Ranch, 3912 Spokane Bridge Road. The 20th anniversary commemorative performances will also be held Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14 and Oct. 10-12. For more: www.rockinbranch.com or 891-9016

July 25 | Matsiko World Orphan Children's Choir 7 p.m., Lakeside Church, 23129 E. Mission. These lively, colorful youth are back for a performance in Liberty Lake. For more: 210-9779

July 25 to Aug. 2 | "Goldilocks and The Three Pigs" Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. This delightful take on a couple of old storybook standbys is full of energy, humor and adventure for all ages. For tickets, show times and more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

Recurring

Liberty Lake Art Society Third Wednesday of the month, various times and locations. Create, learn and explore new art avenues, as well as display, sell and network your art. No jurying board, no bylaws, no pressure. 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

CIVIC & BUSINESS

July 11 | Women Executives of Liberty Lake (WELL) 12:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., Liberty Lake Portal, Mica Peak room, 23403 E. Mission Ave. Women who do business in and around Liberty Lake are invited to hear Deanna Tiemann with Squishy Peanut Marketing talk about updates and changes with Facebook. For more: www.womenexecutivesoflibertylake.com

July 18 | Business Connections Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., MedStar Hangar at Felts Field, 6105 E. Rutter Ave. Cost is \$28 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.

There will be no meeting July 1.

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 business professionals interested in promoting business in the Liberty Lake and Spokane 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

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Play in the Park

Free upcoming events in Liberty Lake's parks:

July 3, 5:45 p.m. at Pavillion Park:
Fallen Heroes Patriotic Run

July 3, dusk at Pavillion Park:
"Frozen" (PG)

For this sing-along, fearless optimist Anna teams up with Kristoff and a hilarious snowman in race to find her sister Elsa, whose ice powers have trapped the kingdom in an eternal winter.

July 4, 6 p.m. at Pavillion Park:
Bakin Phat & Sammy Eubanks concert
Fireworks which can be seen from the park will be on display around 10 p.m.

July 5, 6 p.m. at Pavillion Park:
Post-Fourth Music Bash
Featuring Hot Club of Spokane, Sidekick and Haze.

July 11, dusk at Pavillion Park:
"The Lorax" (PG)
A 12-year-old boy discovers the story of the Lorax, the charming yet grumpy creature who fought to protect his world.

July 18, dusk at Rocky Hill Park:
"Roman Holiday" (NR)
In this 1953 classic, a sheltered princess escapes her guardians and falls in love with an American newsman in Rome.

July 19, 6 p.m. at Beachcombers Beach:
The Mountain Men
Pocket park concert on the shores of Liberty Lake. Enter from the trail on 1st Avenue or anchor a boat off shore.

July 19, dusk at Pavillion Park:
"The Spiderwick Chronicles" (PG)
Upon moving into the run-down Spiderwick Estate with their mother, three siblings discover a world of fairies and other creatures.

July 20, 10 a.m. at Pavillion Park:
Church In The Park

July 25, dusk at Half Moon Park:
"How To Train Your Dragon" (PG)
A young Viking who aspires to hunt dragons learns there is more to the creatures than he assumed.

July 26, dusk at Pavillion Park:
"Turbo" (PG)
A freak accident helps an everyday garden snail achieve his biggest dream — winning the Indy 500.

Aug. 1, 6 p.m. at Alpine Shores Park:
The Camaros
Pocket park concert featuring Spokane-based rock and roll band.

Aug. 2, dusk at Pavillion Park:
"Princess Bride" (PG)
1987 cult film is a romantic comedy fairytale featuring "As You Wish" Westley's pursuit of his true love, Buttercup

COMMUNITY

Congratulations, 2014 graduates!

The Splash ran information about Liberty Lake graduates in the June issue, but listed below is information that came in beyond the original print deadline.



Justin Fayant

Parents: Robert and Julie Fayant

School: Central Valley High School

Plans after graduation: Attend Crown College to play basketball and to study Medical Biology



Austyn Jack Knudsen

Parents: Ron and Jolene Knudsen

School: Central Valley High School

Plans after graduation: Attend Spokane Community College in the fall



Tyler Ribail

Parents: Art and Jodi Ribail

School: Central Valley High School

Plans after graduation: Attend the University of Montana to study accounting and business finance

CALENDAR

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Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District board meeting 4 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

HEALTH & RECREATION

June 30 to July 2 | NBC Basketball Skills Camp 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. These camps designed especially for ages 8 to 12. Cost is \$155 per camp. Also offered July 7-9 (dribbling focus), July 21-23 (shooting focus) and Aug. 18-20. For more: www.nbccamps.com

July 3 | Patriotic run 5:45 p.m., Pavillion Park. Liberty Lake Running Club and Fallen Heroes Circuit Course committee is hosting a circuit course/fun run. The group will start at the machines at Pavillion Park, run to Rocky Hill Park to do the circuits there and then return for another round at Pavillion Park. For more: www.facebook.com/LLRunningClub

July 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26 | Camp Classics Basketball Tournament HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Cost is \$500 per team. For more: www.campclassictournaments.blogspot.com

July 8, 15, 22 and 29 | High School Summer Volleyball League HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Cost is \$180 per team. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

July 8 to Aug. 27 | Adult and junior golf lessons Trailhead Golf Course, 1102 N. Liberty Lake Road. Junior lessons are available in two morning sessions for \$70, while adult lessons

are offered in two evening sessions for \$110. For more: 928-3484 or www.libertylakewa.gov/golf

July 12 | Liberty Lake Loop 8 a.m., Pavillion Park. Sponsored by the Friends of Pavillion Park, the four-mile route leaving from Pavillion Park will be followed by a kids race. Cost is \$15. For more: www.pavillionpark.org

July 13 | Valley Girl Triathlon 7:45 a.m., starting line near Inlet Drive. Registrations are sold out for this women-only spring distance triathlon. But spectators are welcome to observe the race which includes a 1/3-mile swim, 12-mile bike ride and 3-mile run around the community. For more: www.valleygirltri.com

July 14-16 | ESS-Futsal Bambinos Soccer Activities Camp 9 to 11:30 a.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Cost is \$59 for this camp for ages 3 to 5. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

July 20 | Newman Lake 25K Run 6:30 a.m., Public fishing/boat launch area, Newman Lake. The scenic route winds itself around the lake and concludes with a pancake breakfast. Registration is due by July 18. For more: www.active.com

July 28 to Aug. 1 | ESS-Futsal Summer Skills Camp 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Cost is \$119 for this camp for ages 6 to 14. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

July 29 | Criterium Bike Race 5 to 9 p.m., Half Moon Park. Bike racing returns to the River District neighborhood with this annual event. Prior to the adult races starting at 6 p.m., kids

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Session 4	Tuesday - Friday	Aug. 5-8

10:00 - 10:45
11:00 - 11:45
12:00 - 12:45

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2014 Adult Lesson Programs - \$110

Session 3	Wed.	5:30-6:30	July 9, 16, 23, 30
Session 4	Wed.	5:30-6:30	Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27

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Seize the summer

By Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

The lazy days of summer are finally here! If you're a kid who enjoys soaking up every moment of the warm-weather months, read on for some ways you can do just that.



Be active.

Whether you enjoy running, biking, playing tennis or golfing, chances are you can find a local group of kids (plus adults) who share the same interests as you. Some upcoming events featuring opportunities for youth include the Liberty Lake Loop (July 12), the kids bike race (July 29) at Half Moon Park, and the Barefoot Soccer tournament (Aug. 2-3) at Pavillion Park. And there is a huge list of sports camps and athletic events offered by the city of Liberty Lake as well as the Hub Sports Center.

Read a book.

Science meshes with books in the 2014 "Fizz, Boom, Read!" summer reading program offered by the Liberty Lake Municipal Library. Kids are invited to keep a reading log to earn prizes, as well as participate in a full slate of activities including Wednesday morning science activities, Science with Travis on Thursday evenings and the Minute to Win It! challenges on July 24. Lego Club, story times and Saturday crafts will continue during the summer; go to www.libertylakewa.gov/library for a complete event list with dates and times.

Celebrate the Fourth.

It's no secret that Liberty Lake likes to celebrate July 4th in a big way! The festivities begin at noon with the traditional parade in the Alpine Shores neighborhood showcasing kids who decorate their bikes, scooters and wagons in patriotic garb. It is followed by an afternoon of games for the entire family. An evening concert at Pavillion Park rounds out the day with a fireworks finale at 10 p.m.



Lots of fun activities for kids planned this summer throughout the Liberty Lake community including (clockwise from above) a bike race in the River District, a fun run in Pavillion Park and a July 4th parade and games in the Alpine Shores neighborhood.



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Play in the water.

When the temperature is rising and you need to cool off, there's no better place to be than Liberty Lake. Whether you are able to access the lake via one of the private beaches or have to pay a few bucks to enjoy the sandy beach at Liberty Lake Regional Park, the lake offers a summer playground for swimmers, skiers, fishermen,

canoers and paddleboarders. And if you can't seem to find your way down to the lake, take advantage of the water features at Pavillion Park or the sand and water area at Half Moon Park.

Watch a late-night movie.

There's no better end to a perfect summer day than to snuggle under a blanket with your friends and catch an outdoor

flick. Put on by the Friends of Pavillion Park, the summer movie series kicks off with "Frozen" on July 3 and ends with "Brave" on Aug. 29, both at Pavillion Park. Other movies that may be of interest to kids include "The Lorax" (July 11) and "Turbo" (July 26) at Pavillion Park, as well as "How to Train Your Dragon" (July 25) and "The Croods" (Aug. 16) at Half Moon Park.

Create (and win) cool treats

Interested in scoring some free ice cream? Enter the Wave's summer contest simply by using your creative talent to decorate this page. Our judges will select the most delicious-looking creation and award one lucky kid a \$10 gift card to his or her favorite ice cream place. Don't delay — the deadline to enter is July 15!



Name _____ Age _____ Phone number _____
 Parent's name _____ City you live in _____
 Submissions can be scanned and emailed to tammy@libertylakesplash.com
 or delivered to the office, 23403 E. Mission Ave., Ste. 102 in Liberty Lake by July 15.

The Rules: This contest is for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade who live or attend school in Liberty Lake. The winning entry will be featured in the next issue of The Splash. Only one entry per person, please.

COMMUNITY

How to make ice cream in a bag

If you're looking for something that's part science experiment, part dessert and a whole lot of cool fun, consider making your own homemade ice cream! In honor of national ice cream month in July, do some research to discover how the salt interacts with the ice to cause the mixture to freeze and how the motion of shaking the

bag breaks up large ice crystals to create smooth ice cream. And if you're feeling really adventurous, look for ways to customize the flavor of your concoction by adding bits of fruit, crushed cookies or small candy pieces.

This kid-friendly recipe for vanilla ice cream makes about eight half-cup servings. So grab an adult and some friends and get mixing!

ice cream in a bag

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 2 cups half-and-half cream
- ½ cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 bag crushed ice
- 4 cups coarse salt
- Pint-size resealable plastic freezer bags
- Gallon-size resealable plastic freezer bags
- Gloves or towels



DIRECTIONS:

- ① Stir the whipping cream, half-and-half, sugar and vanilla in a large measuring bowl until sugar has dissolved.
- ② Pour half of mixture into pint-size bag and seal carefully. Please the sealed bag

into a second pint-size bag, being sure to squeeze out any extra air; seal carefully.

③ Fill gallon-size bag with ice about halfway and add ½ cup coarse salt. Place a small bag into the larger one, squeeze out air and seal large bag.

④ Protect your hands from the cold with gloves or towels, and then shake and massage the bag for about five minutes or until mixture thickens. Add more salt and ice to the outer bag if ice cream hasn't formed after 10 minutes of motion.

⑤ Be sure to remove the outer pint-size bag before you open the inner bag so you don't get any of the salty ice on your ice cream!

Source: www.allrecipes.com/howto/how-to-make-ice-cream-in-a-bag

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Friendship, travels form bond for golfers

By Sarah Robertson
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

It's 3:30 p.m. on a Wednesday afternoon at the MeadowWood Golf Course clubhouse, and seven ladies are chatting away sharing peanuts and wine. It's clear they are longtime friends, happy to be together.

This group of ladies (plus one that lives in Portland) has no official title or structure, but since 1981, they have taken a golf trip together every year. Jean Hatcher, Billie Etter, Bette Harmon, Sandy McLaughlin, Diana Newberry, Carol Alboucq, Patsy Lynn and Ets Yamada (the one that lives in Portland) met playing golf at the courses in Liberty Lake — “before there were houses here,” they will remind you.

The fun started when, according to McLaughlin, “We decided as friends and thought we would go watch the LPGA in Portland ... so we just went to watch. Then, the next year, we went to Seattle and watched the LPGA there. And then we thought we would just go play ourselves.”

The group started with McLaughlin, Etter, Alboucq, Newberry and Yamada, plus two more original members who have since passed away and another who retired from golf.

Their first golf trip was to Kokanee Springs in British Columbia. They played several courses on the four-day trip. Originally, the group intended to travel to Canada every year but have since visited a variety of regional courses.

For McLaughlin, “I like the fact that each one of us has a different personality, we trust each other and that we get to play so many different golf courses. It's just a really good group.”

It's clear from the chatter that they have memories of all the courses — good and bad.

“Remember the course where the ducks climbed into the car?” Alboucq recalls with a chuckle.

“Bear Mountain in Chelan was my favorite,” remembers Hatcher. “Suncadia was nice, too. At Christina Lakes, we got bee stings — mean, killer bees! Black Butte in Oregon was the farthest we have gone — too far. It didn't leave enough time to play the first day.”

Fun is had on and off the golf course. The ladies motto is borrowed from a famous Nevada destination: “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.”



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From left, Billie Etter, Diana Newberry, Sandy McLaughlin, Bette Harmon, Patsy Lynn, Jean Hatcher and Carol Alboucq gather recently at MeadowWood Golf Course. The friends, along with Ets Yamada, who now lives in Portland, met playing golf in Liberty Lake and enjoy annual golf trips together.

The trips are generally three days long in September, after the summer rush has died down. No husbands or other family members are allowed.

“We take scotch and Miller Lite beer, a little wine and champagne,” McLaughlin confesses.

According to Lynn, they also perform skits for one another: “The funniest thing ever is Sandy as a hairdresser. Jean and Billie were Luigi and Luigiana for a skit once, too.”

“I love all these women,” Harmon says. “I am really happy they asked me. We have a really good time. I look forward to it all year long.”

Hatcher reminisces for “our darling Ets” in absentia, claiming Yamada loves the trips because “we don't have to invite anybody else. I don't need anymore friends. That's exactly what she would say.”

The others readily agree.

When asked their favorite part of the annual trips, three themes pop up in each woman's answer: laughter, friendship and golf.

The trips certainly aren't without mishaps. One year, Alboucq was pulled over “not ten minutes out of town.” Luckily, she

got away with a warning. In Walla Walla, the group called for a cab, and the car that arrived only had room for three people — it was a cozy ride!

Another year, Newberry pushed Etter's suitcase into the bushes because it was too big. The group only takes two cars — four women in each plus luggage and golf clubs. They have learned to pack light.

“Two people are in charge every year. They decide where we go and organize the whole thing,” Newberry explains.

While they love to golf and enjoy trying new courses, Alboucq sums up the general feeling of the group: “I don't know where we're going this year, but I look forward to it every year.”

The ladies also gather for each birthday and create any excuse they can to get together. Last year, after golfing at Suncadia and visiting a bar in Roslyn (made famous in “Northern Exposure”), they had a “Northern Exposure” party — enjoying the television show filmed there in the 1990s that is one of Alboucq's all-time favorites.

And the group of ladies show no sign of slowing down. Not once did anyone mention a final golf trip, hanging up their clubs

or how they would stay in touch once the current traditions have passed.

After an hour of reminiscing, it's time to take a group photo (minus “our darling Ets,” of course).

As the women line up against the wall of the clubhouse, they are joking and laughing — telling each other where to stand or where they won't stand.

It seems as though McLaughlin is right: “Each one of us has a different personality. ... We trust each other. ... It's just a really good group.”

— King Crossword — Answers

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Trivia Test

- 1. GEOGRAPHY:** What kind of creatures were the Canary Islands named for?
- 2. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** Who once said, "There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you"?
- 3. MOVIES:** In which movie was the following line uttered, and by which character? "Fat, drunk and stupid is no way to go through life, son."
- 4. ANATOMY:** What human gland produces growth hormones?
- 5. MUSIC:** In musical notation, what does the direction "mezzo" mean?

- 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Of the seven deadly sins, the biggest one is missing from this list — avarice, envy, gluttony, lust, sloth and wrath. What is it?
- 7. ENTERTAINERS:** What was comedian Jackie Gleason's famous parting line?
- 8. LANGUAGE:** How would you describe someone who is "garrulous"?
- 9. TELEVISION:** The show "Twin Peaks" was set in which U.S. state?
- 10. TRANSPORTATION:** Where might you ride a "vaporetto"?

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KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Q: I grew up in West Texas before the era of air conditioning. We had electric fans scattered throughout our house to help us survive the summer heat. I still have three of them, all from the 1930s and '40s. Are they considered collectible? — Sue Beth, Spring Branch, Texas

A: If your vintage fans have brass blades, you have the most collectible. Serious enthusiasts seek out older fans with such features as Art Deco designs and exposed coils, and even rarer ones with light bulbs mounted on the unit. If the paint is in reasonably good shape and the fan is in working condition, the value may surprise you. For example, fans spotted recently include a Westinghouse Vane Oscillator, \$650; an Emerson three-speed Trojan, \$400; a GE "Whiz," \$55; and an Emerson "Junior," \$75.

The American Fan Collector Association is one of the better groups and publishes a nifty newsletter, "The Fan Collector." The website can be accessed at www.fancollector.org.

tors.org. Membership is \$45 per year and may be submitted to Dick Boswell, 2245 Harrison Ave., Lincoln, NE 68502; and membership@fancollectors.org. Do not contact Boswell concerning questions about the age or value of fans. That is not his purpose.

Q: I have about a dozen issues of the Saturday Evening Post from the 1960s. They are in excellent condition, but no covers of historical interest. Is there a market for such publications? — Bill, Louisiana, Mo.

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Answers to Trivia Test

1. Fierce native dogs (Canaria)
2. Will Rogers
3. "Animal House" (Dean Wormer)
4. Pituitary
5. Middle or moderate
6. Pride
7. "And away we go ..."
8. Talkative or chatty
9. Washington
10. Venice, Italy. A vaporetto is a motorboat used for transport in the canals.

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- 27 Memorable mission
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Three days for the Fourth

Ever-expanding slate of patriotic festivities span Thursday through Saturday this year

By Treva Lind
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Marking a decades-old tradition, the Liberty Lake community will celebrate the Fourth of July over a long weekend of events filled with its patriotic parade, music and fireworks.

This year, Liberty Lake organizers also have squeezed in a few extra activities starting on Thursday, July 3, and stretching through Saturday evening.

Events kick off Thursday with the Fallen Heroes Patriotic Run at 5:45 p.m. in Pavilion Park. No pre-registration is required.

By dusk that same night in Pavillion Park, families will gather on the grass for the free outdoor movie, "Frozen," staged as a sing-along event. Words to the popular songs in the Disney hit will show on screen.

T-shirt sales

The Liberty Lake Fourth of July T-shirts will be available for purchase from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. that Thursday at the intersection of Liberty Drive and Liberty Circle in the Alpine Shores neighborhood.

This year's images have "Live Love Lake" under a water ski for the graphic on the front of the shirt, and a water skier design on the back. Quantities are limited and are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Any remaining shirts will be sold at the parade, and all proceeds go to supporting the parade celebration costs.

Alpine Shores resident Rodney Kern created the design for this year's collectible shirt. The T-shirt price for youth size is \$10, and most adult sizes are \$14. The T-shirts in extra-large and larger are \$16.

Parade and after-party

For more than two decades, the Fourth of July Parade in the Alpine Shores neighborhood has stayed true to a celebration all about kids, patriotism and community. The lineup this year will include some 60 members of the Central Valley High School marching band for the first time, said Dave



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

Kids have always been central to the annual Liberty Lake Fourth of July Parade. This year's event begins at noon July 4, with lineup encouraged by 11:30 a.m. for participants. There is no advance registration.



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The annual Liberty Lake Fourth of July T-shirt design is shown here, including the front (above) and back (at left) images. The shirt was designed by Alpine Shores resident Rodney Kern. They are available at the intersection of Liberty Drive and Liberty Circle on Thursday, July 3, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The price for youth size is \$10, and most adult sizes are \$14. The T-shirts in extra-large and larger are \$16.



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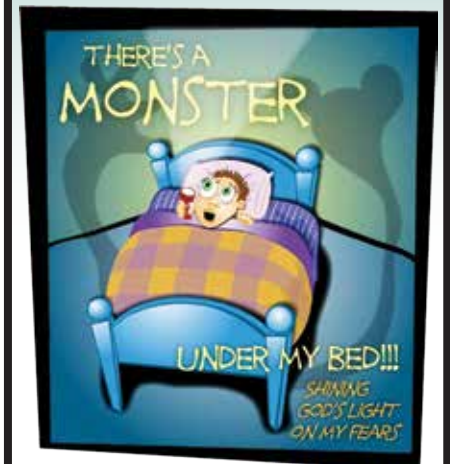
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After playing a role in its success since its founding, Tom and Bev Markson will lead the 2014 Liberty Lake Fourth of July Parade.

Marksons to lead parade as grand marshals

profiles:
TOM AND BEV MARKSON

By Tim Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Of the estimated 50 or so golf carts Tom and Bev Markson believe will be in this year's Fourth of July Parade, perhaps their biggest surprise is who will ride in the lead cart: the two of them. The couple of 57 years was selected as this year's grand marshals.

"We were just surprised," Bev Markson said. "I think there must be an awful lot of other people who were qualified."

Laughed her husband: "I think once you get past 80 they probably feel you're a candidate. If you've been active in a variety of degrees in the community, that's probably the way all grand marshals are picked."

The Marksons count themselves in good company as they recall past honorees such as Harley and Lorraine Halverson (2013), Ray and Karen Ruef (2007) and Bob Wills Sr. (1994).

"He was one of our favorite patriots," Tom Markson said of Wills, recounting his story as a Lieutenant Colonel in World War II who was held as a prisoner of war in Germany after being shot down before escaping to rejoin his company. "What a hero! That's what grand marshals are made of."

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Liberty Lake parade grand marshals

The following have been honored as grand marshals since the inception of the Fourth of July Parade in Alpine Shores in 1989:

- 2014 Tom & Bev Markson
- 2013 Harley & Lorraine Halverson
- 2012 Dave & Susan Graham
- 2011 Bob & Barbara Gamble
- 2010 Lois Hatch
- 2009 Darlene Stokke
- 2008 Dick & Donna Hoover
- 2007 Ray & Karen Ruef
- 2006 Harold & Joan Hughes
- 2005 Anton "Ras" Rasmussen
- 2004 Howard & Mary Floy Dolphin
- 2003 Lyle Stephenson
- 2002 Floyd & Betty Johnson
- 2001 Lud Kramer
- 2000 Lee Smith
- 1999 Elmer Schneidmiller
- 1998 Rosie Brady
- 1997 Ruth Barnes
- 1996 Bob Blair
- 1995 Jim Brumm
- 1994 Bob Wills Sr.
- 1993 Della Neyland
- 1992 Alex Farrante
- 1991 Ann MacKenzie Wyatt
- 1990 June Bailey
- 1989 Sigwell Knudsen

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FOURTH

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Graham, a longtime parade organizer.

Each year, kids and families decorate their bikes, scooters, trikes and wagons in patriotic themes to complete the route. Organizers give out awards to participants in multiple categories, and they don't require registration to march. People just show up, Graham said. While golf carts are included, the parade doesn't allow gas-powered vehicles. Organizers also ask that pets be left at home.

Graham said 10:30 a.m. is a good time to get a parking spot and head over for the parade's start at noon. People should plan to be in line no later than 11:30 a.m. in the Alpine Shores neighborhood if they want to be considered for awards, he said. Parking is available on neighborhood streets and at Liberty Lake Church, 704 S. Garry Road.

"Usually around 11:30 is when they make those award decisions; when they put people in place," Graham said. "But if someone shows up at noon, we'll let them march."

"This event has always been for the kids," he said. "We will continue with the patriotic flavor, with the flag salute and the singing of the National Anthem."

The parade's grand marshals are Tom and Bev Markson, both longtime community supporters. Tom was the first administrator at Valley Hospital, and he has been involved in Valley Rotary, United Way and the Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce groups. The couple has also worked, often behind the scenes, since the founding of the parade to ensure it runs smoothly.

Inclusion of the CVHS band is something organizers have tried to land for years. Eric Parker, CV band director, said he's never forgotten when he performed in Fourth of July parades on the East Coast, and he's always wanted that experience for CV students. The group is even inviting alumni to join in the fun.

"We're inviting some alumni and friends and are having a short mini-rehearsal at CV on July 3rd to just make sure we all know the music and can move in at least a somewhat orderly fashion," Parker said. Group members also can purchase \$15 "uniform" T-shirts that are replicas of the current marching band uniform.

Parker said registration and more information for alumni and friends is available at www.facebook.com/cvmarchingband, or they can email him at cvbandsandcolorguard@gmail.com.

Following the parade, organizers will have kid games in the Alpine Shores Park area. Games include egg toss, water balloon toss, pie-eating contest and sack races. The emcees for the games will be Dave and Mar-laine Moore.

The Fourth of July parade organizers rely on a volunteer force and donations, Graham said. The group, which is separate from the

community's firework display group, has nonprofit status and accepts donations at: 4th of July at Liberty Lake, 508 S. Shoreline Drive, Liberty Lake, WA 99019.

Concerts

Later in Pavillion Park, the July 4 Festival presented by Friends of Pavillion Park will bring national touring artist Sammy Eubanks with his mix of blues, country and rock n' roll. The Spokane band, Bakin' Phat, playing West Coast swing and "jump blues," will open for the concert at 6 p.m.

People are encouraged to bring blankets or low-backed chairs to enjoy the concert. Parking will be available at Liberty Lake Elementary School, and a free shuttle from the school to the park will begin running around 5 p.m. Kiwanis will be selling concession items at the park, including hot dogs, burgers, popcorn and cotton candy.

FOPP extends its free concert series this year with a "Post-Fourth Music Bash" at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 5, at Pavillion Park, featuring local bands Hot Club of Spokane, Sidekick and Haze. For more information, go to www.pavillionpark.org.

Fireworks

The night will light up yet again with the community-funded fireworks show, launching around 10 p.m. from a floating dock. The public can view the display from Pavillion Park.

The fireworks show is paid solely through donations from residents and local businesses, no corporate sponsors. The total cost is about \$12,000, longtime organizer Denise Coyle said. Donations are often solicited at the Farmers Market and outside Albertsons, but they can be made anytime at www.libertylakefireworks.com or by mail to P.O. Box 430 in Liberty Lake.



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Red, white and blues

Nationally recognized blues talents headline July 4 concert

By **Mary Kate Koch**
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The temperature may be hot at this year's Fourth of July concert at Pavillion Park, but the tunes promise to be stone cold. Local blues bands Sammy Eubanks and Bakin' Phat are slated to bring their smooth and swinging styling to headline one of the biggest events on the summer concert circuit.

Eubanks started playing in rock bands when he was 20 years old, but it was not until several years on the music scene that he got his first real taste of blues music. After that, Eubanks was hooked and has since flourished in the genre.

However, Eubanks is also a master at blending different sounds. He has been compared to the likes of both B.B. King and George Strait, which hints at his capacity to stand on either a blues or a country stage.

Eubanks plans on playing a compilation of old favorites and new compositions for the Fourth of July concert. Over the years, Eubanks has won over many faithful fans and seeing these friendly faces out in the crowd is in part how Eubanks also selects what songs to play.

"I'll see someone in the crowd that I recognize, and it reminds me to play a certain song they like or know," Eubanks said.

Another factor that has Eubanks excited to jam on the Fourth is the opportunity to play with Bakin' Phat again.

"This year, Bakin' Phat represented the entire state of Washington at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis," Eubanks said. "In 2013, we were the representatives. That's two basically Spokane bands in two years. That's a big deal."

According to Eubanks, the blues scene has really taken off in Spokane.

"There are people in the western part of



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A Spokane native with a national reputation, Sammy Eubanks will headline the Fourth of July concert at Pavillion Park.

the state thinking they should come out east to play," Eubanks said.

Bakin' Phat has only been playing together since 2012, but they have quickly become a crowd favorite. The band credits this to their particular style of "jump blues", which is a high-energy combination of swing and blues.

Although they realize that blues isn't really known as younger people's music, Bakin' Phat swears that this is only because those young people haven't truly listened to blues yet. With fresh and engaging sets, Bakin' Phat are capable of converting even the most ardent of Top-40 radio listeners.

Every year, Friends of Pavillion Park organizes the Fourth of July concert as a part of the larger summer concert series. When selecting the bands to play for Fourth of July weekend, FOPP president Bob Schneidmiller said that the board looks for bands that tour nationally but also are local to and popular in the general Spokane area.

This year, the beat will march onto the next day with a newly scheduled Post-

Fourth Music Bash, which will host three more live bands with local ties. It is the first time that such an event has been included. Schneidmiller explained that the city of Liberty Lake approached FOPP with the idea as a way to add an extra family-friendly option to the weekend's festivities.

The bands slotted to play on July 5 are Haze, Hot Club of Spokane and Sidekick. Saturday's line-up offers a departure from Friday night's blues collective. Between the pop rock sounds of Haze and Hot Club of Spokane's jazz ensemble, there will be a tune for everyone to enjoy.

For Schneidmiller, the concert is his favorite part of the Fourth of July celebration.

"There is so much planning that goes into putting on this event that those attending do not see," Schneidmiller said. "Knowing how much the FOPP board, event volunteers and city administration put into make the Fourth of July a success comes alive when one sees how much the community enjoys themselves."

With such energy being poured into the

NEW FOR 2014

Adding to the traditional Fourth of July concert and festivities, Friends of Pavillion Park worked with the city of Liberty Lake to expand the festivities this summer by adding a special concert the day following the Fourth of July.

What: Post-Fourth Music Bash

Who: Three local bands will be playing: Hot Club of Spokane, Haze and Sidekick.

When: 6 p.m. Saturday, July 5

Where: Pavillion Park

Cost: As always, Pavillion Park concerts are free of charge. Feel free to donate at www.pavillionpark.org or support the annual Holiday Ball each December.

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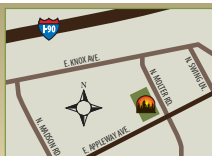

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By Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

The friendly faces in the children's department at Liberty Lake Municipal Library will look a little different come the end of summer. That's because Amy Dickeson and Katie Wiykovics are both leaving to pursue different passions.

Wiykovics, whose last day at the library was June 5, plans to spend more time with her seven grandchildren as well as work on completing a bucket list with her husband. She had been at the library as a children's services associate for almost five years.

Dickeson will remain on staff through mid-August as a children's library assistant. After eight years working at the library, Dickeson feels it's time to return to the classroom so she's pursuing an elementary teaching position.

"It's never been a question of 'if,' but 'when,'" she said. "I've been able to use my teaching skills here, but when I walk into schools, I feel at home. I'm excited to return to that."

Calling Dickeson a "kindred spirit," Wiykovics said their past experiences as well as a love for children and reading enabled them to have a great partnership during their five years working together.

"I loved Amy's drive to make everything she did fun and interesting for the children, as well as her enthusiasm, love of children and passion for early literacy," Wiykovics said.

Noting that their strengths and sense of humor complimented one another well, Dickeson said it was a blessing to have a co-worker such as Wiykovics to brainstorm with and gather honest feedback from.

"I would dive into crazy projects, and Katie would reel me in, keep me on pace and make the checklist," Dickeson said. "She was the organizer for sure, and I'm sad she's gone."

They are both proud of how the children and young adult areas have grown to be as user-friendly as possible for kids and their parents. The creation of the children's area at the new building, a switch from traditional shelving to bin shelving, the start of a baby storytime, as well as a growing collection of books are just some of these changes that Dickeson noted.

Library Director Pamela Mogen said the quality of programs and interactions with children by both Dickeson and Wiykovics was a constant reminder that reading as well as the library activities that accompany it are "a thing of wonder and excitement for children." She also praised their creative,



SPLASH PHOTO BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Katie Wiykovics and Amy Dickeson celebrate Katie's last day on the job in the new outdoor Reading Garden. The pair has partnered together for five years in the children's department at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library.

tireless work planning the annual summer reading program.

In addition to creating a fun summer program, Mogen said the pair's expertise in reading as past elementary school teachers helped refocus the children's library work to literacy and school readiness.

"They have transformed our children's story times into early literacy programs, meeting the needs of the child as a learner and the parent as their first teacher," Mogen said.

Both said they plan to stay involved at the library by serving as substitute clerks, working at special events and encouraging others to utilize the library and its many resources.

Wiykovics said she will miss watching children during the story times as they enjoy the songs, finger plays and storybooks, while Dickeson said she will miss regularly seeing the kids and families she's connected with.

"The library is just a building, but the people make it a special place to be," Dickeson said.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library received a number of applicants for a Children & Youth Services librarian position posted in the spring. Library Director Pamela Mogen said she hopes this position will be filled by early August.

Also, the library is making plans to honor the service of Amy Dickeson and Katie Wiykovics. A box will be placed in the library in August to collect cards and letters from those wishing to show appreciation to them. For more, call 232-2510.

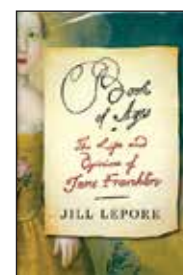
Book Review

Biography contrasts siblings' fates



By Daniel Pringle
LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Jane Mecom—youngest sister of Benjamin Franklin, widow of an impoverished debtor, mother of 12 children (11 of whom preceded her in death or



madness), her life disrupted by revolution and hardship—believed poverty and affliction were "intailed on my family." Her brother, that first great example of American industry and ingenuity, rather

showed that through a life lived on a principle of constant self-improvement, the youngest son of a candle maker could become the most illustrious writer and thinker in our history.

Jill Lepore's "Book of Ages" tells the story of the Franklin siblings as a contrast between circumstance and opportunity. What we know about Jane and their relationship, accumulated in 30 years of correspondence and a slim, hand-bound volume in which she recorded life's events, disproves her belief. Jane had the same capacity for hard work, love of reading, engagement in ideas and wish to express her opinions as her brother but, as a female in the 18th century, was denied the education and employment that might have let her reach her potential. Once the burdens of family eased in her later life, she took to the pleasures of reading, writing and "agreeable conversation."

Lepore touches on many themes and ideas, including the place of women in the 1700s, the development of written culture in America and the Revolution, the purpose of history and the limits to what we can know about another time. As with all good biographies, the examination of the individual informs our understanding of the events that took place on the grand stage, and in the story of one woman whose life suggested an unrealized possibility, reminds us of a promise we can still achieve.

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

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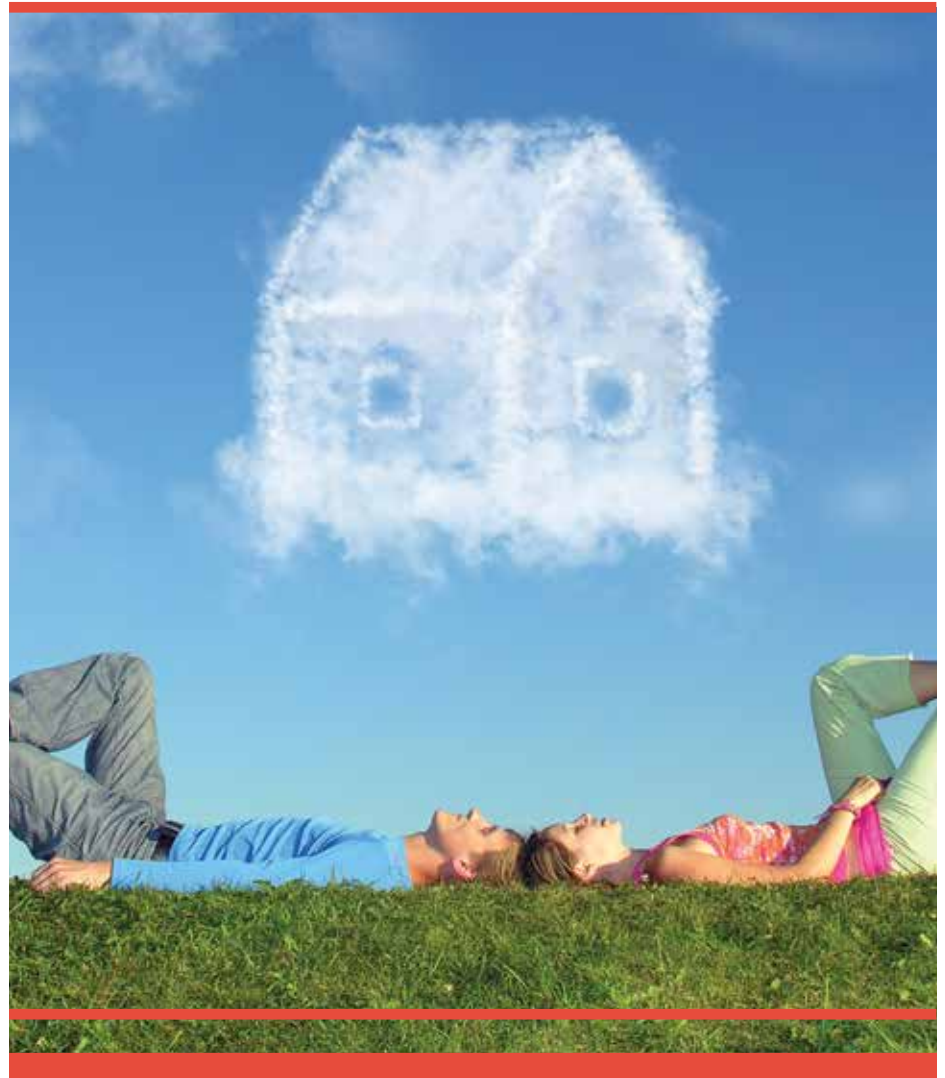
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COMMUNITY

The view from the other side of the yard sale



By Chad Kimberley
SPLASH COLUMN

It all started with a couch.

I have wanted to get a new couch for years — literally years. Finally, Tammy and I agreed that it was time for some new seating options, so we headed out to a furniture store to make our purchase. We found a great couch and loveseat. My backside and I were now very content.

But Tammy saw a kitchen table.

It was a nice kitchen table but a bit out of our price range based on the recent purchase of the previously reported couch. The only way we could add another piece of furniture was to get rid of some old furniture, mainly our current kitchen table.

And if you live in Liberty Lake and the calendar is turning toward June, there is truly only one option you should pursue: the Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales.

Since we moved to this area several years ago, the community-wide yard sale has always been a time where the family and I head out to scour the local yards looking for some good bargains, grabbing some food from vendors in the park and visiting with friends along the way. Now we were going to sit on the other side of the cash box.

In preparation for the yard sale, we decided that obviously we were not going to just sell the kitchen table, but it was time to do some deeper cleaning and see what else we could add into the sale. As we went through closets, storage bins and bookshelves, we ran into a problem that anyone who has kids will recognize: a rediscovery of toys.

So instead of selling off our surplus, it seemed to be that the kids were adding stuff into their reserves. I may be a good history teacher, but I stink at teaching economics to the kids.

Deciding to make our yard sale a true event, we invited two other families to join us in the madness of the morning by throwing their stuff in with us. In reality, my plans were to get more folks to help out with the sale while myself and other interested parties could watch World Cup soccer throughout the day.

The day arrived, and along with it the deluge from the heavens. OK, maybe it wasn't necessarily apocalyptic rains from the days of Noah, but it was a consistent and at times heavy rain that poured on us throughout the morning. We were stuck with items

upon items piled up in my rather smallish garage and the inability to put items out on the display, especially the kitchen table that started this whole event.

After moving vehicles, my sister-in-law performed what was intended to be either a "stop the rain" dance or a "come shop at our sale" boogie street side. Unfortunately, it seemed to cause the rains to increase and the foot traffic to flee in a different direction. But at least it was entertaining for the rest of us.

At 7:29 a.m., our first customers arrived. They bought nothing. This could be a long day.

Finally, our first sale occurred. A Harry Potter DVD left our movie collection, mainly because it was a Blu-ray and we do not have a Blu-ray player. Still, a buck is a buck!

My brother-in-law set out an old lawn mower with a sign essentially saying free, doesn't start and I have no idea how to fix it. A gentleman picked it up, assuming he could get it running and thus would be a great mower. We helped him load it up. Twenty minutes later, he was back. He said the gas fumes were making him sick. He promised he would come back to get it later.

We couldn't even give stuff away. This was not encouraging.

We made our first plus-\$5 sale, which also made me greatly sad. I have a 7-year-old son and over the last few years I have bought him several Star Wars and super hero action figures in hopes he would get into collecting them as I did as a child. He would rather play with Legos. I sadly acknowledged this reality, and we packaged the old action figures in a couple of sandwich bags. Good-bye, Boba Fett and R2-D2.

There was finally a break in the clouds, so we quickly moved out a couple of coffee tables, an old loveseat and recliner and, most importantly, the kitchen table. Within 15 minutes, the rain came back and the table went back into the garage.

Life on the other side of the great yard sale stinks!

We sent a couple of folks on a run for Starbucks and kettle corn from the park. I was not going to miss my kettle corn. (Although I realized if I get all my favorite vendor foods from the park, I may actually lose money on this yard sale day.)

We did have a few solid sales as one of the families — not mine — sold some nice dishes for a good profit, thus giving them a quick lead in the family vs. family challenge. I got rid of a few of my old DVDs, including a buyer who picked up "Elmo's World" and "Jaws." Suddenly, I pictured Jaws eating Elmo. This could be the next "Sharknado" movie. Forget selling



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

The rain provided an additional challenge for yard sale sellers, including columnist Chad Kimberley, in 2014. Morning showers gave way to slightly improved afternoon weather.

a kitchen table; I could make it as a movie producer.

Finally, we had a semi-run as the rain came to a stop. We sold the loveseat, we sold a coffee table and I was loading stuff right and left. All but the kitchen table.

At this point, I gave up and realized there was only one thing left to do. Head inside, sit on my new couch and watch the World Cup.

Next year, I go back to being a buyer.

Postscript

After telling a co-worker about the frustration of the yard sale, the rain and the inability of selling the kitchen table, she shared with me her family was looking for a kitchen table. One picture later, I sold the table. Didn't even need to have a yard sale. Sigh.

Chad Kimberley is a local teacher, coach and Liberty Lake resident.

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Annual picnics drew thousands for play, prizes and pleasure

By Ellen Martin Bernardo
LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Can you imagine the anticipation and excitement? It is a hot July summer day in 1933. A proclamation has been declared "commanding" everyone to take the day off work to attend Thursday's picnic at Liberty Lake Park! The picnic was free for all to attend. Nearly every merchant and business from the Valley generously donated cash or merchandise for prizes or necessities. Even Washington's Governor Clarence D. Martin came in from Olympia to address those in attendance.

There was always plenty of time available for bathing in the warm, shallow

waters of Liberty Lake. The picnic started at 10 a.m. and ended with dancing that lasted until midnight. Races, contests and competitions were held during the day with the youngsters participating in the earliest part of the day. A picnic lunch was served from noon to 1 p.m., and afterward adult competitions commenced. The governor spoke at 5:15 p.m., and dinner was served between 6 and 7 p.m. A children's pageant followed dinner. At the Dance Pavillion, two types of dancing started at 7 p.m. with old-time dancing to Sig's Grangers fiddling before modern dancing began when Jimmy Mack's band took the stage at 9 p.m.

Every need was accounted for to make the day perfect. The Camp Fire Girls arranged a cabin as a nursery where over-tired children, babies and their mothers could quietly rest. The Boy Scouts demonstrated their life-saving skills as well as counted cars and passed out free admission tickets (used to tally the number of at-

tendees). A loudspeaker announced each event to keep all the people informed of the day's activities.

Weeks before the picnic, the Spokane Valley Herald newspaper reminded ladies to finish sewing their aprons to enter into the apron contest with the top prize of one dollar for the best hostess apron and a Hotpoint dinette range for the best work apron. The winners wore their aprons onto the platform for all to see, envy and admire. There was a rug making contest for women 65 and older as well as pie and cake baking contests. If handwork wasn't their suit, there was a women's nail-pounding contest. The day's events had something for every age including pillow fights while sitting on a pole, horseshoes, sack races, boat races, diving contests, swimming races, pie eating contests, foot races, water sports and wild softball games.

The indoor Bloomer Girls and Whiskers Boys softball game between

two men's teams added a bit of gaiety to the competition. One team dressed as women wearing "sunbonnets, bloomers and unmentionables" (without a dress to cover them) while the other team disguised themselves in every conceivable manner possible, appearing more like colorful clowns than a softball team. The idea was to make sure their own wives did not recognize them.

Prizes were awarded to all the winners and included many different items: five gallons of gas, one pound of Edward's Dependable or Washington Club coffee, a box of Alice Blue chocolates, six halves of Brookfield's cheese, a pair of overalls, a three-pound can of shortening, Cinco cigars, chicken mash and many more. Young's Confectionery of Liberty Lake donated one barbecued ham. The coveted grand prize was \$200. So generous were the donations that it took over an hour to announce all the prize donors and winners. It was as exciting to know what the

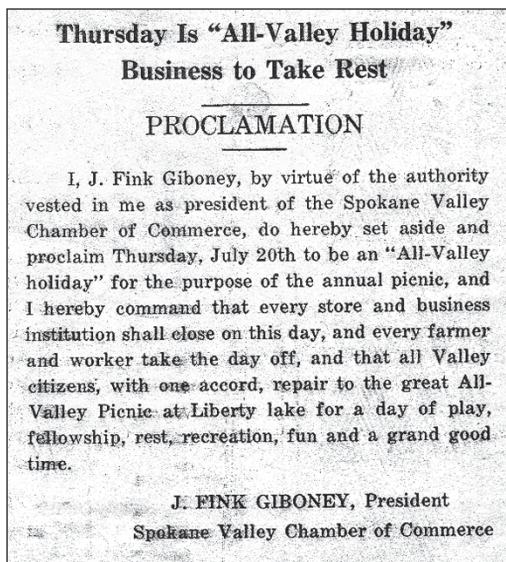


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An All-Valley Picnic Proclamation circa 1933 requested that local businesses close so that workers and their families could enjoy the festivities.



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This circa 1923 photo captured some of the crowds that came to Liberty Lake for the All-Valley Picnics.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◀ Spokane merchants would host their own picnic days at Liberty Lake, years before All-Valley Picnics began.
- Liberty Lake was once known as "The Inland Seashore."
- The 1939 All-Valley Picnic had 20,000 people in attendance, more than double the entire population of the city of Liberty Lake as enumerated in the 2010 census.
- Liberty Lake Park, the site of the picnics, used to be located where Alpine Shores housing development now sits.
- The Dance Pavillion was severely damaged in a fire and was torn down in 1962.

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prize was as it was to discover to whom it was awarded to.

When the picnics first began in 1922, people came by train. So numerous were the attendees that special cars were added to accommodate the picnickers. As the years went by, more people had automobiles and the trains stopped running. The picnics survived the changes in transportation and the economic conditions of the Great Depression, but not World War II. With the war going on, a picnic no longer seemed appropriate. An All-Valley Dance replaced the annual picnic beginning in 1942, thus ending 20 glorious summers when the entire Valley was invited to spend the day together on the shores of Liberty Lake.

Ellen Martin Bernardo is vice president of the Liberty Lake Historical Society. She has lived in the Inland Northwest 35 years, 25 of those in Liberty Lake.

EVENTS, COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

From the Liberty Lake Historical Society, a 2014 monthly series

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- 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

COMMUNITY

Community Briefs

Funds solicited for LL fireworks

The community-funded fireworks show launches around 10 p.m. July 4 from a floating dock on the lake and can be seen from Pavillion Park. Contributions to the Liberty Lake Fireworks fund can be mailed to P.O. Box 430, Liberty Lake, WA 99019.

Goats are back in town

Goats returned to Liberty Lake mid-June for the seasonal weed patrol. As of press time, a pen was set up at Rocky Hill but they may be moved to other locations such as the arboretum and Pavillion Park.

City parks and open space superintendent Jennifer Camp said they will have a smaller herd this year but they are already drawing attention from local kids.

"The goals are currently doing what they do best at Rocky Hill Park," Camp said via email. "They will be moving throughout the city parks keeping the weeds down naturally."

To keep tabs on the goats' location, check out www.facebook.com/libertylakewa.

Exchange families needed

The local coordinator of a Japanese exchange program is looking for families in the Liberty Lake and Otis Orchards area to host 15- to 16-year old students from July 22 to Aug. 11. There is also a need for families to house adults accompanying the youth during the three-week time period.

To learn more, contact Kim Trent at 263-9486 or pheggs@hotmail.com.

LLCD photo contest under way

The Liberty Lake Community Directory

is looking for photos that convey what makes Liberty Lake a unique place to live for its fifth annual photo contest.

Whether it's a breathtaking outdoor scene or a beautiful shot of residents gathering at a local event, shutterbugs are asked to submit images capturing the essence of the community. The winner's photo will be highlighted on the cover, and other selected images will be featured in the 2015 Liberty Lake Community Directory.

Amateur or professional photographers age 16 or older are eligible to enter by the Sept. 12 deadline. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners. For rules and details, go to www.libertylakesplash.com and click on the camera graphic at the top of the page.

Residential info sought for annual directory

The Liberty Lake Community Directory is currently soliciting residential information to be included in the 2015 book. Listings typically include last and first name, address and residential phone number.

Residents who are new to the area or who have recently changed their address or phone number are encouraged to email the correct information to directory@libertylakesplash.com to guarantee inclusion in the annual publication which will be mailed to homes in December. Those who have submitted information for past directories are encouraged to confirm their information for the 2015 directory.

The Directory purchases listings from local phone providers, but residents have the option of requesting their information not be included by emailing directory@libertylakesplash.com by Sept. 15.

Education Briefs

Leului graduates from EWU



Pafuti Alexandria Leului graduated from Eastern Washington University June 14 with a BA degree in sociology. Pafuti is the daughter of Pat and Rita Leului of Liberty Lake.

LEULUI

Colleges honor local students

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

Beloit College (Beloit, Wis.)

Dean's List
Maya Furukawa

Creighton University (Omaha, Neb.)

Dean's List, 3.5+ GPA
Nicholaus Johnson

Gonzaga University

President's List, 3.7+ GPA
Taylor Kelley, Matthew McCauley, Lucas Schneidmiller, Ande Seines
Dean's List, 3.5 to 3.69 GPA
Mitchell Sanders

Idaho State University (Pocatello, Idaho)

Dean's List, 3.66+ GPA
Hannah C. Winslow

North Idaho College

Dean's List, 3.75+ GPA
Savannah Rutter, Austin Wittman

Northwest Nazarene University (Nampa, Idaho)

Dean's List, 3.5+ GPA
Amanda Olsen

Park University (Fairchild AFB)

Spring Commencement
Jamie Dedmon, bachelor's degree in management/marketing; Ashley Klein, bachelor's degree in social psychology

Washington State University

President's Honor Roll, 3.5+ GPA
Tyler Michael Barnard, Brendan Allen Bowman, Dawn Gayle Cunningham, Delaney Nora Dorsey, Emily Erin Hisel, CJ Marie James, James Edward Pappas, Lauren Lynnette Schillb, Homa Shaarbaf, Breanne Jackee Stachofsky, Connor James Stephenson, Spencer Kyle Stephenson, Jordan Michelle Stocker, Hayley Rose Windhorn

Obituaries



Keva A. Monson

Keva Arlene (Pringle) Monson, 73, died May 21, 2014, at Kootenai Health Center in Coeur d'Alene of complications from a stroke.

The daughter of Ron and Pearl (Lanter) Davis, Keva was born July 30, 1940, in Coeur d'Alene and grew up in Post Falls. She graduated from Post Falls High School in 1958, the same year she served as Miss Post Falls. She attended University of Idaho, where she pledged Pi Beta Phi. On August 15, 1959, she married Charles R. Monson.

They made their home in Baltimore, Md., and Baker, Ore., before returning to the Spokane area and settling at Liberty Lake to raise their four children. Keva worked as public relations director for the Spokane Valley School District and co-owned the Trend House interior design store in Spokane Valley. In 1985, she and Chuck moved to Ghana, West Africa, where she worked as manager of the American Club, and he continued his work for Kaiser Aluminum. From there, she moved to Japan for two years to obtain her black belt in aikido, returning to Liberty Lake in 1991. Her husband, Chuck, died in 1994.

In 1998, she married longtime friend Donald Reese, and they split their time between Liberty Lake and Pacific City, Ore. She treasured her role as beloved grandmother to the eight Reese grandchildren.

Keva volunteered her time and considerable talents to a number of political and environmental causes. She was legendary for her unique flair and impeccable taste.

She was also predeceased by her parents, her brother Dennis Pringle, and her sons-in-law, Jock H. Bevis and William D. Rice.

She is survived by her husband, Don Reese, of Liberty Lake; her children, Steve Monson and his wife, Angela, of Muscat, Oman; Megan Monson of Myrtle Creek, Ore.; Marlo Monson Bevis of Kodiak, Alaska; and Mike Monson and his wife, Rebekka, of Park City, Utah; as well as six grandchildren, Marcus Stennes, Cassidy Rice, Ashleigh Monson, Riley Rice, Sawyer Bevis and Connor Monson.

She is also survived by her brothers, Don Pringle and his wife, Lukana, of Kona, Hawaii; Ron Davis and his wife, Nancy; and John Davis and his wife, Marcia, all of Post Falls.

A memorial service will be held in August at the family home at Liberty Lake. Friends are invited to add their remembrances to the online memorial at www.englishfuneralchapel.com.



Robert Martin Wills

Robert Martin Wills Sr., Lt. Col. USAF Retired, passed away May 31, 2014, at age 92.

Robert was born November 8, 1921 to Nina and Albert

Wills in Marion, Ohio. He graduated from Harding High School in 1939 and worked as a commercial artist for JH Maish Company when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He enlisted immediately but took time to marry his fiancé, June Imbody.

He attended OCS in Florida and took flight training in grade. He flew B17 bombers and was assigned to Great Britain. His plane was struck with flak on return from his seventh mission which was to Berlin. The crew escaped the plane but he was later captured and held in POW camp for 13 months. He escaped from a forced march by the German Guard during an advance by Russian troops and made his way to the American lines.

After the war ended, he received his degree from Penn State University and accepted a commission as 1st Lieutenant in the regular Air Force. He was a squadron commander assigned to Germany to identify Nazi war criminals before flying the airlift. Robert was an assistant air attaché in the Netherlands before being assigned to SAC. He worked at the Pentagon and was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Intelligence Committee during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He retired from the Air Force in 1965 and later worked for Lockheed as Director of Sales Europe for the L1011 aircraft.

After he retired from Lockheed in 1981, he moved to Liberty Lake to be near family. Robert leaves his wife, June, after 73 years of marriage; three children, Robert M. Wills II, Alison Lefebvre and Michelle Hart; four grandchildren, Shea Wills Wesche, Ashley Vitro, Nathan Amouroux and Grant Amouroux; four great-grandchildren, Bailey Wills, Jaelyn Wesche, Bryce Amouroux and Carly Vitro.

OBITUARY POLICY

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COMMUNITY

Community comes together for fourth annual Relay

Cancer-fighting event sets fundraising goal of \$30,000

By Tim Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Of the many emotional, enjoyable and sometimes silly moments she has experienced during past Relay for Life events, one in particular sticks out for Jean Simpson.

"I love the time when the sky is purple before the sun comes up; it's just beautiful," said Simpson, who is co-chairing this year's American Cancer Society's Liberty Lake Relay for Life. "It's extremely quiet. There's a lot of people still walking. It's a time I take away from everything and I'll go walk, pray or think. I'll look back at the candles that are still lit. ... It's a special time."

This moment symbolizing new hope as a new day dawns is just one of the many she looks forward to during the fourth annual Relay for Life in Liberty Lake. From the 6 p.m. July 18 until 9 a.m. July 19, supporters and cancer survivors alike will spend the night walking around a track at the Meadowood Technology Campus, 24001 E. Mission Ave. This and hundreds more Relay for Life events in over 20 nations raise money to support current cancer patients and fund research to find a cure for the disease.

"The event itself is a celebration, where we celebrate the survivors — that's really important to us," said Simpson, who added the Relay for Life is American Cancer Society's largest fundraiser. "Cancer doesn't sleep; that's why they go all night."

Jen Kronvall, Relay Specialist at the Great West Division of the American Cancer Society, noted that participation has grown each of the four years the event has been in Liberty Lake. Having raised just over \$27,000 last year, Kronvall stated this year's goal is to raise \$30,000.

"So far we have 65 participants signed up



Luminaria candles honoring loved ones, such as these pictured at the 2012 Liberty Lake Relay for Life, light the track through the night.

SPLASH FILE PHOTO

online," Kronvall said last month. "We typically have about 200. Experience has shown the sign-ups increase exponentially as the deadline approaches."

Just \$10 to sign up and participate, Simpson noted the event is free to stop by, with donations taken throughout the night.

"Because of what it is, it's going to help research cancer and help people locally with wigs and places to stay for out-of-towners," Simpson said. "I think it would be really neat if Liberty Lake would just embrace that, everyone somehow take part in it. Whether you support a food vendor or come to listen to the music and put a buck in the can."

The night begins with an event to honor cancer survivors, where each survivor receives a free dinner. The evening also has a lighting of luminaria candles to remember those whose lives cancer has claimed as well as a survivors' lap, a tradition Simpson explained is both very emotional and celebratory.

During the rest of the night, participants walk around a track set up just for the evening on the campus and have fun while being entertained.

The entertainment this year includes local bands and performers, including cancer survivor DJ Ken Prescott, who recently

relocated from Colorado and has worked numerous Relay for Life events, as well as Meet Revolver, a Beatles tribute band. The majority of the entertainment occurs prior to midnight to be respectful of the surrounding neighborhood.

But that does not mean the fun ends at midnight. Though she's never stayed the night, Kronvall noted she's heard stories about entertaining crowds in the late hours.

"OK, so what has she been sharing?" laughed Simpson after hearing of Kronvall's overnight assessment. "It's all in good fun to keep people awake and entertained. ... We've done the Thriller dance at 2 a.m. Dance party, we play silly games, done Scrabble laps and poker laps, make things up as we go sometimes. ..."

Simpson lost her husband, Craig, to cancer 10 years ago. A few years later, in 2007, she attended her first Relay for Life at East Valley High School.

"I didn't even know what a relay was," she said. "People would tell me 'I'm going to light my luminaria for him,' and I was like 'OK, what does the mean?'"

For the next few years, she organized a team to participate in the event.

When the event came to Liberty Lake,

RELAY for LIFE FAST FACTS

When: Because cancer never sleeps, the Liberty Lake Relay for Life is held overnight, from 6 p.m. July 18 to 9 a.m. July 19.

Where: Meadowood Technology Campus, 24001 E. Mission Ave.

Cost: The event requires a minimum of \$10 in donations (whether from fundraising or a personal donation) for participants, but it is free of charge for the community to attend and enjoy. Performers and entertainment are scheduled throughout the event.

Dine out and support the cause: After 5 p.m. on July 15, 15 percent of the sales at True Legends, 1803 N. Harvard Road, will be donated to the Liberty Lake Relay for Life. Be sure to mention you are dining out for Relay.

2014 committee: Co-chairs Jean Simpson and Jane Murphy; Melanie White, Sara Simpson, Jeanette Nall, Jennifer Ophardt, Paul James, Tammie Stokes and Chris Stokes.

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For more or to sign up: Visit www.relayforlife.org/libertylakewa where you can sign up a team or individually. Cancer survivors participate for free and get a free dinner. You can also contact Jennifer Kronvall, relay specialist at the American Cancer Society, at 528-6332.



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Volunteer of the Year

Liberty Lake Relay for Life co-chair Jean Simpson (at center in photo) was recently recognized as Volunteer of the Year for the Safeway's entire Northwest Division, representing 316 stores in five states. Simpson has spent many years as the friendly face working in the Liberty Lake Safeway bakery, but outside

of work she invests hundreds of hours into two of her favorite passions: the Liberty Lake Relay for Life and the Liberty Lake Community Theatre.

Those organizations benefited from Simpson's honor, each receiving half of the \$5,000 award that came with the recognition.

"I was really shocked; it was very humbling," Simpson said. "I don't do things for pats on the back, it's not who I am. I just do them to do them."

Simpson, who lives north of the city and is a longtime employee at the Liberty Lake Safeway, responded to an ad for volunteers and signed up to be on the entertainment committee. Due to the small size of volunteers who showed up, she became the entertainment committee. This year, she is co-chairing the event with Jane Murphy.

"I don't want to see it not happen," said Simpson about one of the reasons she continues to volunteer at Relay for Life. "So I keep doing my part to make it happen."

"It's just kind of passion because you want to see a cure," continued Simpson. "You don't want people hurting anymore or families losing their dad or their mom. It's not easy to see someone you love get very weak, and saying goodbye."

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6:45 - 8:25 p.m. Meet Revolver — Beatles Tribute Band

8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Three Piece Suit — Classic Rock Cover Band w/ Air Guitar Competition

9:30 - 10 p.m. Motes Wanted — Acoustic Guitar/Folk

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BUTB wins award



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Greater Spokane Incorporated honored seven area businesses and organizations on June 4 at the 29th annual AGORA Awards at the INB Performing Arts Center. Blessings Under the Bridge won in the Small Nonprofit category. Also, Altek employees sponsored a feed on the same day.



Double the debate

Sisters Lacie and Lexie Hull participated in a Middle School Debate Championship during a district-wide competition held May 16 at Valley Christian School.



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Splash Travels

Mike and Jessica Kovac took The Splash along on a two-week trip to Cabo to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.



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Local Lens

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

Shutterbug snapshots



Michael Hassett sent a final shot of the owls he has followed since birth as he said it appears they have now grown up and moved on. He also found a coyote den and two pups, pictured below, on the trails behind Legacy Ridge very close to the area where the owls were.



In a nearby area of the community, Hassett captured a photo of a male Bullock's Oriole, pictured at right.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Kiwanis awards scholarships



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

The Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake recently presented scholarships to area students during their annual Golf Scramble. Pictured are (back row) Chanoa Marx, Joshua Ross, Curtis Schmitz, Hailee Herbst, Katy Dolan, Tucker Foote, Taylor Smith, DongGyun Kim; (front row) Olga Gorbenko, Mara Ordenstein, Aubrey Spear, Kelsey McCune, Haley Feider and Megan Jennen.

LOCAL LENS

Even with rain, the sale must go on



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Dreary weather conditions didn't stop shoppers from checking out bargains at the Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales on June 14. At left, Mayor Steve and Charmaine Peterson were among the hundreds of people who braved the conditions.



Reading in the great outdoors



Library supporters enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in the library's newest feature, an outdoor reading garden. Hosted by the Liberty Lake Library Foundation on June 15, the garden dedication included music, cake, book drawings and the opportunity for families to register for the library's summer reading program.



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Like its food, CorkHouse built from scratch

Spontaneous restaurant venture comes together for Liberty Lake couple

By Valerie Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Liberty Lake's newest option for fine dining was born out of spontaneity. One day, CorkHouse owner Keri Collins decided to call the owner of the building at 1400 N. Meadowwood Lane, the facility that most recently housed Barlows.

"I didn't put a lot of thought into it," Collins said of the call. "It was kind of on a whim."

CorkHouse opened to the public in late June, serving a limited breakfast plus a lunch and dinner menu Collins describes as "casual fine dining."

There was a time not too long ago that Collins spent an average of five hours a day running or playing tennis. Then, earlier this year, she was diagnosed with two stress fractures in her foot from overexertion. Her doctor restricted her physical activity for three months, leaving Collins with time on her hands.

"I could learn to swim, spend more time at the office," Collins laughed about her options for those restricted months. "And I'll open a restaurant."

Collins and her husband, Kevin, are no strangers to taking a risk with a commercial venture. In 1993, they moved from the west side to Spokane to start a finishing business in a 5,000-square-foot warehouse. Neither had a formal education in the business.

"We started with nothing," Collins said.

In 2001, they transitioned into sheet metal fabrication and manufacturing. Today, they operate Premier Manufacturing out of a 55,000-square-foot facility.

"My husband and I are movers and shakers," Collins said. "We get on a project, and we just go."

It was with this attitude that one day, as Collins drove by the former Barlows location on her way to work, she decided to make the initial call to the owner. Her call resulted in three weeks of negotiation.

Collins took possession of the building at the beginning of April. Rapidly renovating the building, the Collins' spent an estimated \$50,000 transforming the interior and exterior of the restaurant.

Kevin Collins, with help from friends, did most of the renovation.

"I've never owned a restaurant before," Collins said. "There are many details that you don't even realize that come into play."

The renovations included adding a



500-square-foot outdoor patio, new carpet, paint and stone work throughout the interior, distinct countertops and updated lighting fixtures. An old beam was refinished and installed in the new stoned entry nook as a bench.

"We've dressed it up quite a bit to make it more inviting," said Collins, who designed the interior using an online resource. "We want the restaurant to be casual with gourmet food."

The menu was developed by Collins, incorporating favorite dishes from other restaurants such as skillet corn bread made with sweet corn, bacon and jalapenos; and a nontraditional mac and cheese using chicken, bacon, jalapenos and cheese. Collins' menu was enhanced by the restaurant's veteran chef, Brian Hutchins, who has been in the restaurant business for 22 years.

"He made everything more gourmet, adding all the fill ingredients that makes it sound delicious," Collins said. "He's the chef. He knows what he is doing."

Produce is purchased from the Liberty Lake Farmers Market next door, and all the meat is from local vendors.

"The chef is all about farm to table," Collins said. "We have nothing shipped. Everything is within 500 miles."

Everything on the CorkHouse menu — including dressings, sauces and hamburger buns — are made from scratch. Lunch prices range from \$6 to \$16, with dinner offered from \$15 to \$28. Collins anticipates her seasonal menu to change every



three months.

The restaurant also features a separate lounge with a full-service bar serving a selection of 20 wines by the glass and 12 beers on tap. In addition, Collins has a wine list of 20 or 30 bottles for purchase.

When designing the bar, the couple installed a Glyco draft dispensing system to maintain the temperature of the draft beer.

This fall, the couple hopes to renovate the upstairs into another smaller lounge area with tables and sofas.

"We want it to be casual and comfortable," Collins said of the upstairs lounge, which will accommodate 10 patrons.

For breakfast, the restaurant features a limited menu along with espresso and coffee drinks. A drive-thru window will open at 6 a.m., as well as the restaurant.

"We have three breakfast sandwich options," Collins said. "We will be open for business if someone wants to come inside

SPLASH PHOTOS

Liberty Lake residents Kevin and Keri Collins, left, recently opened CorkHouse Kitchen + Bar at 1400 N. Meadowwood Lane.

IF YOU GO ...

CorkHouse, 1400 N. Meadowwood Lane, is open for a limited breakfast plus "casual fine dining" lunch and dinner. Brunch will be served Saturday and Sunday. The restaurant features a drive-thru window serving espresso drinks.

Hours: 6 a.m. until close Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. until close Friday, 7 a.m. until close Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and dinner starts at 4 p.m. CorkHouse also features live music Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

and hang out."

Collins intends on having live music two nights a week. Performers will include her daughter, Jordan, who recently graduated from Whitworth. Jordan sings and plays acoustic guitar. She was also tasked with the hiring other musical acts.

With 17 employees on staff, Collins anticipates working daily for the first year of business, managing the restaurant.

"It's my baby," Collins said. "It's a big investment and commitment. I want to make sure things are running smoothly."

BUSINESS

In Biz

Valley Chamber's CEO resigns

After 13 years leading the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, President and CEO Eldonna Shaw is resigning to pursue other professional interests.



SHAW

Her last day leading the organization will be July 31.

The organization has appointed Barry Baker of Baker Construction and John Guarisco of MDI Marketing to co-chair a search committee to hire Shaw's successor. Baker,

who is also chairman of the Chamber board, said the organization will plan opportunities in the coming weeks to honor and thank Shaw for her years of service.

During her time leading the Chamber, Shaw led public information efforts to form the city of Spokane Valley and helped create the charitable Spokane Valley Chamber Foundation. Much of her efforts focused on business start-ups, from forming programs to offer reduced-rent "incubator" space to championing the Chamber's nationally recognized Nx-Level Entrepreneur Training program.

Baker said the search for Shaw's replacement would convene immediately.

Express Scripts cuts jobs

The national pharmacy benefits manager, Express Scripts, Inc. is reducing its Liberty Lake workforce by 100 jobs, leaving only 200 positions.

Through corporate restructuring, the Liberty Lake office at 23102 E. Appleway will be converted from an intake pharmacy to a customer prescription and insurance-coverage review center. The Liberty Lake operation will retain 36 pharmacists, along with an estimated 164 other workers.

In 2012, Express Scripts acquired the assets Medco Health Solutions, who was the original pharmacy benefits manager in that building.

Express Scripts, based in St. Louis, has been an intake or front-end pharmacy center since the 1990s. The largest pharmacy benefits manager in the country, the company negotiates drug prices for large employers and major health insurers, as well as fills orders for their members and employees.

Vivint closes LL location

Vivint, Inc. closed the doors last month at its Liberty Lake location, 22425 E. Appleway Avenue, only a year after moving in.

The Utah-based company that sells residential security and energy management

systems had hoped to create 400 call-center jobs in Spokane County. Company officials didn't offer an explanation for the June 27 closure or say how many workers the company employed there.

Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI) initially contacted Vivint, and the company selected Liberty Lake from ten potential locations. GSI helped the company receive a \$150,000 grant to cover some of Vivint's relocation costs. The grant was from an economic development strategic reserve fund managed by the Washington governor's office.

Local tech company brings D-Day to life

Hoping to educate a new generation, Liberty Lake technology company Gravity Jack recently developed an iPhone and iPad app to experience D-Day. Titled "D-Day: June 6, 1944," the app profiles veterans who served during the war and takes you through hours of the battle in just two minutes.

Gravity Jack created the app with The Greatest Generation Foundation to ensure it was an authentic experience. For more, go to www.gravityjack.com.

Splash modifies delivery

The Splash recently modified its monthly distribution cycle. Instead of hitting mailboxes on the last Thursday of the month, The Splash is now scheduled to arrive in homes by or before the first day of each month, allowing more purpose and flexibility with the publication timing.

The change was made to allow the company to better fulfill their mission of informing, connecting and inspiring communities. For more, go to www.libertylakesplash.com.

Itron awarded contract

Itron, Inc. was awarded a metering contract with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the nation's largest municipal utility.

LADWP will use Itron's cellular solution to supply advanced time-of-use and net time-of-use residential, commercial and industrial electric metering to LADWP's customers. This will help the municipal utility improve customer service, expand green energy initiatives and meet increasing demands from applications for solar net-metered residential, commercial and industrial customers in the city.

For more, go to www.itron.com.

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

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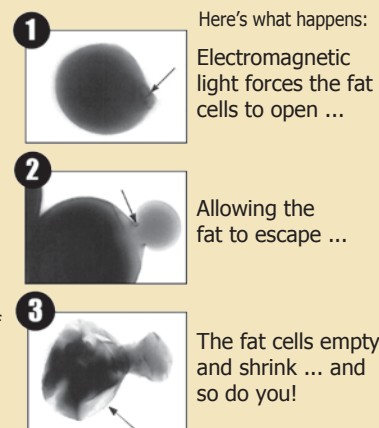
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Family-first Stocker maintains ties to game

Coaching, broadcasting give former Phillies shortstop a baseball outlet

By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

These days, Kevin Stocker is on the other side of the microphone. The former Major League Baseball shortstop recently wrapped up a season analyzing baseball for the Pac-12 Sports Network.

At home in Liberty Lake with his family, his burgeoning second career in television must take a back seat for now. Stocker is enjoying being able to take a family-first philosophy that wasn't as easy during his playing career.

Kevin, 44, graduated from Central Valley High School in 1988, played shortstop at the University of Washington and had an eight-year Major League career, primarily with Philadelphia, where he played in the World Series.

Officially retired in 2000, a few years later while on vacation in New York, his agent got him an interview for a baseball analyst's position with cable's College Sports Network, an offshoot of ESPN Classic. He turned to the dark side.

"I met with people, had a little interview, and they hired me," said Stocker, who now has about 10 years in the business of critiquing instead of being critiqued.

He was approached by Comcast Sports Network to work Major League ball in Philadelphia, but pulled out of the running to focus on family, citing the rigors of travel over months of spring training and a 162-game schedule.

"Next year, I'll have three kids in high



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kevin Stocker was treated to a Father's Day round of golf by his family last month. Liberty Lake's Stocker family includes sons Zach, left, and Logan, right, as well as daughter, McKenna, and wife, Brooke.

school," said Stocker of his hiatus. "When (they) know what they're going to do and I wind up coaching them, in the next three or four years I think at some time I'd like a sports analyst job."

The Stocker name is well-connected in the Spokane Valley. His dad, Chuck, was a popular educator and administrator. Kevin and his three siblings were all into sports at CV and have gone hither and yon to diverse successful careers.

Kevin Stocker played both basketball

and baseball at CV, on a fourth place state finisher in the former.

In 1991 at the UW, he led the team in hitting with a .374 batting average — 77 hits in 208 at bats — runs scored (54) and stolen bases (35).

He was drafted in the second round that year by the Phillies and was brought up for defense in 1993 during the team's World Series push. As a bonus, he ended up batting .324 in 70 games. He played in Philadelphia, Tampa Bay and Anaheim,

finishing with a .254 career average, 124 doubles, 28 triples and 23 home runs while driving in 248 runs. He had a defensive fielding percentage of .969.

"What got tough for me is the games are great, but you only have so much free time and living out of a suitcase was a grind," he said.

Stocker was limited by injuries, but the allure of the game kept him hanging in as a free agent utility player beyond 2000.

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Spring sports brought honors for CV standouts



By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The whole was the sum of its many parts when Central Valley's girls track team tied for eighth during State 4A track and field.

Eight girls combined for three relay medals during last month's meet and their league championship season.

But the literal anchor of the multifaceted team was Liberty Lake resident **Mariah Cunningham**, who won the high jump at 5-foot-4, finished third in the long jump at 17-5 ¼ and ran the final

legs of two relay placers that accounted for 23 of the Bears 25 points.

CV's 800-meter relay team placed fifth, the 400-relay team was sixth and 1,600 took seventh.

Savannah Hoekstra was a member of all three relay placers, joined by **Anna Fomin** on the 800 and 1,600 teams, soccer standout **Kelsey Turnbow** on both 800 and 400 finishers, **Hailey Hawkins** on the 400, and **Brielle Crump**, **Briegan Bester** and **Hannah Reiman** on this year's 1,600.

Cunningham and Hoekstra, a Liberty Lake resident who starred on CV's state championship soccer team, completed illustrious careers as Bears and will continue at Eastern Washington University

next winter.

In the state boys meet, freshman **Jako-be Ford** finished fourth with a high jump of 6-6.

Spring All-GSL

Geoff Arte was Greater Spokane League girls track coach of the year, and the aforementioned girls were all first-team designees in their events. Joining them was javelin thrower **Liz Adams** with a league best 131-1 throw, 10 feet farther than league runner-up and fellow Bear **McKenna Stocker**.

On the boys side, Ford was second team despite being the highest Greater Spokane League placer at state.

Most of the nine spring sports had CV

representatives on their all-league teams:

Baseball — **Colton Peha** was first-team outfield.

Softball — Pitcher **Carli Riordan** was the league MVP, while catcher **McKynzie Adams** and infielder **Shayla Vegas** also made first team.

Golf — **Jake Dringle** and **Michael Stansberry** were both first-team selections.

Tennis — **Jacob Conant** for the boys and **Kyra Harames** of the unbeaten GSL champion girls team were first-team choices.

Soccer — The playoff qualifying Bears had two selections, **Karl Ellingsen** and **Miguel Nave**.

SPORTS

STOCKER

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“I wasn’t moving so well,” Stocker said. “In February 2001, the Mets called and said they need a utility player. I flew all the way down to West Palm Beach, got in at 11 a.m., dropped my bag in the hotel and just knew I didn’t want to be there. The next morning I called and said, ‘I’m going to retire.’”

Still, he got the itch to play again and talked with the Dodgers. They sent him to AAA for conditioning, and found he was surrounded by other veterans who like him were hoping for one last shot.

“So I decided, that’s it,” he said.

His wife, Brooke, told him if he came home he was done. He was taking classes at Eastern Washington when the Rockies called, but he got injured in spring training and packed it in. It took five more years, he said, to get baseball out of his blood.

Stocker met Brooke, a University High graduate, in college. The two dated long-distance for a couple years after he was drafted and married, he said, during the 1994 baseball strike. They stayed two years in Philadelphia before returning here in the offseasons where both sets of parents live.

“It’s really hard to live where you play be-

cause the team just wears you out with appearances,” he explained.

Together, they have three children — daughter McKenna, an All-GSL soccer defender for the Bears state champions as a junior last fall and track javelin thrower; Logan, who’ll be a junior and is a baseball pitcher; and Zach, a freshman who’s into every sport but leans toward basketball.

But, Stocker points out, Brooke is the real athlete in the family, competing in Ironman and half-marathon endurance events.

He volunteers as a coach, currently with CV’s A Legion baseball team, and though his children show athletic potential, what

he likes best, he says, is that they enjoy the game but don’t live and die for it.

“I’m perfectly fine whatever they do,” he said.

As for his baseball career?

“I loved the experience,” Stocker explained. “When I look back on it, I don’t have a lot of regrets. I played in the World Series, played on some good teams and bad teams. If I did it again I’d probably stay in it another four or five years.”

Maybe he’ll return to the bigs as a coach someday, he admits. For now, his career as a television baseball analyst will do just fine.

Scoreboard

COMMUNITY GOLF

5/19 Spokane Valley Women’s Evening League

Flight A: Gross, Diane Perry, 49; Net, Robyn Sciuchetti, 41
Flight B: Gross, Sammie Fletcher, 60; Net, Kristi Peplinski, 43
Flight C: Gross, Colleen Lynn, 61; Net, Barb Byington, 46
Flight D: Gross, Nancy Moore
No Handicap: Renee Bordelon, 54
Chip in and birdie #6: Caroline Wyatt

5/22 Liberty Lake Women’s 9-Hole Club

First flight: Low gross, Linda Church, 49; Low net, Roxy Powell, 37
Second flight: Low gross, Kathy Camyn, 54; Low net, Deanna Hauser, 35
Third flight: Low gross, Anne Armstrong, 62; Low net, Luana Hager, 40

5/27 Liberty Lake Women’s Club

Game: Count points for golf balls hit in the water, out of bounds, in the sand, trees and three putts; fewest number of points wins.

A Flight: Joyce Skidmore, Gisue Peters and Patsy Lynn, 5 points
B Flight: Chrissy Tamura, 2 points
C Flight: Gloria Cash, 3 points
D Flight: Linda Strom, 3 points

5/28 MeadowWood Women’s Club

Game: Beat the Pro, Nick Knight

In a large turnout the following players beat the pro: Patsy Lynn, Sharon Schoen, Carol Schultz, Gisue Peters, Joyce Skidmore, Lee Sonderman, Marie Nelson, Jackie Babin, Leslie Sevigny and Cheryl Hull

5/29 Liberty Lake Women’s 9-Hole Club

First flight: Low gross, Robin McKee, 46; Chip in and Birdie #7; Low net, Bette Devine, 41
Second flight: Low gross, Vickie James, 60; Low net, Sadie Rueckert, 41
Third flight: Low gross, Margaret Chesley, 62; Low net, Luana Hager, 40

6/2 Spokane Valley Women’s Golf League

Flight A: Gross, Caroline Wyatt, 44; Net, Robyn Sciuchetti and Marie Neumayer, 36

Flight B: Gross, Mary Ellen Wall, 53; Net, Kathleen Burns and Kristi Peplinski, 40
Flight C: Gross, Diane Rudnick, 55; Net, Colleen Lynn and Barb Byington, 38

Flight D: Gross, Terri McDaniel, 72; Net, Jean Hauer, 44
No Handicap: Laurie Stewart, 49
Chip ins: Diane Perry, hole #5; Renee Bordelon, hole #8
Team best ball winners with 40: Robyn Sciuchetti, Sandy Nowaski, Caroline Wyatt, Diane Perry

6/3 Liberty Lake Women’s Club

Liberty Cup and Putting

Liberty Cup overall winner: Gloria Cash, net 67

Putts

A Flight: Tamera Felton, 30 putts
B Flight: Chrissy Tamura, 34 putts
C Flight: Margie Tibbits, 33 putts
D Flight: Coleen Wisenor, 37 putts

6/4 MeadowWood Women’s Club

Even holes, less one-half handicap

First place: Lee Sonderman, 35 net
Second place (tie): Patsy Lynn, Joy Nicholson, Jackie Babin, 35.5 net

6/05 Winners Liberty Lake 9-Hole Club

First Flight: Low gross, Linda Church, 45; Low net, Bette Devine and Arla Beck, 33
Arla Beck & Robin McKee had Birdies on #16; Bette Devine had a Birdie on #17
Second Flight: Low gross, Kathy Camyn, 57; Low net, Shirley Schoenberger, 35
Third flight: Low gross, Luana Hager, 60; Low net, Anne Armstrong, 36

6/9 Spokane Valley Women’s Evening League

Flight A: Gross, Caroline Wyatt, 49; Net, Dorene Meltingtallow, 34
Flight B: Gross, Sammie Fletcher, 60; Net, Kristi Peplinski, 43
Flight C: Gross, Barb Byington, 64; Net, Colleen Lynn, 50
Flight D: Gross, Jean Hauer, 78; Net, Terri Mc Daniel and Nancy Moore, 54
No Handicap: Karen Burrington, 54
Chip in: Margaret Rodgers
Closest to the pin: Barb Byington

6/10 Liberty Lake Women’s Club

Game: Best nine holes minus half handicap

A Flight: Jackie Babin, 32.5; Tamara Felton, 34.5
B Flight: Honey Conlon, 37
C Flight: Lee Sonderman, 32; Elsa Metting and Marilee Codd, 34
D Flight: Coleen Wisenor, 35.5

6/11 MeadowWood Women’s Club

Game: Beat the Pro, Chris Curran (72)

The following players beat the Pro: Patsy Lynn, Carol Alboucq, Lee Sonderman, Leslie Sevigny, Sue Meyer, Michele Knowles, Susan Oberlink and Jackie Babin

6/12 Liberty Lake 9-Hole Club

1st Flight: Gross, Judy Cameron and Robin McKee, 49; Net, MaryAnn Grannell, 37
2nd Flight: Gross, Kathy Camyn and Deanna Hauser, 58; Net, Barb Midkiff, 42
3rd Flight: Gross, Pat Reiter, 65; Net, Luana Hager, 38
No Handicap: Gross, Judee Fowler, 63

6/16 Spokane Valley Women’s League

Flight A: Gross, Caroline Wyatt, 45; Net, Marie Neumayer, 37
Flight B: Gross, Lynn Jones, 52; Net, Kathleen Burns, 35
Flight C: Gross, Barb Byington, 59; Net, Mary Hager, 38
Flight D: Gross, Teri McDaniel, 67; Net, Nancy Moore, 56
No Handicap: Kay Riplinger, 58

Putts

Flight A: Caroline Wyatt, 14
Flight B: Evanlene Meltingtallow, 17
Flight C: Mary Hager, 20
Flight D: Nancy Moore, 22
No Handicap: Kay Riplinger, 19

6/18 MeadowWood Women’s Club

Game: Odd Holes less one-half handicap

First: Michelle Knowles, 31
Second: Jackie Babin, 33
Third: Patsy Lynn, 33.5



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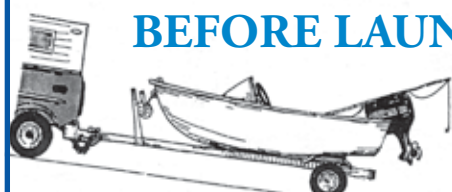
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SPORTS

And they're off!



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Mayor Steve Peterson and Winderemere race organizer Elaine Koga-Kennelly talk to runners at the beginning of the Winderemere Marathon on June 1. For the second year in a row, the start of the marathon was at Rocky Hill Park.



Emma Whybrew, pictured at left with Koga-Kennelly, placed third in the half marathon 19 years and younger age group.

At right, Natalie Urbiha celebrated her birthday by running the Winderemere half marathon with friends from Liberty Lake Running Club.



Winning big in Reno

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An AAU team went 5-0 to win the Tier 1 8th grade division in the Jam On It Memorial Weekend Tournament in Reno, Nev. The team included (back row) coach Ron Adams, **Lacie Hull**, Quincy McDeid, Hailey Christopher, coach Janet Skaife; (front row) Cameron Skaife, **Mady Simmelink**, Kate Sams and **Lexie Hull**. Not Pictured is Michaela Laabs. (Liberty Lake residents are highlighted in bold.)



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Blind runner David Kuhn joined the Liberty Lake Running Club last month. He is in process of running around the perimeter states of the U.S. to raise awareness and money for cystic fibrosis, a disease which his granddaughter suffers from.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Liberty Lake Community Tennis Association is seeing a slew of kids take advantage of free lessons on Saturday mornings. LLC-TA President Larry West is pictured here with Olivia Baddley.

Reading and rolling around town

Joggers, walkers and plenty of strollers were seen around town during a strolling storytime hosted by the Liberty Lake Running Club in May.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

SPORTS

Mudcats win Memorial Day Bash



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Riverview Mudcats 11U baseball team took first place in the Memorial Day Super Bash tournament held at the Dwight Merkel sports complex in Spokane. Pictured are (back row) **Andrew Monson**, **Coach Brian Moriniti**, Jimmy Savage, Cohl Nelson, **Ethan Moriniti**, Cole Seaman, **Chad Carlson**; **Coach Ben Abshire**; (front row) Laken Young, **Luke Abshire**, **Conner Andreas**, Andrew Heesh, Parker Smith, Kyle Parkman and bat boy **Zach Abshire**. Not pictured is Coach Steve Young. (Liberty Lake residents are highlighted in bold.)

Happenings at the HUB



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Several adult teams participated in the May Mania Pickleball Tournament, while fathers and sons enjoyed an evening of fun at the HUB Sports Center's Dads and Dudes Night.

Below left, HUB 360 kids didn't let inclement weather keep them from playing indoor frisbee golf.



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The winner's photo will be highlighted on the cover, and other selected images will be featured inside the 2015 Liberty Lake Community Directory. Prizes will be awarded as well, so be sure to shoot and share local photos with the Directory!

- Photographers (amateur or professional) age 16 years and older are eligible to enter.
- Deadline is September 12. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners.
- Visit www.libertylakesplash.com for a complete set of rules.

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Generosity extends well beyond monetary gifts

By Kynlee Dub

SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



"You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you." — John Wooden

There are a lot of different ways that you can take the word generosity. This quote is a good representation of what it means because you aren't generous just so that you can get something in return; you do it because you want to help someone out.

There are three ways to show generosity: time, treasure and talent. When I think of true generosity, there are a few people in the community who come to mind. They give their time, money and knowledge just to help other people, and they cover all of the three aspects of generosity. In the small community where I live, the same people are continuously giving, and I think that to be truly generous you cannot just be sporadic in your generosity. It is something you do all the time; it becomes a habit.

Just the other day, I came across a great example of generosity. I am incredibly lucky to have a very generous best friend. She was taking her state test, and I was having a pretty rough day. I told her about it, and while I don't recommend doing this, she rushed through her test just so that she could see me 4th period and make sure I was OK. She was willing to drop everything to help me out, and that showed generosity.

She wasn't worried about how she would do on her test; she was just worried about me. She didn't do it for me to say thank you; she did it because she really cared.

Generosity is a gift of the heart, and in many ways I think it is connected to love. In the words of Olaf from "Frozen," "Love is putting other people's needs before your own." That is what generosity is all about: recognizing other's needs, and helping them before you help yourself.

The biggest issue with generosity is that most people think that it is the giving of material things — money, food or other objects — and this is not necessarily the case. I believe the most meaningful form of generosity are the small things, like giving your time when you are in a hurry, your ear to listen when you want to talk or helping to make a friend's day better even if you are not having the best day either.

Generosity is quiet. It isn't for the recognition or the thanks. It is selfless and even small. The smallest form of generosity could end up making someone's day a whole lot better. Anyone can be generous.

You may only have one of the three branches of generosity to give, but sometimes that makes you more generous, because you are giving all you have. Generosity is giving what you can, and expecting nothing in return.

It is my opinion that generosity is not something you are just born with. Anyone can learn it, but the easiest way to learn it is by example. Look for and recognize the people in your community whom you think embody generosity, and if you try to replicate their actions, soon it becomes second nature.

My advice is to start small and do little things like taking the time to hold a door open, helping an older person cross the street or, my favorite, flashing a smile to someone in the hallway. These actions may not seem like much, but I guarantee you will improve someone's day, and that means something.

I think we hold the trait generosity in such high esteem because it really is a thankless virtue, and you only do it because you really want to help. You really want good for the other person.

If everyone was trying to improve the lives of everyone else, think of what a great place this could be.

Kynlee Dub recently finished her freshman year at Tekoa High School. Her activities include captaining her basketball team, raising steers for her FFA project and riding her dirt bike. She wrote this column as part of a series highlighting the PACE trait of the month. The trait for July is generosity.

Letters to the Editor

Appreciation for wildlife photos

Kudos once again to The Splash for continuing to share outstanding wildlife photos with us readers, most recently in the June 2014 issue of the female owl and her three owlets photographed by Michael Hassett. We are blessed to have such a variety of nature's creatures living here among us.

Gregg Held
Liberty Lake

City welcomes feedback

I would like to thank this community for all of the effort that goes into keeping our city safe, clean and beautiful. The quality of our community depends on you, the citizens who are willing to get involved and contribute to make this the best place to live, work and play.

We need input. The City Council annual retreat will be taking place on August 19, and starting in mid-July, the city will be sending out a series of short surveys via email. We would appreciate if you could give us feedback regarding the future of Liberty Lake by participating in these surveys. This will allow us to discuss and prioritize issues that are important to the residents of our community. For more information on the surveys, go to libertylakewa.gov.

Thank you again for all that you do to contribute to our great community.

Mayor Steve Peterson
Liberty Lake

A word of caution for golf cart drivers

I'm a golf cart owner and thankful that Liberty Lake allows street and trail use. As a walker, I'd like to remind golf cart drivers that a cart approaching from behind is often not heard by pedestrians. Please be aware that pedestrians don't always stay

"in lane" and may accidentally step in front of your cart.

Pedestrians have the right of way on trails and sidewalks, so please slow down when passing. Let's keep it fun and safe for all!

P. Woods
Liberty Lake

Soap Box Derby returns to LL

The Spokane East Rotary Club will sponsor our 7th annual Soap Box Derby Race for special-needs kids on July 19 in Liberty Lake. We will have two starting times, 8:30 and 10 a.m. If you are not pre-registered, please feel free to come to the race and, if possible, we will try to accommodate you and your child. At the conclusion of the race around 12:30 p.m., golf pro Bob Scott of MeadowWood Golf Course will provide, at his expense, an old-fashioned barbecue and Pepsi will supply soft drinks.

This race is intended to reward special-needs children with the race of a lifetime. Special-needs children are paired with volunteer drivers and a soap box derby race car. The derby cars will run down Molter Road from Pavillion Park to Valleyway. The children will then be pulled back to the top of the hill by an ATV and, because this is usually the first time on an ATV for many of them, they really enjoy the ride. This year we are hoping to have in excess of 30 special-needs children and drivers. Each participant is awarded a T-shirt and a medallion.

The Gonzaga Alumni Association has been a proud sponsor of the Soap Box Derby Race since its inception. To our many sponsors, we thank you and any excess funds are given to the Guild's School, Buddy Ball and the HOPE School.

Ronald G. Schoenberger
Spokane East Rotary Club Secretary

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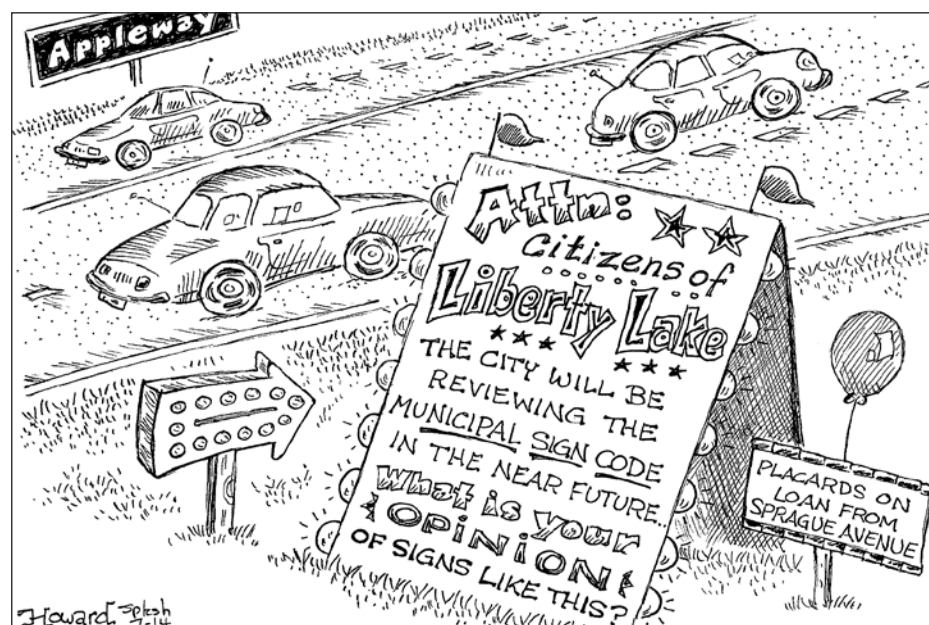
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CALENDAR

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aces open to those 12 and under will begin at 5 p.m. Racers will be grouped by age, size and enthusiasm and parents will need to register each child by 4:45 p.m. Helmets are required. To register and for more: www.explorerverdistrict.com

July 31 | Splash night with Spokane Indians

6 p.m., Avista Stadium, 602 N. Havana. Join with other baseball fans for a game against the Hillsboro Hops followed by post-game Circle the Bases. For tickets and more: spokaneindians.com

July 31 to Aug. 28 | 2014 Junior Golf Camps

10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays, MeadowWood Golf Course, 24501 E. Valleyway. This camp is for ages 11 to 17. Cost is \$50. For more: 255-9539

Aug. 2-3 | Barefoot Soccer Tournament

Pavillion Park. Enjoy music, food and jumpy castles at this second annual event. Cost is \$150 per team from U6 through U15, adult rec and competitive divisions. For more: www.facebook.com/Barefoot3v3

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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 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. Appleyway Ave. The club meets for a three-mile run weekly through October. For more: www.facebook.com/LLRunningClub

- July 4—walk in the Alpine Shores neighborhood parade; July 24—wine run with Liberty Lake Wine Cellars; July 31—run starting/ending at Liberty Lake Golf Course

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

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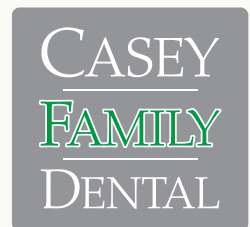
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MARKSONS

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Active members of both the Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley communities, the couple came to the area from Minneapolis.

Bev Markson went to the University of British Columbia and finished up her degree in home economics at the University of Manitoba. From Eli, Minn., Tom Markson graduated from the University of Minnesota with both a bachelors in physical therapy and a masters in hospital administration.

The Marksons met in 1955 while working in the health care industry in Minneapolis. She worked as a dietician. He worked as a physical therapist in the same hospital.

"We were married in 1957," Bev Markson said, before adding with a smile: "And we're still married."

The couple's journey brought them to Spokane in 1968 as Tom Markson became the first administrator of Spokane Valley Hospital.

"I was like the first employee," he said. "Going through interviews, I got to know a lot of people because we were going to hire maybe three or four hundred people."

Tom Markson recalled good years developing a medical staff of 200-300 consulting doctors.

"We developed a home-grown medical support staff of nurses and technicians," he said. "They lived in the Valley for the most part, taking care of friends and relatives."

In 1972, the company that owned Valley Hospital asked Markson to be the regional director for its five northwest hospitals. Its other facilities included two in Portland, and one each in Tacoma and Coos Bay.

He served in that role from 1972 to 1974, when the company decided to move the regional office to California. The Marksons chose to stay home, and Tom returned to Spokane Valley Hospital.

In 1977, he set off on a new adventure to work for Pyrotek as a sales engineer for a couple years.

The couple then purchased Valley Yamaha, a business they ran for more than seven years before Markson went back to tackle other health industry-related posts. But that period outside of health care gave the Marksons plenty of new experiences.

"While we were in the motorcycle business, we bought a window manufacturing company, the old Fuller O'Brien," Tom Markson said. "We served the Inland Northwest making commercial storefronts as well as a lot of windows."

He recalled during the time they ran the business, from 1982 to 1984, the economy was not favorable for the window manufacturing business.

"It just gave me experience," he said. "And probably gave Bev some headaches."

One rare experience happened while Bev Markson was working as the dietician at the Academy Retirement Community. During her tenure, Tom was approached by one of his friends — an owner — about working there.

"He asked me if I would be the administrator," Markson recalled. "I was Bev's boss at that time. It was the only time I was her boss."

In addition to his career, Markson's role in the community included being active in the development of the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, serving in leadership capacities with the Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce and in Rotary.

These days, the Marksons often turn to favorite hobbies. Tom likes to fashion clocks out of old portholes, while Bev enjoys buying and selling antiques.

"We've had a good life and active hobbies," Tom Markson said. "Antiquing has always kept us interested in things."

Not that their business experience doesn't still come into play.

"We've been antique dealers as a vocation for years and years," Tom Markson said. "We were the original pickers. We started to pick, and wherever we traveled we would always find an antique store. Bev's got a great eye for antiques."

Among the original parade committee members, the Marksons' nomination came in part because of their longtime involvement in the parade.

"I've always been on the parade committee every year," Bev Markson said. "If you live here, you just get involved with it. I hope the parade will always continue, and I hope it will always be a children's parade."

Another longtime parade organizer, Ross Schneidmiller, recalled how Tom Markson used to take pictures of parade participants with a Polaroid camera and then hand them the photo, an activity he did on his own just because he thought

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