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Tappin' in retirement

LL resident tap dances with grandmas group

By Chad Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

While teaching elementary students, Florence Messer used to challenge her classes with a quote that originally was attributed to St. Jerome, the scholar who translated the Bible into Latin, "Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Till your good is better and your better is best."

Messer, who moved with her husband to Liberty Lake nine years ago, is making it a habit to not rest during her retirement years, as she taps her way around Spokane and Liberty Lake as part of the Tap Grandmas group, which features 40 grandmas and one grandpa and performs at venues ranging from elementary schools to assisted living centers.

Messer recently sat down over coffee with The Splash to share some of her thoughts on tapping, performing and becoming a bit of a celebrity among her grandchildren and other young kids in Liberty Lake.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Florence Messer flashes a smile for the camera during a performance with the Tap Grandmas.

profiles:

FLORENCE MESSER, TAP GRANDMA

Age
Between 55 and 83, the age range of the Tap Grandmas group

Family
Husband, Ross; one daughter and two grandkids

Favorite tap step
"I like the steps that are more challenging."

Hobbies
Graphics work and fashion

Dream vacation
Florence, Italy

Book recently read
"The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein

Favorite TV shows
Law and Order and CSI

Work career
20 years as a teacher

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Q. How did you get involved with the Tap Grandmas?

A. We (husband Ross and herself) moved out here nine years ago, and I just felt like we left everything back East and didn't know anyone and was looking to make friends. Somebody told me about the group and invited me to come and see what I thought, and I have been doing that for about five years now.

Q: What is your background in tap or other dancing?

A: None. As a little kid, I always wanted to take dance lessons and, unfortunately, we weren't in a position for me to be able to do that. When I walked in (to the first practice) there they were doing their steps, and Joan Hamilton (who organized the group and is the dance teacher) said, "You are going to be fine." There are different levels in there, people who have had dance and some who have not.

Q: Was it tough to learn the tap steps or did it come naturally?

A: Remembering the sequencing of it was a challenge. I am pretty hard on myself, so I wanted to learn everything I could. I found out, interestingly enough, in order to get better at something, no matter what age you, are you have to practice.

Q: What do you enjoy most about per-

forming with the group?

A: I enjoy the smiles we get from the audiences we perform for. We tap for seniors in assisted living places and we tap for elementary kids; seeing their enjoyment makes it all worthwhile. We are also a charitable group. We raise money for HEART (Homeless Education and Resource Team, a Spokane Valley collaborative program that helps Central, East and West Valley students), which helps with transitioning people that live in shelters or are down and out. We contribute to that fund.

Q: Where are some of the places you have performed in Liberty Lake?

A: The elementary school, which is **See TAPPIN', page 15**

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Community Briefs

Community invited to LL Days

Fashioned after the All-Valley Picnics that occurred around the lake in the 1920s, Liberty Lake Days will be held July 30 and 31.

The Friday night car cruise, featuring classic and collectible vehicles, will be from 7 to 9 p.m. through downtown Liberty Lake.

On Saturday, the festivities will continue at Pavillion Park with free contests and carnival games, music and vendor booths from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tickets will be offered to winners of all ages that can be redeemed for prizes donated by local businesses. A car show, valve cover races and a model car display also will happen Saturday.

Parking will be available at Liberty Lake Elementary School and a shuttle will be available from there to the park. For more information, go to www.libertylakewa.gov.

'SeussOdyssey' play on tap

The latest Liberty Lake Community Theatre performance, "SeussOdyssey," will be at 6:30 p.m. tonight and Friday and at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

The humorous yet educational play tells the epic story of Homer's Odyssey transformed into the style of Dr. Seuss.

Tickets are sold at the door, 1421 Meadowwood Lane, Suite 130.

Library hosts movie, catapult events this week

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library is holding two events this week, including a movie release party and catapult contest.

The "Ramona and Beezus" movie release party will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the library with games, activities and crafts.

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, the library is holding a catapult contest. Bring a pre-made catapult to the library and see what it can throw. RSVP to trebstock@libertylakewa.gov.

Library offers interview help

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library is offering a free "Ace the Interview" workshop tonight to help with developing strategies for overcoming job interviewing fears and

presenting a positive image.

The workshop will be conducted by Kathryn Kennedy of Advanced Career Counseling from 6 to 8 p.m.

Rotary holds cruise raffle

The Liberty Lake Rotary Club's cruise raffle drawing has been rescheduled for July 31 in Pavillion Park during Liberty Lake Days.

The winner will be announced at about 3:40 p.m. A total of 500 tickets are being sold for \$10 each for a chance to win \$2,500 plus a roundtrip ticket toward a preferred cruise. For more information, call Mary at 475-6320.

Apply for tourism funds

The city of Liberty Lake is accepting applications for tourism promotion funding for 2011. Applications are due by 4 p.m. Sept. 3, and the projects or events must take place between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2011.

Funding comes from the city's tourism fund, which is fed by hotel/motel taxes from lodging establishments within the city.

The funding is available to applicants for tourism marketing and promotion or operation of tourism-related facilities. Detailed information is available, along with the application, at www.libertylakewa.gov/finance.

Singles picnic at park

Christian Singles Fellowship is hosting its ninth annual, all-day, area-wide singles barbecue picnic Saturday at Liberty Lake County Park's picnic shelter, 3707 Zephyr Road.

The event is 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and includes a hike, volleyball, swimming and games for all ages. Tickets are \$5 for adults and teens and \$3 for kids under 12. The cost includes a full barbecue lunch. Park admission is separate and will be charged at the gate.

For advanced ticket purchases, call Susie at (208) 667-8692 or Marge at 927-0304. For more information about the organization, visit www.csfspokane.com.

For full list of community briefs, visit www.libertylakesplash.com.

Calendar

JULY 22

Noon: Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary meeting, Denny Ashlock Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

6-8 p.m.: "Ace the Interview" workshop, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

6:30 p.m.: "Suess Odyssey," LLCT, 1421 Meadowwood, Suite 130

JULY 23

1 p.m.: "Romona and Beezus" movie party, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

6:30 p.m.: "Suess Odyssey," LLCT, 1421 Meadowwood, Suite 130

JULY 24

10:30 a.m.: Catapult contest, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

11 a.m.: Liberty Lake Poetry Club, Liberty Lake Municipal Library

2 p.m., 6:30 p.m.: "Suess Odyssey," LLCT, 1421 Meadowwood, Suite 130

JULY 26

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: LL Senior Lunch Program, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

6:30 p.m.: Central Valley School Board meeting, 19307 E. Cataldo

JULY 27

6 p.m.: FRIENDS of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, LL Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

JULY 28

6:45 a.m.: LL Kiwanis meeting, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Liberty Lake Senior Lunch Program, City Hall

5:45 p.m.: Liberty Lake Toastmasters, Denny Ashlock Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

JULY 29

Noon: Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary meeting, Denny Ashlock Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

Play in the Park

Free upcoming events in Liberty Lake's parks:



7 p.m., dusk Friday at Half Moon Park: Ice cream, movie

The Italian Festival kicks off at 7 p.m. with spumoni ice cream, followed by an outdoor showing at dusk of the movie "Three Coins in the Fountain," an Academy Award-winning romantic comedy from 1954 about three American roommates working in Italy who wish for the man of their dreams after throwing coins in Rome's Trevi Fountain.



6 p.m. Saturday at Pavillion Park: Big Head Todd and the Monsters concert

A Colorado-based band with a bluesy rock sound is performing the headline concert for the Friends of Pavillion Park free series. The group's website describes it as a rootsy, emotionally direct variety of rock 'n' roll that lends itself particularly well to a live setting. Southern rock band Truth and Salvage Co. is opening.

It's the best time of year to enjoy the outdoors, so grab your sleeping bag and pitch the tent in Pavillion Park on August 7th. Enjoy a barbecue dinner, games, songs, sleeping under the summer sky, and a pancake breakfast in the morning. The movie *Brother Bear* will also be shown at dusk.

GREENSTONE FAMILY CAMPOUT 2010

Location: Pavillion Park (727 N. Molter Rd, Liberty Lake, WA)

Cost: \$12/camper

Camp Starts: Saturday, August 7th

Sign In: 5pm-6pm

Tent Set Up: 5pm-8pm

Dinner: 6pm-8pm

Outdoor Cinema (*Brother Bear*): Dusk

Camp Songs under the Stars: following the movie

Camp Ends: Sunday, August 8th

Breakfast: 8am-10am

Pack Up: 9am-10am

Camp Ends: 10am

Bring: tent, sleeping bag, pillow, warm clothes and other desired supplies

Camp fires and alcohol are prohibited in the park, and we ask that you do NOT bring your pets.



GREENSTONE FAMILY CAMPOUT 2010 Camp Registration

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Camp ends at 10:00am, Sunday, August 8th

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I hereby acknowledge that my family is voluntarily participating in the 2010 Greenstone Family Campout. I assume all risk of injury arising out of or resulting from our participation in the Greenstone Family Camp experience. By signing my signature below (or signature of a parent or legal guardian for participants under the age of 18), I agree that the City of Liberty Lake, Friends of Pavillion park, Greenstone and Kiwanis will not be held responsible for liabilities, injuries, and lost or stolen items that result from the Greenstone Family Campout. I understand that all family members participating that are under 18 years of age must be supervised by an adult at all times during the Greenstone Family Campout. I and my family members will not bring alcohol into the park and will not have any camp fires or propane cooking devices.

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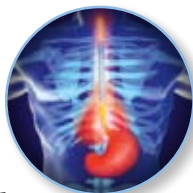
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Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department for July 12-19.

Incidents and arrests:

• **DUI** — A 21-year-old Coeur d'Alene resident was arrested July 14 at Interstate 90 and Liberty Lake Road for driving under the influence and not having a valid operator's license or identification. The vehicle initially was stopped for a lane violation.

• **Theft** — A 21-year-old Greenacres woman was arrested July 14 on the 1500 block of Liberty Lake Road for theft. A witness saw the suspect take a hair-coloring kit from a Walgreens shelf, hide it in a large purse and then leave the store without paying for it. A store employee contacted her, and she admitted taking it. She was trespassed from Walgreens.

• **Explosive devices** — Police responded July 14 to the report of two possible explosive devices found at Trailhead Golf Course. The officers found them on the sixth tee, set up a safety perimeter and contacted the explosive disposal unit. The unit identified one item as a sparkler bomb. Both were removed and detonated safely, police said.

• **Two-car accident** — Police responded July 14 to a two-car non-injury accident at the intersection of Harvard Road and Euclid. The at-fault driver stopped at the stop sign and then pulled in front of a southbound vehicle on Harvard. The at-fault driver told police she didn't see the vehicle coming.

• **Injury accident** — Police responded July 13 to a two-car injury accident at Harvard and Mission. The at-fault driver failed to stop at the westbound I-90 off-ramp and collided with a vehicle southbound on Harvard Road. The at-fault driver admitted to failing to stop and received a citation.

• **Malicious mischief** — A 24-year-old Liberty Lake man was arrested July 17 for third-degree malicious mischief. A man called police to report that while he was driving on Country Vista Drive, someone threw an egg at him, hitting his vehicle, the driver and his passengers. There was damage to the vehicle, and the responding police officer also noticed broken glass near the incident. The officer contacted the suspect at a nearby apartment and the man admitted to throwing bottles and eggs from his balcony onto Country Vista. He told police he was bored, according to the report.

• **Theft** — Police received a report July 18 of a utility trailer stolen from the parking lot of Home Depot. It was taken between July 15 and 17 and had been locked with a cable and padlock, which were cut and left at the scene. The estimated value is \$2,000. Police are continuing the investigation.

• **Reckless driving** — A Spokane Valley 17-year-old was arrested July 18 on the 21000 block of East Country Vista Drive for reckless driving, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The motorcycle

initially was stopped for driving more than 70 mph in a 35-mph zone on Country Vista and making unsafe lane changes. When searching the subject, police found marijuana and a smoking device in his pocket, according to the report.

• **Injury accident** — Police responded July 16 to a two-car injury accident at Indiana and Aladdin. The at-fault driver was cited for failing to yield the right of way.

• **Robbery** — Police are investigating a reported robbery and assault from July 18 on the 1300 block of North Liberty Lake Road. Police responded to a fight in progress in the parking lot behind Starbucks. A witness told police one of the involved people appeared to be injured and marijuana was all over the ground near the fight scene. Upon arrival, police found one subject with injuries to his face and a cut on his head. The subject told police the other person left before police arrived and that the unknown male had contacted him for a cigarette. He met the male at his vehicle, and the suspect then allegedly robbed him at gunpoint and punched him. The subject told police he grabbed the gun and the person left in a car. The injured subject, however, could not describe the suspect. The injured subject also told police he didn't know anything about marijuana found on the ground near his car. Police retrieved an unloaded 9 mm handgun from the subject. Police said the injured subject changed his story multiple times during the interview, and with his permission, the officer searched the subject's car. The officer could smell marijuana and found the drug inside the car, as well as digital scales and drug paraphernalia. Police impounded the vehicle for evidence. Police have identified the second suspect and are continuing the investigation.

Calls for service:

Bomb threat or attack	1
Car seat inspection	4
Citizen assist	1
Domestic violence	1
Drug, possession, marijuana	1
DUI, alcohol or drug	2
Malicious mischief	1
Robbery, strong arm, misc.	1
Theft, property, other	2
Traffic accident, blocking	1
Traffic accident, personal injury	2

Citations:

Licenses and plates required	2
Driving without a license	1
Failure to yield left turn	1
Failure to stop at stop sign	1
Speeding violation	4
Reckless driving	1
DUI	1
Depositing debris on highway	1
Malicious mischief III	1
Theft III	1

News Briefs

County, city announce burn ban

Spokane County and the Spokane Valley Fire Department announced last week burn bans on unauthorized open burning and recreational fires because of the hot and dry conditions.

The bans are in effect until further notice for unincorporated Spokane County and the cities of Liberty Lake, Spokane Valley and Millwood.

The ban does not prohibit backyard barbecues, chimneas and other patio/deck

warmers as long as approved fuel is used, such as seasoned firewood, briquettes or propane, according to the news release.

Failure to comply could result in a misdemeanor charge, jail time and a fine.

Splash wins national awards

The Liberty Lake Splash recently received two awards from the National Newspaper Association's 2010 Better Newspaper Contest and Better Newspaper Advertising Contest.

Splash Staff Writer and Special Projects

Editor Tammy Kimberley won second place for her story, "Phosphorus detergent ban turns 1," in the environmental reporting division for non-daily newspapers with a circulation of less than 6,000.

Graphics Editor Sarah Burk won third place for the "Holiday gift guide" in the best multiple advertiser section competition for non-daily newspapers with a circulation of less than 10,000.

The contest drew 2,349 entries this year. The awards were given to 143 newspapers in 37 states.

In Biz

Zip Trip participates in fundraiser

The Liberty Lake Cenex/Zip Trip is participating with other Zip Trip gas stations in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene in an annual back-to-school supply drive in partnership with The Salvation Army.

The Zip Trips are asking for \$1 donations to support The Salvation Army. In exchange, donors will receive a free beverage coupon. The fundraiser extends through Aug. 15.

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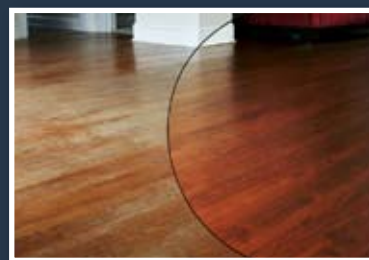
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Colored sections indicate the targeted treatment areas on Liberty Lake.

Lake milfoil to be treated

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Eurasian water milfoil, a noxious weed that chokes lakes and rivers with thick mats, is the upcoming target of an annual herbicide treatment in Liberty Lake.

Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District recently announced the treatment, which will include about 7.5 acres, or less than 1 percent, of the 800-acre lake. The one- to two-day treatment is scheduled sometime July 26-30.

A possible follow-up treatment may occur between Aug. 23 and 27, said Bijay Adams, the district's lake protection manager.

The state-permitted herbicide, 2,4-D, is widely used, Adams said. It's the same herbicide and process LLSWD has used since for more than a decade.

Signs will be posted on the day of application that will list any water-use restrictions or advisories, he said.

Milfoil, which can snuff out native species, smother fish and entangle swimmers and boats, first was discovered in the lake in 1995. It was controlled by hand harvesting until 1997, when herbicide treatments became necessary, Adams said.

For more information about the treatment, contact Adams at 370-1574.

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LL looks at revenue options, cutting costs

By Hope Brumbach
SPLASH EDITOR

The city of Liberty Lake will need to ask some tough questions in the coming months: What services are essential to the community? What can be pared back? And what additional revenues can be tapped?

Those questions are part of an ongoing discussion the city is facing with a formidable budget year coming in 2011, with an estimated \$700,000 shortfall to just maintain the status quo.

At the City Council meeting Tuesday, Councilman David Crump said city officials, with citizen feedback, have identified three main ways to shore up the shortfall: reducing expenses, which only will take the city so far, Crump said; organizing special events for additional revenue, which will bring in small amounts, he pointed out; and adding revenue, such as a utility tax.

City officials say the economy is continuing to plague city coffers with declining sales and property taxes, which make up nearly 80 percent of the city's revenue.

The projected deficit is the largest in recent memory, city officials say, and it represents more than 10 percent of the city's \$6 million general fund, which includes police, park maintenance and streets.

In the last few years, the city has scaled back expenses, deferring street maintenance and not purchasing new vehicles for the city's police force. For 2010, the Council approved a \$12.28 million budget, about 5 percent less than the year before.

The community expects a certain level of

services, and deferred expenses and a bare-bones budget will make it tough to carve out more, city officials said Tuesday.

For additional revenue, the city is allowed to raise property taxes 1 percent each year, an option the Council turned down the last two years. The city also is one of the few in the region that doesn't charge a utility tax. City staff said a 6 percent utility tax (the maximum allowed without voter approval) for cities the size of Liberty Lake could bring in an estimated \$750,000 to \$1.2 million annually.

At the next Council meeting, Aug. 3, the Council will look at specific budget scenarios that "best fit our community," Mayor Wendy Van Orman said.

"I think there is a silver lining in the requirement to reassess what our priorities are, how we want to run the city," Councilman Ryan Romney said. "Our dependence on income from builders has made us more beholden to accept constant sprawl. Maybe a reassessment there is not a bad thing."

On Tuesday, the Council emphasized the need for residents to give feedback about city services and new taxes. The city is looking into a community survey and making a "budget calculator" available on the city's website for residents to play with budget numbers, city officials said.

"They have the opportunity to sit down and say, 'This is what we want our city to look like,'" Councilman Odin Langford said. "They can leave it up to seven people, but you get what you get. Or you can pick up the phone, write an e-mail and say, 'This is what is important to me.'"

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Big Head Todd and the Monsters, a Boulder, Colo.-based band, will bring a bluesy rock sound Saturday to Pavillion Park.

Big Head Todd ready to rock

Headline Friends of Pavillion Park concert on Saturday

By Joe Pflueger
SPLASH INTERN

Coming straight from the Moore Theatre in Seattle, where concertgoers pay up to \$30 a ticket, Big Head Todd and the Monsters will play a free concert Saturday at Pavillion Park.

The bluesy rock band is stopping in Liberty Lake on a tour of the West to perform songs from the recently released album, "Rocksteady." The 6 p.m. performance is part of the Friends of Pavillion Park summer concert series. The opening band will be Southern rock group Truth and Salvage Co.

"We've had really great audiences this summer and they've really been liking the shows," said Todd Park Mohr, lead vocals and guitar for Big Head Todd. "We are just really excited to bring the music to audiences."

Mohr said "Rocksteady" is different from the band's other albums and that it is "danceable and fun." Mohr said it's one of the best of the band's career. The group will

For more about Big Head Todd and the Monsters, visit www.bigheadtodd.com.

be available to sign autographs after the Liberty Lake show, he added.

Mohr's source of inspiration as a musician comes from the heart of soul music with performers such as Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin and Wilson Pickett, he said. Songwriters he admires include the American legends Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty.

Chris Apted, former concert chairman of Friends of Pavillion Park, said he is excited for the turnout for the Boulder, Colo. band's first performance in Liberty Lake.

"I expect a big turnout," Apted said. "Bigger than usual."

Parking for the event will be available at Liberty Lake Elementary School, and a shuttle will ferry people from the school to the park. The lot at Pavillion Park will be reserved for the elderly and those needing extra assistance.

Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or low-backed chairs. Apted recommends keeping tall chairs near the back, out of courtesy for those sitting on blankets. He also suggests golf cart drivers park on top of the hill.

The Liberty Lake Kiwanis will be on hand to sell refreshments.

Festival celebrates Italian culture

Events planned for Half Moon Park, Farmers Market

By Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Liberty Lake will say "ciao" to a combination of weekend events featuring authentic food, lively conversation and other slices of Italian culture.

Sponsored by Greenstone Corp. and the American Italian Club of Spokane, "Festivale Italiana" will feature an outdoor movie and ice cream on Friday night at Half Moon Park followed by an influx of Italian culture at the Liberty Lake Farmers Market on Saturday.

Holli Parker, vice president of the club, said all events are open to anyone to attend, not just those of Italian heritage.

"Italian food and culture is one that people seem to know a lot about," she said. "The festival will be an inexpensive, fun time that will be different from the norm."

The weekend will kick off at 7 p.m. Friday with free spumoni ice cream at Half Moon Park in the River District. At dusk there will be a showing of "Three Coins in the Fountain," a 1954 romantic comedy about three American women who wish for the men of their dreams after throwing coins into Rome's Trevi Fountain.

The festivities will carry over into Saturday when the American Italian Club is sponsoring activities from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Liberty Lake Farmers Market, 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane.

The club will sell Italian cookies, meatball sandwiches and possibly cannoli, Parker said, with proceeds donated to Second Harvest Food Bank.

"Come early because they will go fast," she said.

Parker said they try to do some type of food demonstration each year, and this year some club members will make pesto with basil grown by one of their members. The demonstrations will take place at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Festivalgoers can meet some authentic Italians and take photos by the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The Minions Club also will bring their Vespas for people to view.

This is the third year the club has held the festival in Liberty Lake, Parker said, and the group is "taking baby steps" toward making the festival a full weekend event. She said the club is considering using the bocce ball courts to be completed at Rocky Hill during next year's celebration.

"We hope to expand and try something different each year," she said. "The club has a great time with it, and the people who come out really get into it as well."

If you go

7 p.m. Friday:

Spumoni ice cream served at Half Moon Park (River District); outdoor cinema showing "Three Coins in the Fountain" at dusk

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday:

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A mini Leaning Tower of Pisa is available for photos at the market.

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Education Briefs

Students graduate from Eastern

Several Liberty Lake students recently graduated from Eastern Washington University, according to a school news release.

Tiffany Dedmon earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, Shelley Hepler earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies, Allene Hopson earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies and Bret Maiers became a doctor of physical therapy.

LL students graduate from SPU

Several Liberty Lake students recently graduated from Seattle Pacific University.

Bailey Anna Simpson earned a bachelor's degree in political science with an emphasis in international affairs. Dustin Sonny James Van Orman earned a bachelor's degree in European studies and linguistics, according to a school news release.

LL man graduates from Lesley

Liberty Lake resident Mathew Houn recently earned a master's in education for technology in education from Lesley University, based in Cambridge, Mass., according to a school news release.

LL student on EOU Dean's List

Salena Leavitt of Liberty Lake recently was named to Eastern Oregon University's spring-term Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a 3.5 grade-point average or above.

LL student on NIC Dean's List

Liberty Lake resident Hannah Thompson recently was named to North Idaho College's Dean's List for the spring semester. Students must earn a 3.75 grade-point average or above to qualify.

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In a nutshell

THE ISSUE: Advocates for preserving Liberty Lake and its surrounding hillsides are considering their options for strengthening protections. Some are questioning whether a decade-old decision to have unincorporated Liberty Lake zoned “rural traditional” is achieving its intended result.

THE HISTORY: A decade ago, as boundary lines for a proposed city of Liberty Lake were forming, many residents around the lake determined it was best to stay not only outside of the new city limits, but outside of the area Spokane County was charged with labeling as an Urban Growth Area (UGA) under Washington state’s Growth Management Act (GMA) (see “Inside the acronyms” breakout). This decision was made because it was believed the rural zoning designation would protect the area from excessive or environmentally harmful development.

THE TRIGGER: Approval by Spokane County Commissioners of the development of a 3.6-acre parcel of land on the north shore of Liberty Lake owned by the Lancaster family is perhaps the largest trigger of the current debate. The county ruling changed the zoning of the parcel from rural traditional to low-density residential. It also mandated a development agreement adding density and height restrictions, among other requirements. Several lakeside residents testified against the zoning change.

THE LAWSUIT: CAUSE, a local citizen group, appealed the decision to the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board. On June 18, that board agreed with CAUSE, declaring Spokane County’s rezoning of the parcel invalid for not complying with the state’s GMA or the county’s own comprehensive plan and regulations. The hearings board ordered Spokane County to comply with the decision by Dec. 15. The county has not announced any intention to comply, instead filing an appeal of the hearings board ruling last week in Superior Court.

THE IRONY: 1. Despite the hearings board ruling, the Lancaster development moved forward because the law did not stop the property’s development agreement from being approved while the decision was being appealed. 2. The hearings board recommended that Spokane County do one of two things in order to comply with its ruling: It could either change the zoning of the entire area surrounding the Lancaster parcel to match the Lancaster zoning, or it could move the entire area into the UGA — the “urban” area state law designates for development to occur within. In effect, the successful challenge by a lake advocacy group resulted in a recommendation for the lake area to move away from rural traditional zoning.

THE OPTIONS: While many are disappointed with the results of 10 years under rural zoning, allowing urban densities onto the hillsides is not an acceptable solution for lakeside proponents either. As some hope for the introduction of a “special zoning” that would better protect the environment, the local representation and input that could possibly be achieved by annexing into the city of Liberty Lake is receiving fresh consideration.

— Josh Johnson

In search of protection

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

LIBERTY LAKE — After more than a decade of relying on a rural zoning designation to protect the lake and hillside surrounding her Liberty Lake home from being “Californicated,” Kathi Shirley wants to talk strategy.

A leader in CAUSE, a citizen group “addressing urban sprawl excess,” Shirley is disenfranchised with Spokane County leadership she calls “pro-development.”

“It would be nice to be able to feel like you could relax and have a little bit of space and the elected officials would follow what’s best for the lake,” Shirley said. “We don’t feel like that happens right now, so it keeps us all on our toes.”

And it’s also opening Shirley — and others — to alternatives, including the possibility of taking on an urban designation and joining the city.

“People have fought it for quite a while, but some people are leaning toward maybe it wouldn’t be so bad in the city now, because then you would have some control over the decision,” she said.

It’s an issue that has simmered on a backburner for the past decade, but a 3.6-acre parcel of land on Liberty Lake’s north shore is changing that. The decision by Spokane County Commissioners to alter the zoning to allow development on the land, coupled with a subsequent legal challenge, are causing some lake proponents to crack the door on the possibility that an urban designation — and potentially annexation into the city of Liberty Lake — might better protect their interests.

The case study

The 3.6-acre parcel in question, owned for more than 50 years by Liberty Lake’s Lancaster family, was zoned rural traditional along with the rest of the lake community south of Sprague Avenue as a result of Washington state’s 1990 Growth Management Act (GMA).

The law required counties to designate Urban Growth Areas (UGA) where devel-

Inside the acronyms

GMA: The Growth Management Act passed the Washington State Legislature in 1990. It is intended to concentrate growth in designated areas and limit development from unnecessarily “sprawling” into undeveloped properties and natural habitats. It accomplishes this in part by requiring counties to set aside certain areas for “urban growth,” thereby protecting the areas

Frustrated with the county, some unincorporated LL residents are weighing options for protecting the lake — and they are not ruling out annexation into the city



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

Protecting the lake and the community’s ‘alpine paradise’ has some unincorporated residents considering alternatives to county controls and the current zoning in place.

opment would occur, and the Liberty Lake Property Owners Association scored a political victory by drawing the UGA boundary at Sprague Avenue, a boundary that was maintained when the community north of Sprague incorporated in 2001. The thinking held that a “rural” designation would protect the area around the lake from development.

Then, in December, Spokane County Commissioners voted 2-1 to change the zoning on the Lancaster plat.

“That’s the force of (Commissioners) Mark Richard and (Todd) Mielke,” said Bruce Andre, vice president of CAUSE, a Liberty Lake citizen group that appealed the decision. “They believe the landowner has all the rights, and they can just pave it and tax it.”

CAUSE successfully pleaded its case to the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board, which ruled the zoning change invalid and recommended that

Spokane County do one of two things to comply with the GMA: change the zoning of the entire area surrounding the Lancaster parcel to match the Lancaster zoning or move the entire area into the UGA.

Andre said short of electing new commissioners, the only protection from development he sees for the lake and its surrounding “alpine paradise” is the poor economy. He said he does not advocate for taking on an urban designation without the protection of a special zoning that currently doesn’t exist and would be difficult to implement without the cooperation and sacrifice of major property owners around the lake.

“Initially when the whole incorporation (of the city of Liberty Lake) occurred, they wanted to incorporate (south of Sprague) and issue a special zoning and include the lake in the city,” Andre said. “If you had a magic wand and could go back, that would be the thing to do.”

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outside of these boundaries from high-density development.

UGA: This is the acronym the GMA uses to specify areas for development — Urban Growth Areas. Spokane County is required to have a designated UGA. Jurisdictions inside of the county, such as the city of Liberty Lake, offer data and recommendations for UGA boundaries that impact them. The county has the final say in setting the UGA. An area must be inside

the UGA in order to be annexed into a city.

CAUSE: A registered nonprofit corporation representing the interests of a group of Liberty Lake citizens, CAUSE stands for Community Addressing Urban Sprawl Excess. In January, CAUSE appealed a Spokane County decision to rezone a 3.6-acre parcel of land on the north shore of Liberty Lake, allowing the property to be developed.

— Josh Johnson

COVER STORY



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

Sprague Avenue not only bisects Liberty Lake Road, it is the boundary line between the incorporated and unincorporated parts of the community.

SEARCH

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Shirley, who is the CAUSE secretary, said all options need to be considered moving forward because the rural designation is not only vulnerable to the decisions of county leadership, but it is not an accurate description of the lake-side community.

“The main concern I hear from people is to protect the lake and prevent the higher densities, but it’s probably appropriate at some point for the county to look at (changing the rural designation),” Shirley said. “I admitted to Todd Mielke that (staying out of the UGA) was not entirely appropriate the way it was done, but that’s the way it was done because there were 200 people sitting there saying, ‘No, you’re not putting us in the city.’”

Ten years later, would those same people now consider joining the city?

“I don’t know about general sentiment, but people I have discussed this with have indicated that maybe that is the way to go,” Shirley said. “Is it better to be in the city? There are pros and cons. If we were in the city, at least we’d have people from the lake on the Council. ... People are coming to an awareness that we need to do something to provide more protection of any sort we can do it.”

Shirley said the next step for CAUSE is to sit down with the county and the city to better understand the available options. If annexation did turn out to be a consideration, it would be fraught with challenges, she said, including convincing the cash-strapped

county to let the area annex and determine whether the city would consider the area an asset or liability.

County or city control

Spokane County Commissioner Mark Richard believes any dissatisfaction with the county is misplaced. While he doesn’t expect the hearings board ruling that invalidated the Lancaster decision to stand — the county appealed the ruling last week — he said fear of any precedent created by the zoning change was misguided in the first place.

“You had kind of a donut-hole vacant parcel surrounded on all sides by dense development,” he said of the Lancaster parcel. “If you look on a map, you’d be hard-pressed to find a similar situation.”

Richard said he has a track record of showing his commitment to protecting the watershed, including continued support for hillside land transfers into county ownership and protection. He said he also called a town hall meeting in 2006 to hold the city of Liberty Lake accountable that was a “major factor in pulling Holiday Hills from their UGA.”

“I don’t think the community has anything to be concerned about in regard to this board’s commitment to that lake and that community,” Richard said. “I’ve stated from day one back in 2003 and now continue to stand by the fact I have no interest or desire in advancing the idea of putting the Liberty Lake community inside the growth boundary unless they were to ask us to, and I think my actions have demonstrated that.”

City of Liberty Lake Commu-

nity Development Director Doug Smith said he neither favors nor opposes annexing the area south of Sprague, but he can understand frustration with a lack of protection under the rural designation.

“The UGA is nothing more than a designation of an urban area,” he said. “Frankly, that area being inside or outside the UGA is not going to matter because the county is treating it obviously with the Lancaster decision as if it is in the UGA. So the safeguards everyone thought they had by being in the UGA don’t really exist. There’s example after example of how that rural designation hasn’t brought anything except uncertainty.”

Smith, who owns property in unincorporated Liberty Lake, said local planning could benefit more than just zoning issues.

“All those teardowns that have happened within the last decade, frankly they could have been prevented or there could have been better outcomes,” he said.

Smith said the process of adjusting the UGA is required once every 10 years, and the city is planning no changes for an adjustment due 2011.

“I can say without hesitation that the city of Liberty Lake is not looking at expanding to any area,” Smith said. “Our corporate boundaries are what you see for the next decade. What Spokane County ultimately ends up doing, this will have to be driven by the county. Liberty Lake is not participating in the conversation.”

Asked whether the south of Sprague area would be viewed as a financial liability to the city, Smith said the issue hasn’t been studied for more than five years. At the time, deferred maintenance to the infrastructure and relatively low assessments were strikes against annexation. While some water and sewer improvements have since taken place and assessments are up, roads would continue to be a major liability, he said.

Jim Frank lives in unincorporated Liberty Lake. He is president of Greenstone Homes and Neighborhoods, which developed much of the city and continues to have development interests in incorporated and unincorporated Liberty Lake. He said there is no perfect scenario for protecting the lake community anytime there’s a “political environment controlled by human beings.”

“The fact is that you’re not necessarily — as we’re realizing —

protected no matter where you’re at,” he said. “You’re in a political environment where you’re going to be subject to changes in political viewpoint. Whether you’re in the county or the city of Liberty Lake, political viewpoints change from time to time. Today, you might feel the political outlook in the county isn’t great, and maybe it’s better in the city of Liberty Lake. But tomorrow that could be opposite.”

Local control, however, is a factor to consider, he said.

“It’s always been my belief, and the reason I supported the formation of the city of Liberty Lake to begin with, that government that is closer to us is better,” Frank said. “Government controlled by people who live in our community will always be better for us than government by people outside.”

Liberty Lake Mayor Wendy Van Orman has maintained an open-arms approach to annexation, but she said the challenges would be great.

“To even think about annexation, you’d have to do the first step first, making sure there are protections in place until annexation could happen,” she said. “And I believe that would have

to be done with county commissioners.”

She said the city did something similar when it incorporated, placing a temporary moratorium on building until the city was able to establish sign ordinances and other codes to guide development. She said protective zoning is possible inside a city, using the Ponderosa neighborhood in Spokane Valley as an example.

“They asked for a designation so they wouldn’t be seven houses per acre, and they got it,” she said. “I believe it is zoned at one house per acre.”

Van Orman said she hopes one day services like improved snowplowing and police protection could be extended south of Sprague, but she emphasized that it was out of her control.

“It’s amazing how many people I have talked to who have approached me about becoming a part of the city,” she said. “It’s been nine years and it was such a polarizing conversation, I’m really surprised about people coming up saying, ‘What does the city need to do to make this happen.’ And I have to say this isn’t up to the city, it’s up to the (unincorporated) residents.”

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Letter to Editor

Thank you for support of Loop

The 13th running of the Liberty Lake Loop began and ended at Pavillion Park in Liberty Lake on July 10. It is very exciting to watch as young and old tackle the hilly course. We would like to take some time to thank everyone that came out to participate in the run.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that supported the event, including Isaac Hebden and everyone from The Intersection Church, Walter Erikson, Jay and Kyle Rydell, Mark Maynes, Herb Deschle, Gary and Judy Rasmussen and Sue and Bob Schneidmiller. Thank you to SCOPE for coming out to keep our runners safe on the road. Thank you to the Central Valley boys cross country team, organized by Coach Kieran Mahoney, that guided and motivated our young runners on their course. Without the volunteers, the event could not continue. Thank you for giving your time.

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Thank you to everyone that participated and supported the Liberty Lake Loop. We are already planning for next year and are looking forward to another great run.

Stephanie DeLarosa

For the Liberty Lake Loop Race Committee

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The cast of 'SeussOdyssey' stands in front of the set hand-painted by Director Ken Boles (top left).

LLCT show keeps it in the family

Cast relations, singsong script make 'SeussOdyssey' friendly for all ages

Review by Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER



POSEIDON, god of the sea: *Oh the places you'll go and the places I'll send you*

*To islands with monsters where you're on the menu
And on your small boat you'll sail high you'll sail low*

*To the strangest and dangerest places you'll go
And sometimes it may look like you're going to win
You'll find beautiful ladies with beautiful grins
They'll smile and dance and run up to greet you.*

CREW MEMBER 1: *That doesn't sound bad.*

POSEIDON: *Then they will eat you.*

— SEUSSODYSSEY, ACT 1, SCENE 4

If the idea of reading anything 3,000 years old makes your head spin ... if the only Homer you've heard of is that yellow dude on Fox ... if you didn't know Athena was a Greek goddess but have a bedroom poster confirming that Xena is indeed the Warrior Princess ...

My friend, you might want to come down to the Liberty Lake Community Theatre this weekend. "SeussOdyssey" is, quite literally, written for you.

The play, which is being staged by a cast of 20 today through Saturday, begins with a ruthless teacher (Debbie Griffith) telling her reading-challenged student (Shandra McGoldrick) that she is going to be tested

on Homer's classic poem, "The Odyssey." In jump Narrators 1 and 2 (Teresa Roberson and DJ Krug) to help the poor student understand the ageless and bloody epic in the beloved style — and G-rated comfort — of children's author Dr. Seuss.

The rhymes that follow in Don Zolidis' screenplay are often amusing, sometimes dizzying and almost always a mouthful. Think memorizing lines is easier when they rhyme? Think again. Homer himself may be easier to memorize than a typical Seussism. In the classic version, Odysseus' wife is Penelope. In "SeussOdyssey," she is Penelope Ann MacBuffy MacBay, who Odysseus calls "the truest, oneliest love of my life."

Particularly considering 75 percent of the cast is under 18, they handle the daunting dialogue admirably. Like synchronized swimming, it's easy in a play like this to tell if just one person is off — even professionals would have a difficult time keeping this choreography in perfect sync — so expect plenty of pauses and skips in the rhythm.

At the same time, expect to be impressed by some first-class deliveries. My star of the show was Peyton Cooley, who at age 11 has incredibly spent more than half his life in the theater. It shows. He plays the self-assured and irrepressible Ajax with energy and uncanny timing. His interactions with Odysseus, played by fellow standout Eric

IF YOU GO

What: "SeussOdyssey"

When: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday matinee, 2 p.m.

Where: 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, Suite 130, Liberty Lake

Admission: \$8 (\$6 for members), tickets sold at the door

Cast: Christopher Brendt, Deven Brown, Gracie Carlson, Peyton Cooley, Alyssa Garcia, Sidney Gardner, Greer Greenup, Debbie Griffith, Eric Grossman, Lin Johnson, DJ Krug, Emily Krug, Karen Krug, Shandra McGoldrick, Jordan Pasols, Teresa Roberson, Kaitlynn Tisdale, Karlee Tisdale, Karen Weaver and Olivia Whitely

Production: Ken Boles (director), Kevin Kuecken (producer), Jill Boles (costumes) and Sean Boles (lighting)

Grossman, are among the play's finest moments. Grossman, a recent high school graduate, interacts with his younger cast mates deftly, and his occasional ad libs at the press screening I attended Monday revealed both an admirable stage comfort and a nimble sense of humor.

You won't be able to miss Lin Johnson, whose ability to play monsters of all types without inhibition is a talent simultaneously spooky and hilarious. Also meriting special recognition are Emily Krug's turns as goddesses Athena and Circe, Alyssa Garcia's rotations as crew members who keep dying off and Kaitlynn Tisdale's performance as Penelope.

It's worth noting that Tisdale and Krug share the stage with younger sisters (and Krug's mother is a narrator) — just a few of many family ties that connect the cast and production crew. Director Ken Boles, a 20-year theater veteran, has family members on the production crew. And his talents extend elsewhere in the arts — his freehand painting of the set backdrop is a perfect mimic of Dr. Seuss style.

While a working knowledge of both "The Odyssey" and Dr. Seuss will help the viewer appreciate the subtle plot turns and inside humor — don't miss the great Horton reference when the crew bumps into "Lotus head Laura" — the best reason to attend this show is about family. Supporting Liberty Lake Community Theatre, smiling at the interaction of the relatives on stage and enjoying the re-imagining of an ancient plot about a family reunited — it's all there in (significantly less) gory detail.

Josh Johnson is publisher of The Splash. Write to him at josh@libertylakesplash.com.

SPORTS/PROFILES

Scoreboard

COMMUNITY GOLF

7/13 Liberty Lake Women's 18-Hole Club

Game played: "Best Nine"
 Flight A — Jackie Shea, 35
 Flight B — Jean Hatcher and Carol Schultz, 32.5
 Flight C — Maggie Steffy, 35
 Flight D — Noreen Sale, 36.5

7/14 Trailhead Ladies' 9-Hole

Flight A — Gross, Jeanne Allemand, 43; net, Joy Russel, 29
 Flight B — Gross, Deanna Hauser, 50; net, Dee Elder, 35
 Flight C — Gross, Tammy Whitbeck, 58; net, Peg Nadvornick, 35

7/15 Liberty Lake 9-Hole

First Flight — Gross, Cheryl Baumker, 46; net, Darlene Reilly, 35
 Second Flight — Gross, Bette Devine, Kathy Camyn 55; net, Sadie Reuckert, Kris Wedel, 36
 Third Flight — Gross, Bobby Fey, 62; net, Wilma Capaul, 41

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Week 1 doubleheader results

Integri-tees Screen Printing vs. KC Enterprises Apparel
 Game 1 — Integri-tees Screen Printing, 15-5
 Game 2 — Integri-tees Screen Printing, 17-11
 Connie L. Powell and Assoc., Attorney at Law vs. True Legends Grill
 Game 1 — Connie L. Powell and Assoc., 19-5
 Game 2 — Connie L. Powell and Assoc., 6-2

Standings

Connie L. Powell and Assoc.	2-0
Integri-tees Screen Printing	2-0
KC Enterprises Apparel	0-2
True Legends Grill	0-2

THREE CHEERS



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Liberty Lake resident Joel Christensen (left) places second at a recent golf tournament.

Cheer 1: Joel Christensen, Golf

Christensen, a Liberty Lake resident and sophomore at Central Valley High School, earned a second-place finish at the Elite Junior Short Course Championship Invitational held recently at Pasadena Ridge in Spokane. The top 50 Spokane-area male and female golfers were invited to compete in a format designed to determine whose short game

skills were the best. Christensen finished with a score of 65, which was two over par in the 21-hole contest.

Cheer 2: Bryce Kananowicz, Swimming

Kananowicz, a 14-year-old Liberty Lake resident, finished in first place overall for the second consecutive year at the recent Steve Omi Memorial Open Swim held on Coeur d'Alene Lake. Kananowicz finished the one-mile course in 19 minutes and 44 seconds to win by nearly one minute over the closest competitor.

Cheer 3: Sidney Orr, Swimming

Orr, a 13-year-old Liberty Lake resident, finished in 20th place overall and was the eighth female across the finish line at the Steve Omi Memorial Open Swim with a time of 24 minutes and 41 seconds. The Memorial Swim is a fundraiser that provides scholarships for college-bound swimmers.

CVHS Sports Roundup

Girls cross country team members win race

Five members of the Central Valley High School girls cross country team took first place in the 2010 Toaster Splash race in Deer Park. Team members included Liberty Lake residents

Skye Sanders and Josie Warner, along with teammates Jamie Lambie, Molly Barnhart and Madison Barnes. Lambie and Sanders took second and third place in the 15- to 19-year-old women's division, while Barnhart finished in first place in the girls' 14 and under division.

Cross country runs for win



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Five members of the Central Valley High School girls cross country take first place at the recent Toaster Splash. Pictured are (Liberty Lake residents in bold): **Skye Sanders**, Jamie Lambie, Molly Barnhart, Madison Barnes and **Josie Warner**.

TAPPIN'

Continued from page 2

where my grandson attends, and Guardian Angel Homes, which is where my mom was and I thought it would be nice to go there and perform, but unfortunately she passed away before we could perform there.

Q: What reaction do you get from kids and adults when performing?

A: Pretty much lots of smiles happen across the ages. The kids think I am a celebrity. I love going into assisted living places because sometimes we forget about elderly people, and I think that is wrong. If they aren't able to go out, we try to go in.

Q: How often does the group practice?

A: We practice on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and that is pretty much for the more advanced people. The group has different levels in it, beginners, intermediate and advanced. The beginning tappers go on Tuesday and Thursdays. The practice sessions are an hour long.

Q: What is a favorite venue to perform at?

A: I do love the kids. At the elementary school we were tapping and finishing, and the kids said we should be on America's Top Talent. We do have our moments of messing up though, and we had a kid say, "I know next time you will do better."

Q: In what ways is your group like a small family or community?

A: I think that originally we were members of a group and everyone kind of did their own thing, and like anything else, we just kinda grew to be this one unit. What I like is all the people are respectful of each other and help you. If I had trouble learning, there would always be people to encourage you. A larger part of this group is made up of retired teachers so

there is that commonality. We just enjoy each other. They do lunches together, plan trips together and they did a cruise together.

Q: What would you say to encourage other grandmas to join the group?

A: It is a great bunch of people. If you like to dance, we would be the group for you to be a part of. It is not only learning to tap but a social group as well. It gives you a chance to express yourself, and like many people, you have a lot of stress, and it is a good outlet.

Q: What do your grandkids think about you as a tapping grandma?

A: They think I am awesome! They tell me that all the time. I said to Alex the day we went to tap at the Liberty Lake Elementary

School, "I get a little nervous and now even more so since you are going to be there." And he puts his arm around me and says, "Glamor (a combo of glamorous/grandma, which is what Messer's grandkids call her), you will be fine." This is coming from a 7-year-old.

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

A: You know, moving from the East (New York), it is very different here. When we first moved in we would take walks and we would pass someone going down the street and they would wave, and my husband would say, "Do we know them?" I like the community spirit. I like the fact that is a little bit laid back, but the people are very friendly. It is just a nice place to live and is very beautiful.



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Florence poses with two of her biggest fans, her grandsons Jeff and Alex.

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COMMUNITY/LOCAL LENS



MY FIRSTS

A COLUMN SERIES BY SPLASH STAFF WRITER CHAD KIMBERLEY

My first book club

I love libraries.

Not because they are a place where my children must be quiet and I can gain a few minutes of relative peace.

Not because at college I discovered that if I wanted to hang out with my wife-to-be Tammy I had to go to the library (on a related note, my grades did improve greatly after I started dating Tammy).

And not because books and movies are free to borrow (although that is very high on the list of why I do love libraries).

For me, it comes down to the simple facts that **I love reading** and I love books. This fact is the reason I was sad when I came across the results of a survey spearheaded by the Jenkins Group, a publishing/marketing firm.

According to their results, one third of all high school graduates never read another book the rest of their lives, 42 percent of college graduates never read again upon graduating from college and 80 percent of U.S. families did not buy or read a book last year.

Eighty percent! That was both shocking and depressing to me.

Ironically enough, I came across these stats while I was preparing for my next adventure into the “my first” land — a book club.

For all the years that I have loved reading, I have never participated in an official book club meeting. I have sat around and argued about the merit and meaning of

books with friends, co-workers and college roommates, but that always centered on things we were forced to read for classes or work. This book club was an opportunity to freely read and debate a book I had never cracked open before.

Going into the meeting, my impressions of book clubs are of Oprah Winfrey telling everyone what they need to read (and then yelling at the author when she finds out he lied in his memoir that she suggested everyone read) and groups of ladies sitting around discussing in-depth the details of some romantic tryst in a novel.

Yes, you could say I was a little bit jaded in my opinion of book clubs.

But when I entered the meeting room at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library to discuss the novel “Hard Laughter” by Anne Lamont, I was open minded and ready for a new “first.” Seated around the table were Tracy Rebstock, a librarian and our group leader, Sylvia, my new book club friend, my wife Tammy and myself.

As my diminutive daughter would say, it was a group that was “tiny but mighty.”

Our group spent the better part of an hour discussing writing styles, favorite characters, memorable scenes and overall impressions of the book. One of the things I liked about the group was that each member was encouraged to do some re-



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search about the book or author and share those insights with the club.

After dissecting Lamont’s book and before we went our separate ways, I wanted to get Sylvia and Tracy’s impressions of the statistics I had come across and why in general they believed reading was seemingly a low priority in our culture.

Sylvia lamented the fact that so much competes for our time, and Tracy believes the activity of reading has been hurt because it has become “more of a chore and less of a pleasure” for kids, turning them off from becoming lifelong readers.

I would add that I believe parents and guardians need to model and encourage an interest in books. I am so thankful that as I type this upstairs, I can hear my wife reading to my two youngest children while my oldest daughter is lying on the couch reading a Nancy Drew novel.

As for the book club, it encouraged me that others love reading and want to spread that love, as well.

Rebstock said the monthly book clubs (one meets on Monday afternoons and the other on Thursday nights) started in January of this year, and the library hopes to see more folks take the opportunity to read and discuss with others.

My hope is that a new generation of

My top-10 must-read list

1. Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
2. The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
3. The Testament by John Grisham
4. Hate Mail From Cheerleaders by Rick Reilly
5. Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller
6. Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
7. Into The Wild by John Krakauer
8. The Great Deluge by Douglas Brinkley
9. A People’s History of the United States by Howard Zinn
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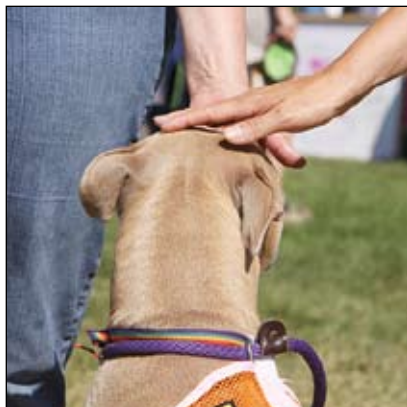
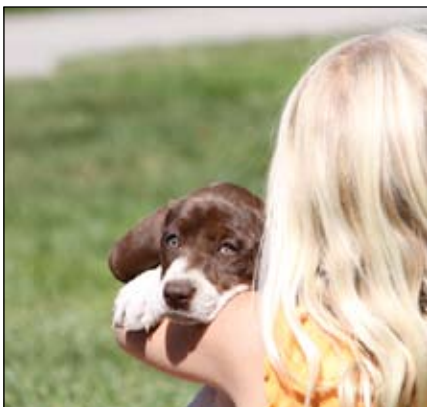
readers will emerge: a generation that will discover history, escape into stories of mystery and suspense, read the biographies of sports stars and scientists and, as Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Anna Quindlen said it best, decorate their rooms in a whole new way.

“I would be most content if my children grew up to be the kind of people who think decorating consists mostly of building enough **bookshelves.**”

Splash Staff Writer Chad Kimberley is embarking on multiple “firsts” this summer for an occasional Splash column series.



Local Lens: Pets in the park



Far left: Many rescue centers and families showcase dogs and puppies that need homes Saturday at the Pet Day in the Park in Pavillion Park.

Left: The mutt, Mac, from the Spokane Humane Society, gets attention from visitors to Pet Day in the Park.

Right: To give others a dog’s perspective of Saturday’s Pet Day in the Park, Moxie Pippin, carries the camera doggy dolly around the park.



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A brief presentation on the proposed 2010 City Development Code and RDSAP Amendments will be conducted at the beginning of the workshop.

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Liberty Lake Planning & Building Services at 755-6708. Information and lists of the proposed amendments is also available on the City website at http://www.libertylakewa.gov/development/public_notices.asp.

CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF SEPA CHECKLISTS ON 2010 CITY DEVELOPMENT CODE & RIVER DISTRICT SPECIFIC AREA PLAN OVERLAY (RDSAP) AMENDMENTS

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The City of Liberty Lake Planning & Building Services has determined that the proposed amendments will have no significant adverse environmental impacts and has issued Determinations of Nonsignificance (DNS). Copies of the SEPA Checklists and the DNS Threshold Determinations will be available for review beginning on Wednesday, July 21, 2010.

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For more information or to receive copies of the SEPA Checklists and Threshold Determinations please contact: Amanda Tainio, Planning & Building Services Manager, 22710 E. Country Vista, Liberty Lake, WA 99019. Phone: 509-755-6708, Fax: 509-755-6713, Email: atainio@libertylakewa.gov. Information is also available on the City website at www.libertylakewa.gov/development/public_notices.asp.

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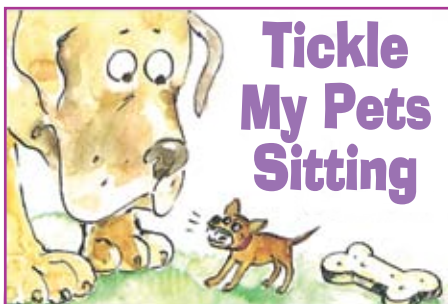
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