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# Greenspace guru

Camp delivers expertise to maintenance of city grounds

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The theme of greenspace maintenance was sprouting plenty of discussion at Liberty Lake City Hall in December of 2010.

Following the announced retirement of Parks Superintendent Mike Curry and the layoff of longtime Golf Course Superintendent Ron Knudsen, the city introduced the creation of a new position — parks and open space superintendent — that would blend the two roles. As the New Year dawned, Mayor Wendy Van Orman introduced Jennifer Camp as the newest addition to the municipal roster with an official start date of Feb. 1, 2011.

Camp was assigned the formidable task of maintaining citywide grounds as well as Liberty Lake's status as the region's leading clean, green community. She brought an impressive resume to the challenge, including two years at Greenstone as landscape project manager, a job that featured work on terrain throughout Liberty Lake. She also spent time at Greenacres Nursery and a pair of golf venues — Olympia Golf and



*Newsmaker Q&A*

Country Club on the westside of the state and Manito Golf and Country Club, where she served as arborist.

With a heritage rich in the farmlands of the Palouse, Camp grew up around tractors, combines and wheat trucks. When she was in elementary school, her family moved to East Wenatchee where she gained a further appreciation for rural life and the industrial side of agriculture. She enrolled in Future Farmers of America and worked stacking pallets of fruit in a chilled warehouse space.

Camp graduated from Washington State University in 1998 with a degree in crop and soil sciences. She was also the first woman to complete the school's turf management program. While in Pullman, Camp spent time as a maintenance volunteer at the local golf course and athletic fields, paving the

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Jennifer Camp was hired as Liberty Lake's parks and open space superintendent in early 2011. She oversees maintenance of city parks and greenspace as well as the Trailhead at Liberty Lake Golf Course.

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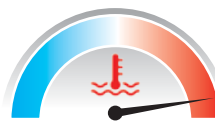
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## CAMP

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way for her future career. While working at plant nurseries in Pullman, she learned about the relation of materials to landscaping and methods to detect diseases in plants.

In Liberty Lake, Camp oversees an inventory of parks and open space that includes Pavillion Park, Rocky Hill Park and the Trailhead at Liberty Lake Golf Course. The city's ratio of 34.3 acres of greenspace per 1,000 residents far exceeds the state average while the percentage jumps to 79.4 per 1,000 with the addition of Trailhead and the two Spokane County golf courses within municipal limits.

Camp is the proud mom of three kids. Her home also features the start of a small farm with goats, dogs, cats and a rabbit. Camp's border collie mix, "Callie," has become the unofficial parks and open space mascot, known for chasing flocks of geese off the greens and fairways at Trailhead.

**Q.** What are some of the main responsibilities of the parks and open space superintendent?

**A.** The main responsibility for the parks and open space superintendent is to ensure that the green spaces around the city, including Rocky Hill Park, Pavillion Park, Trailhead Golf Course and the many open spaces in between, are kept in excellent condition. My team covers the basic maintenance duties such as watering and mowing, but they also perform a significant amount of detail work. In the future, we will also be adding Town Square Park and the new Liberty Lake Ballfields to our list of responsibilities. I have one full-time employee and 19 hardworking seasonals that take great pride in their work. The crew has a dynamic skill set that allows us to strive to achieve the kind of results that make the city look beautiful. I would like to thank the mayor and City Council for their continued support of the parks department, ensuring that we have the resources to accomplish more this year than ever before.

**Q:** What are some of your duties related to Trailhead Golf Course?

**A:** My team is responsible for the daily and seasonal maintenance of the course as well as maintaining and troubleshooting an aging irrigation system. We have also made several course alterations that have enhanced the overall play of the course. In conjunction with the course we have also upgraded the driving range and made it into one of the best in the area.

**Q:** Liberty Lake has an amazing inventory of parks and open space. Do you think most residents appreciate what we have here?

**A:** I do think the people of Liberty Lake appreciate what they have here, the great trails and parks as well as golf course provide a wonderful atmosphere and excellent

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area for raising a young family or for relaxing in those later years. The events and activities held at the parks are great and continue to grow year after year.

**Q:** What are some of the most challenging aspects of your job?

**A:** Every day, my team and I are presented with a new variety of challenges, whether it's a maintenance issue, an irrigation breakdown, the challenge of determining the best method to eliminate a problem or how we are going to enhance an existing space. That's the beauty of the job, though; it's always different, and we generally get to see the results of our hard work first hand.

**Q:** Back to Trailhead. What are some of the characteristics that make this venue unique?

**A:** Trailhead is seen as a practice facility. It is well known for its outstanding driving range features, and is a great place where new golfers can learn to play, and regulars can relax and enjoy their game. Our signature colors are black and gold and we have tried to incorporate them throughout the golf course from curb edging, to rock borders and even the flower color. Small details like this have really pulled the whole course together and presented a true identifiable course signature.

**Q:** Everything always looks so green in Liberty Lake. Can you describe some of the logistics that go into the irrigation of the various properties?

**A:** This year I was able to hire an irrigation tech just to monitor that aspect of the city. As with most things that have multiple moving parts and areas of exposure, things tend to break or need constant maintenance. Our area of responsibility extends from Harvard Road to Rocky Hill Park, from Trailhead Golf Course to Pavillion Park and all the green spaces in between so as you can imagine, as soon as one thing is done another needs to be addressed. Remember though, that green turf means more than just water. Healthy, green turf also comes from a balance of soil fertility, fertilizer types and Mother Nature. It's a bit of an art and a lot of science, just like farming.

**Q:** What do you like most about your work?

**A:** I like the fact that I can utilize a career's worth of education and experience to help develop and maintain a beautiful space but also work with my team and pass on what I know and continue to learn from them.

**Q:** What sort of feedback do you get from residents and visitors to the parks, trails and open space areas?

**A:** This community takes a lot of pride and ownership in the city parks, trails and open spaces. We feel a great amount of support from our community, council and mayor in what we do every day. I love to hear little stories about visitors coming to our city and commenting on how green, clean and beautiful the city is.

## News Briefs

### Lake to receive herbicide treatment

The Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District will be treating Liberty Lake with an aquatic herbicide to control Eurasian watermilfoil during the month of August, Lake Manager Jeremy Jenkins said.

The timing of the treatment is not yet set but will occur sometime between Aug. 4 and 22. Once the dates are set, Jenkins said notice will be mailed no less than 10 days in advance to all residents within a ¼-mile of the areas to be treated. Notification will also be posted one day prior to treatment at all public access points, private docks and the WDFW boat launch.

SCUBA dive harvesting will also be taking place. Boat drivers are encouraged to slow down as large wakes can reduce the effectiveness of the treatment.

For more, contact Jenkins at 922-5443 or [www.libertylake.org/milfoil](http://www.libertylake.org/milfoil).

### Liberty Lake trail system open after fire

After a fire near the summit of Mica Peak burned at least 17 acres in mid-July, crews from Fire District 8 and the Department of Natural Resources worked to contain the blaze and patrol the trail systems around Liberty Lake Regional Park. The trail system was closed briefly for clean-up efforts.

Officials believe the fire might have been sparked by lightning, but the cause is unknown. In a press release, the department extended thanks to the crews who helped contain the fire.

### Burn ban in place

Restrictions on outdoor recreational fires were put in effect July 17 for the cities of Liberty Lake, Millwood, Spokane Valley and unincorporated areas of Spokane County.

According to a press release, campfire pits and other open burning is prohibited. As of press time, citizens could still use manufactured portable outdoor fireplaces, barbecues and patio warmers. Washington Gov. Jay Inslee has issued emergency burn restrictions in 20 eastern Washington counties as a result of recent fire events.

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## Police Report

The following incidents and arrests were among those reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department from June 23 to July 21. The report is listed in chronological order.

### Incidents and arrests

- **Stolen items** — At 9:40 a.m. June 26, LLPD responded to the 24000 block of East Spotted Owl Lane for a citizen contact. The complainant reported his mother's car had been stolen. The registered owner of the vehicle said she would check into the matter when she arrived home from traveling and contact LLPD if a report needed to be taken. At 10:35 a.m. June 27, LLPD took a report from the mother in this incident who reported she and her son had located the vehicle in the Walmart parking lot. She wanted to report other items had been stolen from the home also: a flat-screen television, an Xbox and two red suitcases. While making the report, the officer observed the son was texting a person who had dropped the vehicle off in the Walmart parking lot and asked if he could view the text message. The officer then observed text messages indicative of the son knowing and giving permission for the "friend" to take the vehicle and items. After this information was given to the complainant, the subject requested his phone back immediately, and the officer gave it to him. The TV was located at an area pawn shop and a "hold" was placed on the item. The incident was passed on to the detective for further follow up.

- **Jewelry theft** — At 10:20 a.m. June 26, LLPD took a report from the 1400 block of North Murray Lane for theft. The complainant reported \$9,173.55 in jewelry was stolen from his home. He reported the home is currently for sale and there have been over 34 showings by Realtors. The complainant believes that during one of those showings, the theft occurred.

- **Stolen vehicle not stolen** — At 6:46 p.m. June 27, LLPD observed a stolen vehicle traveling eastbound into Idaho. The officer conducted a felony stop along with two Post Falls officers, and it was learned the vehicle had been sold by the registered owner to the occupants, but never reported found to law enforcement. The occupants were released without incident.

- **Stolen vehicle** — At 8:14 a.m. June 30, LLPD responded to the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive for a vehicle theft. The complainant reported her vehicle was stolen sometime during the night by an unknown person.

- **Stolen camper** — At 6:20 p.m. July 2, LLPD responded to the 19000 block

of East Cataldo Avenue for a theft. The complainant reported someone had stolen a camper sitting out on the grass near the roadway sometime between June 30 and July 1. A report of the incident was taken.

- **Welfare check** — At 7:20 a.m. July 2, LLPD responded to the intersection of East Mission Avenue and North Signal Road for a welfare check. The officer made contact with a man who was taking a nap on his scooter. The man was OK and on his way home.

- **Suspicious person** — At 2:21 a.m. July 3, LLPD responded to the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive for a suspicious person. The complainant reported a male subject unknown to him was knocking on his door looking for "Ian." An officer made contact with the subject, who was highly intoxicated and was looking for his sister's apartment. The officer gave him a courtesy ride.

- **Stolen flag** — At 1:45 p.m. July 3, LLPD received a report of theft from the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive. The complainant reported her flag along with the pole was stolen from her yard. The estimated value of the items is \$100.

- **Stolen bicycle** — At 1:48 p.m. July 3, LLPD received a report of theft at the 23000 block of East Boone Avenue. The complainant reported their child's bike was stolen from Liberty Lake Elementary between June 6 and June 8. The estimated value of the bicycle is \$250.

- **Theft** — At 4:47 p.m. July 6, LLPD responded to the 2700 block of North Harvard Road for a theft. The complainant reported that someone had broken the rear window out of his truck and taken a backpack inside the vehicle with contents totaling \$500. The complainant later made contact with police to report two females had made contact with him and advised they found his backpack as they walked by the dumpster at T.J.Maxx near the Spokane Valley Mall. They thought it odd that a brand new backpack would be in the garbage. An officer arrived on scene and asked the complainant to look through the backpack and take an account of what items were still missing. A Garmin GPS, driver's license, debit card and a SIM card were still missing — a total loss of close to \$300, along with the additional cost of repairing the window.

- **Fraud** — At 3 p.m. July 9, LLPD responded to the 21000 block of East George Gee Avenue for a fraud. The complainant reported that a man by the name of "Burke" had called from Kentucky and ordered parts totaling \$1,779. The parts were picked up by a courier prior to the business finding out

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### Calls for service

*Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department June 23-July 21*

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Agency assist                  | 3  |
| Alarm                          | 5  |
| Alcohol offense                | 1  |
| Assault                        | 1  |
| Burglary                       | 1  |
| Citizen assist                 | 6  |
| Citizen dispute                | 2  |
| Custodial interference         | 2  |
| Deceased person                | 2  |
| Disorderly conduct             | 1  |
| Domestic violence              | 1  |
| DUI                            | 6  |
| Fireworks                      | 1  |
| Fraud                          | 2  |
| Fugitive                       | 3  |
| Indecent exposure              | 1  |
| Juvenile problem               | 1  |
| Juvenile runaway               | 3  |
| Malicious mischief             | 1  |
| Missing person                 | 2  |
| Not classified                 | 9  |
| Obstructing justice            | 1  |
| Property theft                 | 11 |
| Recovered stolen property      | 2  |
| Suspicious person/circumstance | 6  |
| Threatening                    | 3  |
| Traffic accident               | 6  |
| Traffic offense                | 12 |
| Trespassing                    | 3  |
| Vehicle prowl                  | 1  |
| Vehicle theft                  | 1  |
| Violation of court order       | 2  |
| Welfare check                  | 4  |

### Citations

*Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department June 23-July 21*

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Assault IV                      | 1  |
| Defective muffler               | 2  |
| Driving with wheels off road    | 2  |
| DUI                             | 7  |
| DWLS                            | 11 |
| Expired registration            | 2  |
| Failure to stop/yield           | 1  |
| False reporting                 | 1  |
| Fugitive                        | 1  |
| Improper lane usage             | 1  |
| Improper pass on left           | 1  |
| Liability insurance             | 13 |
| Making false statement          | 1  |
| Malicious mischief              | 1  |
| Minor in possession of alcohol  | 2  |
| Misuse of license/ID            | 1  |
| Obstructing law enforcement     | 1  |
| Parking in no parking zone      | 1  |
| Parking on bike path            | 1  |
| Physical control                | 1  |
| Reckless driving                | 1  |
| Speeding                        | 16 |
| Underage operation of golf cart | 2  |
| Violation of protection order   | 2  |

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the credit card information given was invalid. "Burke" made contact with the dealer again a few days later and ordered \$3,778 in parts, giving another credit card number. Calls to "Burke" were not answered, and the incident was referred to the detective.

• **Indecent exposure** — At 3:14 p.m. July 9, LLPD responded to an indecent exposure call at the Stateline dog park. A male called to report that while walking his dog in the park, he was approached by several men requesting sexual favors; he then witnessed two men engaged in oral sex in the park. Officers arrived, but the male had told the subjects he was calling 911, so they fled. The man was able to get a list of license plate numbers which were furnished to law enforcement.

• **Car fire** — At 5:54 p.m. July 10, LLPD responded to a fire at North Lakeside Road and North Bella Lago Lane. The complainant reported his car felt like it was running funny, so he pulled it over to the side of the road. The vehicle then caught fire and began to lurch forward. The complainant employed the parking brake and called 911. Unfortunately, the fire had expanded to the entire engine

compartment; the vehicle was a total loss.

• **Fireworks** — At 11:54 p.m. July 10, LLPD responded to the 24000 block of East Sprague Avenue for fireworks. The complainant reported teenagers were at the golf course setting off fireworks. Two male subjects were contacted, but neither had lighters or matches on their person.

• **Welfare check** — At 4:18 a.m. July 11, LLPD responded to Appleway Avenue and North Liberty Lake Road for a welfare check. A male subject was seen lying on the ground outside of the location. Upon contact, the officer learned the subject had been in contact with the police department multiple times over the course of the previous week in regards to finding help to get home to Oklahoma. Police made several calls to area resources in regards to his request and learned the subject had either exhausted those resources offered to him or been kicked out of various facilities. While still on the contact, the officer learned there was a protection order that needed to be served on the subject. The subject was served, and information on shelters was given to him.

• **Noise complaint** — At 4:30 p.m. July 11, LLPD responded to a noise complaint at the 1400 block of North Cavalier Court.

The complainant reported that earlier a neighbor had reported going into the home and observing two teen girls naked on the couch. Officers arrived at the location and spoke with a subject who reported he runs a 12-step program from his home for kids trying to get off drugs. Officers observed a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the location. The subject then reported he smokes for medical reasons and had just self-medicated. The complainant was concerned as young kids are coming and going from the location. The case was forwarded to the detective for follow up.

• **Hit and run** — At 1 a.m. July 13, LLPD responded to Country Vista Drive and North Henry Road for a hit and run. Witnesses reported a silver passenger car had struck a street sign causing damage and continued driving down Country Vista. When an officer arrived on scene, he observed damage to signs and a post. The vehicle was later located on the side of the road with a blown-out tire. The officer made contact with the agency responsible for the vehicle, a dealership in Pullman, who reported they were unsure who was driving the vehicle.

• **Gas theft** — At 5:26 a.m. July 15, LLPD responded to the 22000 block of East Appleway Avenue for a theft. The complainant reported a gas theft had

occurred. An officer arrived and made contact with a male sleeping in his vehicle. The male subject was observed to smell of marijuana. When asked about the gas, the subject reported his friend had pumped too much gas and then left. The officer advised the subject if he did not pay for the gas, he would be cited for theft. The subject left his vehicle with the store clerk with the promise of returning with the funds. After a short period, the subject returned to the location with a check for \$400 and indicated he needed the vehicle to cash the check and return with the money to pay for the fuel. The subject did not return, and charges will be forwarded for theft.

• **Agency assist** — At 8:35 a.m. July 19, LLPD responded to an agency assist at Barker Road and Alki Avenue. The complainant reported his bicycle had been stolen by a female walking a pit bull on a pink leash. The girl was seen riding the bicycle with the dog a short time later. Another agency was called to assist as there was a pit bull. The female ran out of the residence where the officers located her, and her dog charged the LLPD officer two times. Both times, the officer kicked the dog in the jaw and head. The female was directed to call her dog, which she did before being arrested by the other responding agency.



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## NEWS

# Council extends marijuana moratorium

## 4-3 decision buys up to six more months as city weighs options

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

With a municipal moratorium on the production, processing and sale of marijuana set to run out on Aug. 4, the Liberty Lake City Council addressed the upcoming deadline among a variety of topics during its only meeting of July.

When the debate ended on July 15, the governing board voted 4-3 to extend the injunction associated with the drug for up to another six months. The decision also came with a renewed commitment to establish clearly defined land-use guidelines in case the city eventually lifts the latest moratorium or lets it expire.

Mayor Pro Tem Cris Kaminskas and Council Members Keith Kopelson, Odin Langford and Shane Brickner all voted in support of continuing the moratorium. Council Members Dan Dunne, Bob Moore and Hugh Severs cast votes in the minority.

“This gives us more time to evaluate the risks and how we’re going to manage this,” Kaminskas said.

Marijuana retail sites opened throughout the state on July 8, the culmination of a campaign that saw the passage of Initiative 502 in November 2012 making small amounts of marijuana legal for residents over 21 as well as legalizing the production, processing and sale of the drug. I-502 failed among voters in Liberty Lake.

The original marijuana moratorium in Liberty Lake was established in January on the heels of statements by state Attorney General Bob Ferguson, who determined that I-502 did not preclude towns and cities from installing their own regulations concerning the drug. On July 15, Moore noted that jurisdictions like Wenatchee and Centralia are now facing lawsuits related to their moratoriums.

After the vote, Moore said it would be vital for the city to determine its direction on I-502 — either instituting a ban or establishing regulations for what is now allowed under state law.

“What is our strategy?” Moore questioned.

There is now a chance the conversation will find its way onto the agenda for the City Council retreat scheduled for Aug. 19. City Administrator Katy Allen encouraged council members to forward all questions related to I-502 to staff in order to prepare for the discussion.

Any zoning changes connected to I-502 retail, production or processing activities

would typically go through the planning commission and come before council for approval as part of an annual cycle that is scheduled to conclude next September. Dunne, who like Moore is a former member of the planning commission, said he would not be in favor of any emergency amendments or interim regulations that would supersede the normal process.

The city has received two business applications related to I-502. Allen said both applications were deemed ineligible due to conflicts with existing land use guidelines.

In the public hearing that preceded the vote on the moratorium, citizen Charles Matthews said he was personally in favor of the moratorium continuing but acknowledged that the city would likely need to figure out a way to facilitate I-502 since it had become state law.

“Marijuana adds levels of impairment that aren’t apparent to a lot of people,” said Matthews, who referenced research regarding the carcinogens present in marijuana smoke.

Pat Dockrey echoed Matthews in his recommendation that the city adhere to state law but noted that tobacco and alcohol represent more of a threat as gateway substances than marijuana.

“If you’re serious about this, pass a 90-day moratorium on marijuana, tobacco and alcohol,” Dockrey said.

Margaret Keeve, who has shared health concerns tied to marijuana at previous meetings, said council still had the ability to set a standard within its own boundaries.

“The city can say, ‘Don’t do it here,’” Keeve said.

Mayor Steve Peterson said the long-term repercussions of I-502 have yet to surface as towns and cities are left to deal with the ripple effect.

“It’s like the state has said, ‘You guys take care of the problem; we’ll take the revenue,’” Peterson said. “From my perspective, I believe we don’t know enough about this to open up our neighborhoods to the sale, processing and production of marijuana.”

Brickner and Kopelson both pointed out that marijuana is still considered a schedule 1 controlled substance and illegal under federal law. Brickner added that retail locations in Liberty Lake would most likely be the first stop for those in Idaho traveling across the state border.

“We need to be more educated about what’s going on, Brickner said. “(I-502) wasn’t thought through properly.”

Severs said any decision on I-502 activities in Liberty Lake should be made “with the betterment of public safety and the community in mind.”

“We need to tackle this one way or another,” he said.

## IN THE BOOKS, ON THE DOCKET

A look back and ahead at news from Liberty Lake City Hall

By Craig Howard  
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### In the Books (July)

- Council authorized Mayor Steve Peterson to enter into a contract with SiteLines (KCDA) for the purchase of exercise equipment at the newest Fallen Heroes Circuit Course slated for Town Square Park. Council also approved a rubber tile option for the site’s surface.

- Council confirmed Peterson’s two appointments to the planning commission, with Mike Kennedy as a voting member and Charles Matthews as an adjunct member.

- The city is looking into adding to the fence at Trailhead Golf Course in response to citizen concerns that the existing 20-foot barrier does not adequately protect against stray driving range balls.

- City Administrator Katy Allen provided an update on Town Square Park and Liberty Lake Ball Fields construction, noting both projects are tracking below budget. The park is scheduled for completion the end of September and the fields by late August.

- City Attorney Sean Boutz led a presentation in the Open Government Trainings Act passed earlier this year.

- Finance Director R.J. Stevenson presided over the first public hearing regarding the 2015 city budget on July 15. Stevenson noted that revenue is up 6 percent in 2014 while expenditures have increased 11 percent from last year. The city has taken in 12 percent more in sales tax and 9.5 percent more in utility tax compared to 2013. Revenue from the real estate excise tax is at 151 percent of the anticipated budget for 2014.

- The city is considering modifications to the traffic signal at Liberty Lake Road and Appleway that would lead to better traffic flow during peak travel times. The traffic light, now close to 20 years old, would require redesigned technology at an estimated cost of around \$200,000.

- Peterson acknowledged Liberty Lake resident Katy Dolan at the July meeting for receiving the Association of Washington Cities Qualified Communities Award and scholarship. Dolan, who recently graduated from Central Valley High School, was involved in Honor Society, band, soccer and the city’s youth

leadership program. She also organized a nonprofit program called LETEM Play which provides musical instruments to low-income students. Dolan will attend Harvard University this fall.

- Council Member Shane Brickner said the finance committee will consider bringing back Liberty Lake Days in 2015 after the city-sponsored summer celebration was shelved this year. Brickner said the move prompted “a lot of complaints from citizens.”

- Council authorized the city to spend up to \$10,000 for solid waste consulting services as it works to establish a long-term agreement for waste collection and disposal. Regional facilitation of waste management will shift from the city of Spokane to Spokane County in November, although some cities have already indicated they will contract with private companies as an alternative.

### On the Docket (August)

- The next City Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 5 at City Hall.

- Phil Champlin, executive director of the HUB Sports Center, will present at the Aug. 5 council meeting.

- The Liberty Lake Police Department will conduct a swearing-in and badge ceremony for Austin Branting (officer) and Darin Morgan (sergeant) on Aug. 5.

- City Engineer Andrew Staples will provide an update on the traffic signal design at Appleway and Liberty Lake Road.

- Planning and Building Services Manager Amanda Tainio will present on the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code amendment process.

- Police Chief Brian Asmus will give a presentation outlining the role of elected officials and emergency management.

- Council is expected to award the contract for the Rocky Hill barn project.

- A public hearing on the 2015 budget will be continued on Aug. 5.

- Council is expected to award the contract for pedestrian crossing improvements as specified in its list of priorities for 2014.

- The City Council retreat is scheduled for Aug. 19, with the following discussion items: the financial plan for the I-90 interchange; an update on plans for the Trailhead facility; food truck policy; space issues at the library; the 2015 budget; monthly financial reporting and I-502 update. Ben Small, superintendent of the Central Valley School District, is also scheduled to discuss the future of district facilities at the retreat.



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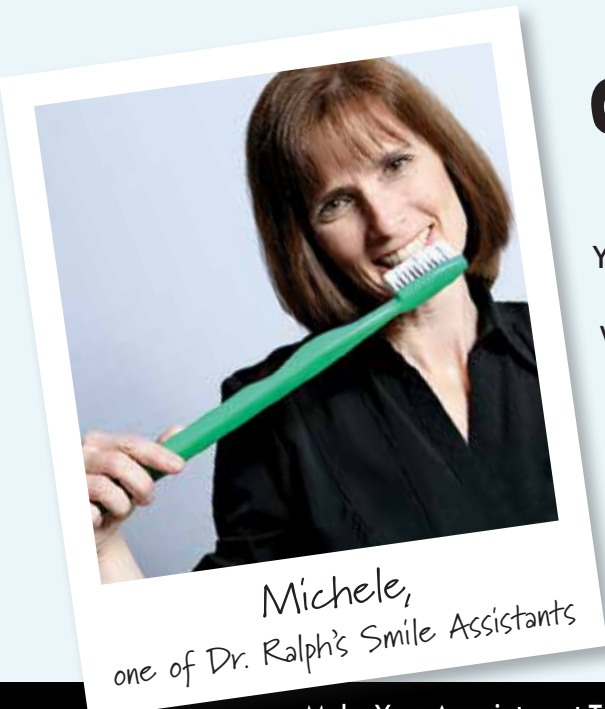
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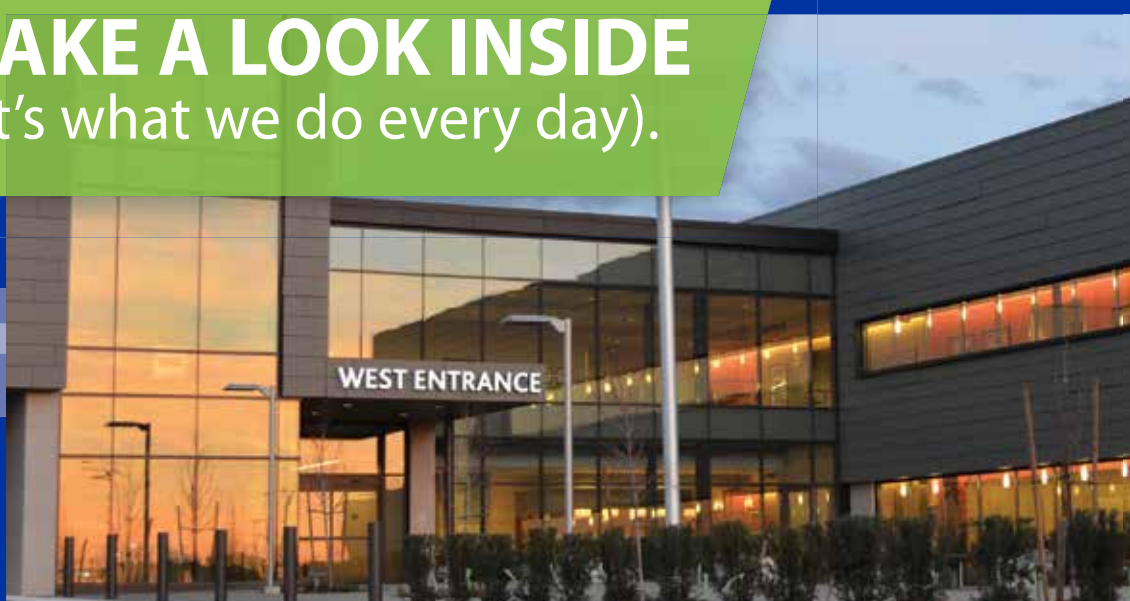
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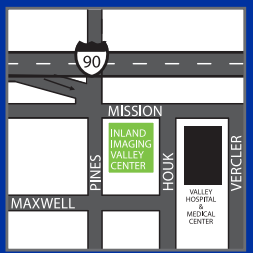


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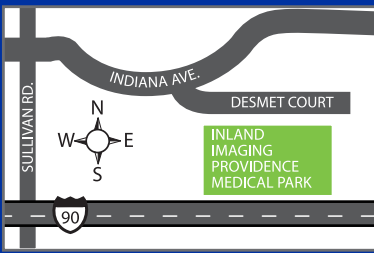
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# FAIRWAY FLAGSHIP

Liberty Lake recognized as bountiful golfing hub

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Over the years, Dwight and Karen Canfield have resided in warm weather locales like Arizona and southern California known for their abundance of golf.

These days, the Canfields are perfectly at home in Liberty Lake.

Now retired, the couple lives a 3 iron away from the Trailhead at Liberty Lake Golf Course and can be found navigating the city-owned fairways several times a week. Like many residents of Spokane County's easternmost jurisdiction, the Canfield's primary mode of transportation around town is a golf cart.

"Golf is the principle reason we moved back here," Dwight said.

Karen took up the sport five years ago and said she appreciates "the beautiful surroundings" at Trailhead. Along with the postcard setting of mountain peaks and towering trees, the couple will sometimes have to wait for meandering deer to pass before lining up on the first tee.

"The course is always in really good condition," Karen said. "The groundskeepers do a great job here."

Trailhead is part of a unique trifecta of quality golf venues along with MeadowWood and Liberty Lake that have turned the community into a well-established golf destination and contributed in no small part to glowing reviews from publications like *Golf Digest*, which once described Inland Northwest golf as "a hidden gem."

Dottie McLean remembers there being "not much at all" in Liberty Lake when she left Spokane in 1960 at the age of 21. Now living in Seattle, McLean returns to her former home every few years to play golf. Last month, McLean teed it up at Liberty Lake, a course that opened two years before she moved out of the area.

"I just love golfing over here," said McLean, who took up the sport in 1999. "It's just lovely. You're not rushed; there are no crowds. Summer is pretty crowded on public courses in the Seattle area, and it's more expensive."

Reasonable rates and prime conditions have translated into a financial boon for Liberty Lake's golf sites. In 2013, combined revenue totaled around \$1.4 million from greens fees alone. Trailhead itself brought in close to \$420,000 last year, while the city saw approximately \$70,000 from a 5 percent admissions tax applied at each course.

"There's the revenue from golf, but there's also a significant benefit in terms of greenspace," said Liberty Lake Mayor Steve Peterson, whose own home sits a putt away from a MeadowWood green. "Plus, it's an important part of Liberty Lake as an active community. We have trails, we have the parks and we have golf."

The city's parks and open space level of service is at a stellar 34.3 acres per 1,000 residents — not counting the three courses. It soars to 79.4 acres per 1,000 when the golf terrain is added. The city also acquired water rights on the Trailhead site — formerly Valley View — when it purchased the property in 2002. Meanwhile, the well at MeadowWood provides irrigation to nearby Pavillion Park.

Those who work in the local golf industry say a profusion of options within city limits has meant increased business, consistent collaboration and a healthy variety of challenges for golfers of all abilities. When representatives of Indian Canyon Golf Course realized the effects of winter would not allow the venue to host the annual Rosauers Open July 16-20, a call was made to MeadowWood.

The course adeptly handled the area's most recognizable tournament with a little help from Liberty Lake across the street, which booked the 400 rounds originally scheduled at MeadowWood.

So, forget Pebble Beach, Turnberry or Augusta — the pastime's new oasis consists of a trio of well-manicured sites in Liberty Lake, home of birdies, bunkers and a bevy of exceptional golf.

## Liberty Lake — 'Old Man and the Tee'

Back in 1955, members of the Spokane Country Club purchased 110 acres to the north of Liberty Lake for the bargain price of \$18,500. A year later, the group unanimously approved transfer of the land to Spokane County for development. In 1958, Liberty Lake Golf Course became the newest addition to the area's collection of greens and fairways.

Liberty Lake head pro Kit DeAndre began working here in 1988 as an assistant to the late Kaye Walker. Back then, DeAndre, like Walker, split his time between Liberty Lake and MeadowWood. He describes the town's most fabled course as an "old-style par 70 layout."

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Dottie McLean tees off at Liberty Lake Golf Course, the community's original golf course. Opening in 1958, the course celebrated 50 years of operation with a significant overhaul that closed the course from September 2008 to the start of the 2010 golfing season.

## Par three

### Quick facts about Liberty Lake's golf sites

#### MeadowWood

- The venue was once named one of the top 10 public courses in Washington by *Golf Digest*.

- Head pro Bob Scott attended Pullman High School with Moses Lake native Kirk Triplett, a three-time winner on the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour who placed sixth at the Master's in 2001 and 2004.

- The aquatic driving range features turtles, carp and floating golf balls.

#### Liberty Lake

- Austin Reger was named the inaugural

head pro when the course opened in 1958.

- A half-year junior pass cost \$12.50 in 1959.

- The late Kaye Walker, who served as head pro at Liberty Lake from 1988 to 1993, won the Spokane City Championship twice and qualified for the U.S. Open in 1963.

#### Trailhead

- In February 2005, during one of the warmest winters on record, the course generated an unprecedented \$25,000 in revenue.

- The lower level of the Trailhead pro shop has hosted several meetings of the Liberty Lake City Council.

- A long-envisioned trail along the outlet channel on the west side of the course was completed in 2003. The city's purchase of the course gave flexibility to the trail design.

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“That means we have only two par 5s and very challenging par 4s,” DeAndre said.

Karen McDonald of Seattle played Liberty Lake over the July 4th weekend and had nothing but accolades for the 6,607 yards of turf, sand and water.

“I think the greens are fabulous,” she said. “The fairways are great. It’s really in excellent condition. I would definitely come back.”

Liberty Lake underwent a massive renovation in September 2008 that added a new irrigation system, a quartet of water features, bunkering, substantial grade changes and expanded greens, among other improvements. The course reopened in May 2010 to overwhelmingly positive acclaim.

“This course has really improved,” said Paul Gibb, who lives nearby and golfs here once or twice a week. “It’s just a better design, a real modern design. Overall, we’re very fortunate with the price and the quality of the courses here compared to the rest of the country.”

While the refurbishing has added a new dimension to the venue, Liberty Lake still recalls the homey essence of golf before titanium drivers and GPS rangefinders. The facade of the pro shop and clubhouse looks like something out of a mid-1960s issue of *Architectural Digest*. It seems plausible that Lee Trevino might just walk through the doors onto the first tee in checkered slacks and his trademark white cap.

Like MeadowWood, Liberty Lake adheres to green fees established by Spokane County. This year, 18 holes run \$29 Monday through Thursday, with the price increasing by \$2 Friday through Sunday and on holidays.

Golfers here can hone various aspects of their game on separate chipping and putting areas. A spacious sand bunker and grass driving range (\$9 for a large bucket of balls) are also part of the practice landscape. Superintendent Todd Harper makes sure the grounds earn consistently high marks.

DeAndre said the proximity of Liberty Lake to MeadowWood along with Trailhead just to the west has made Liberty Lake a unique golfing hub. The variety at each site, Deandre added, “gives players three distinctive choices.”

“The mere fact that a community the size of Liberty Lake boasts three very high-quality golf courses in itself marks us as a destination to come and play,” he said.

### MeadowWood — “The perfect pasture”

When Scott and Tracy Ishino headed across the Cascades from the Puget Sound area last month, they found themselves in the same boat as the Rosauers Open. The couple’s annual trip to Eastern Washington includes visits to various golf courses along

## Over the Hill Gang adds shine to golf in golden years

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

It is a bright July morning at the Liberty Lake Golf Course, with only a scattering of clouds breaking up a sky of crystalline blue.

On the practice putting green, golfers shuffle about with purpose, tinkering with techniques and waiting their turn to sail a tee shot down the first fairway. In another life, these men were farmers, executives, soldiers, lawyers and aluminum workers — but on this morning, they are all proud delegates of a group known as the Over the Hill Gang.

Each Monday, starting in April and ending with a tournament on Oct. 1, an average of 80 members gather to share memories, opinions and the best strategies for scaling a water hazard or escaping a sand bunker. Everyone here is over 60. The vast majority are retired. All understand that friendship takes precedence over the lowest score.

“What I like most is the camaraderie of the group as a whole,” said Larry Schneiderman, the club’s current president. “I see groups of fellows laughing and cheering one another on while on the course.”

Schneiderman began playing golf in 1966 while stationed with the U.S. Air Force on the island of Luzon in the Philippines. He played sporadically in the decades that followed until he joined the Over the Hill Gang five years ago, discovering quickly that the atmosphere gravitated more toward an amiable bowling league than the U.S. Open.

“There are all sorts of skill levels, but everyone gets along,” Schneiderman said.

Established in 1981 by Max Gray, the Over the Hill Gang once exclusively played Liberty Lake Golf Course but shifted next door to MeadowWood in 2008 when their home venue began a major renovation. When Liberty Lake reopened in 2010, the group decided to alternate between the two sites each week.

“We play two of the finest courses in

the route and, this year, a scheduled trip to Indian Canyon was shifted to MeadowWood with exceptional results.

“The weather is nicer and warmer over here, and the golf is more affordable,” said Scott. “These greens at MeadowWood are great compared to a few courses we’ve played in the area already. It’s in great shape.”



SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

A segment of the Over the Hill Gang waits to tee off at the Liberty Lake Golf Course last month. Lower row, from left: Jim Hudlow, Bus Hudlow, Lloyd Lancaster and Kelly Lancaster. Top row, from left: Al LaCombe, Dave Ingle, Mike Hauser and Larry Schneiderman.

the area,” said Jim Thrawley, the club’s treasurer, who also served two terms as president.

Thrawley played golf “off and on” when he worked for Kaiser but found a second wind after retirement.

“We have people that have been playing with this group for well over 20 years,” he said. “We just want to see people out here on the golf course. It brings people off the couch and away from the TV and out here having fun.”

Golfers in the club are divided into “flights” based on skill level. Those in the flight one category comprise the top golfers and are generally grouped in the same foursomes. Flight two and three golfers follow suit. Around half of the club hails from the Liberty Lake area, although some golfers make the trip from communities as far away as Chattaroy and Nine Mile Falls.

Buster “Bus” Hudlow had a hole-in-one on a par 3 at MeadowWood in June. The retired farmer has been part of the club for over 20 years after taking up golf at the age of 67. He will celebrate his 90th birthday next month.

When asked if he has made many friends in the club over the years, Hudlow pauses.

“Well, I suppose,” he said. “I don’t think I’ve made too many enemies —

that’s the good part.”

The club charges a \$45 annual membership fee and adheres to a constitution and bylaws. Part of the revenue supports junior golf in the area. There are currently 123 members on the roster, though longtime member Al LaCombe recalls when he joined 18 years ago and the number stood at 180.

“There was a waiting list, and you had to apply to join,” he said. “The numbers have actually decreased over the years. One of the things that is happened with golf is the new generation isn’t getting involved like the World War II vets did.”

Mike Hauser suffered a severely injured leg while serving in Vietnam and had never golfed until three years ago when he joined the group. Last year, Mike went through a total hip replacement, but this summer, he has been a regular each Monday, buoyed on by his own personal cheering section.

“That first year, I wanted to quit just about every time I played,” Hauser said. “But I’m glad I stuck with it.”

On this July morning, Hauser drives his first tee shot straight and true down a corridor of green. His fellow golfers smile and applaud before advancing into the fairway.

“It’s a fun group,” Hauser says. “We’re all rooting for each other.”

Just over 30 years ago, the only greens in the area were the alfalfa and wheat that grew on acreage owned by Jeslyn Morris Schultz. In 1985, the Schultz family donated 150 acres to Spokane County which, in turn, transitioned the land into an 18-hole golf course. MeadowWood Golf Course officially opened in 1988, part of a burgeoning

development trend in the Liberty Lake area that included a residential area by the same name.

Bob Scott worked as head pro at Liberty Lake in 1991 before transitioning to MeadowWood in 1996. When it comes to the condition of the place he calls home, Scott is

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quick to direct the credit to superintendent Mike Kingsley.

“Literally on a daily basis, people tell me how nice the golf course looks,” Scott said. “I make an effort to pass those comments on to Mike because he is the one responsible. It’s beautiful with all the water features. The condition is probably the biggest thing. We’ve never had a bad year in all the time I’ve been here.”

Blake DeMille makes the journey from his home on the South Hill to MeadowWood and says the course “is well taken care of from tee to green.”

“First off, it’s pretty and well maintained, and second, it’s a good challenge but not so tough that I get frustrated,” DeMille said.

Scott said the upgrades to Liberty Lake next door have meant a new dynamic for the parallel sites.

“Before, Liberty Lake was the old course and this was the new course,” Scott said. “Now what’s really neat with the remodeling at Liberty Lake, I think that one’s tougher now but this one is a little more user-friendly.”

As for the competition between the two venues, Scott said proximity has nurtured excellence.

“I’m competitive, and I know Kit is,” he said. “Meanwhile, the superintendents are competing to see which site is nicest. We give each other fun ribbing but, at the same time, we’re both part of the Spokane County system. At the end of the day, what we take in and what they take in all goes into the same enterprise fund.”

MeadowWood typically opens when spring weather emerges and closes in early November. One year, the course was closed until March 18. Another year, golfers showed up until Nov. 18. Sometimes, closing a few days early can make the difference in the course’s condition for the following season.

“We get them when it’s 38 or 40 degrees,” Scott said. “As long as there’s not frost, we’re playing.”

Like his fellow golf pros in Liberty Lake, Scott says he feels fortunate to work in a golf-centered community.

“You take Liberty Lake with what we have here in terms of golf; I don’t think some people even get it,” said Scott. “It’s amazing.”

## Trailhead at Liberty Lake — “Municipal marvel”

Ron Dinsmoore had read good reviews of Trailhead at Liberty Lake before he visited the well-kept 63 acres for the first time last month.

A resident of Moscow, Idaho, Dinsmoore has played golf for 20 years but places himself in the “average” category, opting for less harrowing venues while avoiding costly greens fees. It turned out Trailhead was par for the course.

“I think it’s a real nice course, very well-maintained and fun to play,” Dinsmoore said. “I would play here a lot if I lived here. The fairways aren’t super narrow, which is nice, but it’s still challenging.”

The executive nine-hole venue has been part of the regional golf terrain since 1973, when it premiered as Valley View Golf Course. The city of Liberty Lake purchased the site in 2002, a move initiated by Mayor Steve Peterson and met at the time with reactions that ranged from lukewarm to outright skepticism.

Over the years, Trailhead naysayers have been won over by the city’s commitment to excellence. Vast improvements to the grounds, driving range and pro shop have turned the site into one of the region’s golf gems.

“The city has done an amazing job with Trailhead,” said Bob Scott. “There used to be yellow grass over there.”

Former Liberty Lake Finance Director Arlene Fisher — once a skeptic herself — has called the purchase and renovation of Trailhead “one of the best investments the

city has ever made.”

“It was about adding to the Liberty Lake’s reputation as a clean, green, active community,” Peterson said. “It’s preserved greenspace.”

The team of head pro Mollie Thola and golf course superintendent Ron Knudsen helped establish Trailhead as a legitimate golf destination following the transition to the city. The level of attention would earn Trailhead the honor of being rated by the United States Golf Association.

Chris Johnston has worked as head pro at Trailhead since September 2011. He said the course’s layout — there are four par 3s, four par 4s and one par 5 — translates into a diverse setting that is heavy on fun and light on intimidation.

Trailhead also offers an expanded schedule that will often see play during mild winters.

“Our course is unique in that it is suited for all abilities,” Johnston said. “We have four sets of tees. I would put our par 3s up against any par 3s on other courses.”

In the last three years, the city has instituted a slew of upgrades, including new tee boxes, a refurbished clubhouse, new bunker sand and a fresh fleet of golf carts. A state-of-the-art driving range with 14 hitting stalls now features roll-down doors in case of cold or wet weather, an expanded grass tee area and five heated stations.

Matt Day drives to Trailhead once a week during the summer from his home in north Spokane. An avid golfer, Day will work on his technique at the driving range before hitting the Trailhead links “as a way to practice for the bigger courses.”

“I’ve played a lot of courses this year, and this is on par or better than any of the courses I’ve played,” Day said. “A lot of them are letting things slide. They’re getting winter mosses. I haven’t seen that here. Whoever is taking care of the grounds here is doing well.”

At Trailhead, that would be Jennifer Camp, who was brought on by the city as

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Opening in 1988, MeadowWood Golf Course, above, is the youngest of Liberty Lake’s three golf courses. Below, Matt Day works on his game at the Trailhead Golf Course driving range. The two courses are publicly owned, MeadowWood by Spokane County and Trailhead by the city of Liberty Lake.



the parks and open space superintendent in January 2011 (read more of her story on page 2).

“Jennifer has been very aggressive in her pursuit of green grass perfection,” Johnston said. “I think she and her crew are doing an amazing job with the condition of the course.”

Despite two courses a minute to the east, Johnston said there are no worries about a glut of golf in Liberty Lake. As for the rivalry between courses and golf pros, Johnston said it’s more about collaboration than competition.

“We offer something a little different than the other two courses,” Johnston said. “We don’t really compete with them. We have a lot of people that want to play and get out of here in two hours or less. If it’s raining or even snowing, you can practice on our range and keep warm and dry. Bob and Kit are great. I have known them for a long time. We work together, not against each other.”

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## Calendar of Events

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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

**July 31 | Understanding Medicare Benefits for Home Health and Hospice** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Specialists from Gentiva Home Health and Hospice will be on hand to answer specific questions regarding memory care, fall risk/prevention, orthopedic and neurological issues, medication management and chronic disease. The seminar is free and open to the public. For more: 220-6461

**Aug. 6 | Tie Dye Milk** 10:30 a.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Kids 4 and up can create amazing colorful patterns using milk. For more: 232-2510

**Aug. 8 | Community Carnival** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Stepping Stone, 23306 E. Mission. The public is invited to a carnival featuring a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, food and carnival games. For more: 924-0776 or [www.steppingstonelibertylake.com](http://www.steppingstonelibertylake.com)

**Aug. 11 to 14 | VBS at Liberty Lake Church** 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 704 S. Garry Road. Kids entering first through sixth grade are invited to this multi-day program "There's a Monster Under My Bed" featuring Bible lessons, songs, sketches and games to teach children how to fight fear in their lives. To register or for more: 255-6266 or [www.libertylakechurch.com](http://www.libertylakechurch.com)

**Aug. 11 to 15 | VBS at Uplift Church** 6 to 9 p.m., 23424 N. Swing Lane. Kids in grades K-5 are invited to come and have fun as they learn how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God during "Workshop of Wonders" Vacation Bible School. For more: 218-1648 or [www.upliftchurchll.org](http://www.upliftchurchll.org)

**Aug. 16 | Mutt Strut** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pawpular Companions, 21950 E. Country Vista Dr. The fourth annual pledge event will consist of a 2.5-mile route around the Liberty Lake business/residential walking path, an ice cream social, store vendors, free giveaways and raffle prizes. All funds raised benefit Higher Ground Animal Sanctuary. To register or for more: 927-8890 or [www.pawpularcompanions.com](http://www.pawpularcompanions.com)

**August 19 | Food 4 Thought Community Volunteer Meeting** 6 p.m., Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, 22510 E. Mission Ave. A community food drive is being organized through Liberty Lake Kiwanis, Food 4 Thought, Spokane Valley Partners and local congregations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Collections from the drive will feed some of the 800 homeless students in the Central Valley and surrounding school districts. Organizers are specifically looking for 20 neighborhood captains to help prepare for the drive that will kick off Sept. 13.

### Recurring

**Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library** 4 p.m. the last Tuesday of every month, Liberty, 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](http://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](http://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 lapsit story time; 11 a.m. Friday, toddler/preschool story time and songs; 1 p.m. Fridays, story time and crafts for preschoolers; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Knitting Club; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, computer classes; 2 p.m. Saturdays, kids craft. For more: 232-2510

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

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

**Spokane Valley Writer's Group** 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. This supportive critique group welcomes adult writers. For more: 570-4440

### MUSIC & THE ARTS

**July 31 to Aug. 2 | "Goldilocks and The Three Pigs"** 7 p.m. (along with a 3 p.m. Sat. matinee), 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 and more: [www.libertylaketheatre.com](http://www.libertylaketheatre.com)

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

**Aug. 22 | "This, That or the Other" improv group performance** 8 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. This new on-the-spot, live comedy encourages audience participation. Tickets for this PG13 show are \$5 at the door. For more: [www.libertylaketheatre.com](http://www.libertylaketheatre.com)

**Aug. 25 and 26 | Auditions for "This Old Haunted House"** 6:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. Males and females ages 14 and up are encouraged to audition; no prep or experience needed. For more: 342-2055 or [www.libertylaketheatre.com](http://www.libertylaketheatre.com)

## Play in the Park

### Free upcoming events in Liberty Lake's parks:

#### Aug. 1, 6 p.m. at Alpine Shores: The Camaros concert

A fun night of rock and roll will be on hand at this pocket park concert.

#### Aug. 2, dusk at Pavillion Park: "Princess Bride" (PG)

The classic fairy tale includes swordplay, giants, an evil prince and a beautiful princess, as read to a young boy by his grandfather.

#### Aug. 9, dusk at Pavillion Park: "Star Trek Into Darkness" (PG-13)

After the crew of the Enterprise finds a force of terror within their own organization, Captain Kirk leads a manhunt to a war-zone world to capture a one-man weapon of mass destruction.

#### Aug. 14, 7 p.m. at Rocky Hill Park: The Angela Marie Project

The Liberty Lake Running Club and Liberty Lake Community Tennis Association are helping to sponsor this free light-rock concert.

#### Aug. 16, dusk at Half Moon Park: "The Croods" (PG)

After their cave is destroyed, a caveman family must travel through an uncharted fantasy world along with the help of an inventive boy.

#### Aug. 23, 5 p.m. at Pavillion Park: MSIP presents "As You Like It"

Montana Shakespeare In the Park is back in Liberty Lake to perform the comedy "As You Like It."

#### Aug. 29, dusk at Pavillion Park: "Brave" (PG)

Princess Merida defies a custom and brings chaos to her kingdom, but then relies on her bravery and archery skills to undo the disaster.

#### Aug. 30, 6 p.m. at Pavillion Park: Lud Kramer Memorial concert

A mix of classics, show tunes and patriotic marches will be performed in this free concert by the Spokane Symphony.

### 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

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COMMUNITY

Obituary

**Patricia M. Robinson**

Patricia M. Robinson, 87, of Liberty Lake passed away July 19, 2014. She is survived by her son, Patrick K. (Judy) Robinson; daughter, Susan M. (Bob) Coyle; stepdaughter, Nancy L. Harkins; grandchildren, Shane Coyle, Shannon Hawotte, Tyler Robinson, Glenn Robinson, Jennifer

Lollar, JD Harkins, Blake Harkins; and many nieces and nephews.

Patty was a long time resident of Liberty Lake and loved the lake life, boating and her family. Graveside services were held July 28 at Holy Cross cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to Hospice of Spokane.

CALENDAR

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**Pepsi Outdoor Summer Concert series**

Northern Quest Resort & Casino, 100 N. Hayford Roar, Airway Heights. The upcoming lineup includes Rascal Flatts 7:30 p.m. Aug. 8; Jeff Foxworthy 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12; and Toby Keith 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22. For tickets and more: www.northernquest.com

**CIVIC & BUSINESS**

**Aug. 7 | Scramble Golf Tournament** 11:30 a.m., MeadowWood Golf Course. Hosted by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, the \$100 entry fee includes dinner, drink, raffle ticket and goodie bag. Immediately after the tournament, the second annual hot air balloon golf ball drop will take place where a hole in one wins \$1,000 or closest to the pin wins \$500 or a golf getaway. For registration and more: www.spokanevalleychamber.org

**Aug. 8 | 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 Lisa McHaffie speak about upcoming events in Spokane. For more: www.womenexecutivesoflibertylake.com

**Aug. 15 | Business Connections Lunch** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Spokane County Fairgrounds, 404 N. Havana. Program: Good Guys Car Show along with a special speaker. 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.

**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

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

**HEALTH & RECREATION**

**July 31-Aug. 28 | 2014 Junior Golf Camp** 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays, MeadowWood Golf Course, 24501 E. Valleyway. Cost for this camp for ages 11 to 17 is \$50. For more: 255-9539

**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

**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

**Aug. 4-7 | Advantage Basketball Camp** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. These camps designed especially for ages 7 to 18 cost \$225 per player. For more: www.advantagebasketball.com

**Aug. 6-27 | 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 evening sessions for \$110. For more: 928-3484 or www.libertylakewa.gov/golf

**Aug. 12-14 | Breakthrough Basketball Camp** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. These camps designed especially for students in grades 2 through 8 cost \$145 per player. For more: www.breakthroughbasketball.com

**Aug. 18-20 | NBC Basketball 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 \$145 per player. For more: www.nbccamps.com

**Aug. 21-23 | NAIA Volleyball Tournament** HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Teams from the Cascade and Frontier Conferences compete in a crossover volleyball tournament. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

**Aug. 25-28 | ESS Speed & Fitness Soccer Training** 9 a.m. to noon, HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Soccer players age 12 to 18 desiring to get an edge for the upcoming season are invited to this camp. Cost is \$79. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

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Q&A with Susan Ashley, MD

## Q: What are bioidentical hormones?

A: Bioidentical hormones are identical in chemical structure to your body's natural hormones. They are produced in a lab from plant matter containing an abundance of "phyto-hormones" which can be easily converted into bioidentical hormones. These hormones include estrogens (estrone, estradiol, estriol), progesterone, testosterone, melatonin, pregnenolone and adrenal hormones such as DHEA and cortisol. Bioidentical thyroid hormones are also available.

## Q: How do bioidentical hormones work?

A: Bioidentical hormones have an identical chemical and molecular structure to the natural hormones produced by the human body. They are custom formulated for each patient to generate normal, physiological responses when taken in the required doses. The human body has receptors for specific hormones and bioidentical hormones attach easily to these receptors for a "perfect fit." Synthetic hormones are different in molecular structure to human hormones and do not provide an exact fit, which can result in numerous side effects.

## Q: What are the benefits of bioidentical hormones?

Bioidentical hormones reestablish hormonal balance in the body in a natural way. Bioidentical Hormone Replacement Therapy (BHRT) can ease the symptoms of menopause, peri-menopause and andropause. BHRT is also effective in alleviating symptoms of uterine fibroids and PMS, and regulating menstrual cycles. BHRT has been shown to reduce the risk of dementia and heart disease, reduce osteoporosis risks, slow down the aging process, and improve muscle tone, skin quality and sleep quality as well as enhance energy.

## Q: When is BHRT beneficial?

A: BHRT is beneficial whenever a hormone imbalance is diagnosed. Hormone imbalances can manifest as peri-menopause,

menopause, andropause, PMS, uterine fibroids and polycystic ovarian syndrome. The goals of BHRT are not only to ease unpleasant symptoms, but to also restore hormonal balance naturally and provide the body with the same protective health benefits that the body's own hormones would provide.

## Q: How long can I take BHRT?

A: BHRT has many positive health benefits and no dangerous side effects when administered and monitored by a doctor who specializes in bioidentical hormones and BHRT. While bioidentical hormones can be taken for a prolonged time, the length of BHRT depends on the individual hormonal imbalance and health conditions.

## Q: How do I begin BHRT?

A: Consulting with a medical doctor who specializes in BHRT is the first step. Baseline hormonal testing will ensure the safe and precise application of BHRT. Hormone levels should be tested every three months until a proper hormonal balance is established, then tested on an annual basis.

## Q: Who can prescribe BHRT?

A: Very few physicians are trained in bioidentical hormones and BHRT. You must follow the guidelines of a bioidentical hormone doctor to experience the full range of benefits BHRT provides. An experienced, knowledgeable bioidentical doctor can interpret a hormone test and prescribe a BHRT program customized to an individual patient.

## Q: Does BHRT cause weight loss?

A: Weight gain is one of the most common symptoms of hormonal imbalance. Many women gain weight during menopause. How much weight gain and where it is distributed depends on which hormones are declining and out of balance. Weight gain is in the middle of the body when estrogen decreases out of proportion. Cortisol facilitates increased fat storage and weight gain around the waist. If progesterone is too low and estrogen is too high, weight gain is around the hips. Low levels of thyroid can cause obesity. The balance of all hormones in the body is important to maintain the correct weight and body composition.

*Dr. Ashley is board certified in Family Medicine and in Anti-Aging and Regenerative Medicine. She provides a mix of traditional with alternative medicine and specializes in bio-identical hormones for both men and women.*



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## COMMUNITY

### CALENDAR

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**Sept. 4 | Optimal Health Day Walk** 5:30 p.m., Rocky Hill Park. In order to promote health in the community, there will be a walk followed by a healthy happy hour and food drive for the Food 4 Thought program. For more: beentheresupport@gmail.com

#### Recurring

**KidFIT Spokane** HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. This children's movement and fitness program offers classes in dance (ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop), gymnastics and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 3 and older of all levels. Enrollment is open now for classes starting Sept. 8. For more: 953-7501 or www.kidfitspokane.com

#### Liberty Lake Community Tennis Association

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

#### Liberty Lake Running Club

6 p.m. Thursdays, Twisp Café & Coffee House, 23505 E. Appleway Ave. The club meets for a three-mile run weekly through October. For more: www.facebook.com/LLRunningClub

- July 31: Run starting/ending at Liberty Lake Golf Course; Aug. 21: Fleet Feet demo and mini-seminar

**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

**Ride the Rim** Register now for a century or family bike ride Sept. 14 starting in Liberty Lake. To sign up or for more: www.rotaryinmotion.com

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

- *Badminton open gym: 7 to 9 p.m. Tues., \$5/person*
- *Basketball open gym: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tues., \$4/person*
- *Kenpo Karate: 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., Mon. and Wed., \$25/month*
- *Pickleball drop-in: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mon. through Wed.; 6 to 8 p.m. Sun. and Wed., \$2/seniors (\$4/non-seniors)*
- *Table Tennis: 6 to 9 p.m., Mon. and Wed.; \$3/player*
- *Wing Chun Kung Fu: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. Cost varies.*
- *Zumba classes drop-in: 6 to 7 p.m. Mon.; 9 to 10 a.m. Sat.; \$3/person*

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By Tammy Kimberley  
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Even though he's been playing the piano for less than two years, Sam Martin was fearless enough to showcase his skills during Liberty Lake Community Theatre's talent show in May.

His bravery paid off.

After playing the "Star Wars" main theme, Sam said he was "in awe" when the audience selected him as first-place winner of the kids division in the inaugural event.

"I had been practicing it as part of my piano lessons," he said. "I knew it would be a familiar tune, a song that pretty much everyone knows."

His sister, Erin, also received inspiration from a movie by singing "Let It Go" from the popular movie "Frozen" in the talent show. Audience members voted on which act they thought deserved first place, with Sam coming up the winner.

"It was fun but very nerve-wracking," he said. "There were a lot more people than what I thought would be there."

Joan Peters, Sam's current piano instruc-



SPLASH PHOTO BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Sam Martin shows off his script from "Goldilocks and the Three Pigs." He has the role of Fuzzy the Pig in the play, which runs through Aug. 2 at Liberty Lake Community Theatre.

tor, said his positive attitude and willingness to perfect his skills has helped him progress quite quickly and gain confidence in playing piano.

"Sam really enjoys music and he is very focused and willing to do whatever it takes to learn how to play the piano," Joan said.

Learning music does wonders for the brain as well as our moods, she said, as it can relieve stress and sharpens skills in all areas of life. Playing piano is an outlet for Sam and other kids to express themselves, she added.

"Music is perfect for the mind, the body and the soul," she said. "No matter what age, music should be a part of everyone's lives."

Sam is trying his hand at something new

this summer — theater. He said he was bribed by his mom into trying out for the Liberty Lake Community Theatre summer production with a Diary Queen treat. He was surprised to receive the part of Fuzzy the Pig, a character whom Sam described as "king of the nerds" complete with big glasses, a button-up shirts and a bow tie.

The play "Goldilocks and The Three Pigs" is performing until August 2 at Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. The energetic children's play involves popular storybook characters and is full of adventure to entertain all ages.

While his sister Erin had always wanted to be on stage (and is also involved in this production), Sam tended to be more quiet and shy. Up until this production, Sam's

etiquette (rules on how you should behave) when viewing the show. Here are a few tips to help you be prepared to fully enjoy the performances.

- **Arrive early and come prepared.** Plan to be seated at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the show. Since these productions are being held in the park, bring a blanket or low-back chair to sit on.

- **Remain quiet.** Try not to talk or whisper while the performance is in progress. The theater is "live" space, meaning you can hear the performers easily and they can hear sounds from you, too! Remind your parents to turn off cell phones so that performers and other audience members will

not be disrupted.

- **Focus on the show.** Musicians and performers must concentrate in order to do their best. They feel supported when the audience is focused on them. Get all the wiggles out of your bodies during intermission (break times) so that you can sit still during the performance.

- **Show appreciation by applauding.** You can show your enthusiasm and appreciation by respectfully clapping your hands at the appropriate times. Wait until a piece or scene is finished to applaud. If you're unsure if a piece is through, wait for the rest of audience to clap before you start.

Source: [www.cspphilharmonic.org](http://www.cspphilharmonic.org)

## profiles:

SAM MARTIN

### Age

10

### Family

Parents, Mike and Sarah Martin; sisters, Jenna, Michaela and Erin

### Grade in the fall

5th at Liberty Lake Elementary

### Favorite book

"The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien

### Current acting role

Fuzzy the Pig in LLCT's "Goldilocks and the Three Pigs"

past acting experience had been the role of Bumble the bee in the "Save the Plants" second-grade play and attending a CYT camp last summer.

So it surprised his parents when they found he also was comfortable performing on stage.

"Sam came out of his shell when he tried it," Sarah Martin, Sam's mom, said. "They've found a lot of fun and happiness in their theater world that I would have never imagined. It's important for kids to be in a variety of things outside of sports. It develops their creativity in so many different ways."

Sam shared some advice with other kids who may not be naturally bold but are interested in trying something new.

"Even though you may be shy, once you get started your shyness just floats away," he said.

For more on "Goldilocks and The Three Pigs," see page 28 or go to [www.libertylake-theatre.com](http://www.libertylake-theatre.com).

## Pack a picnic and your best behavior

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley  
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Friends of Pavillion Park is hosting two August events where kids and their families can experience some of the arts — for free! Just because the events are free and open to the public doesn't mean you should leave your manners at home. All attendees should be respectful and follow proper

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# Sweet-looking designs

## Wave rewards winner of summer contest

Kate Spinden was the winner of The Wave's ice cream coloring contest.

In the July issue, The Wave offered a coloring contest where kids were asked to artistically decorate an ice cream cone. Our judges selected Kate Spinden's ice cream creation as first prize in the contest. For her prize, 9-year-old Kate was awarded a \$10 gift card to an ice cream place of her choosing.



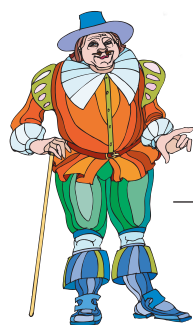
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We appreciate all the kids who took the time to create delicious-looking treats (see more entries at right).

Be on the lookout for more contests in future issues of The Wave!



Honorable mentions included creations by (from left) Brynn Lavelle, Kayli Rogers and Kylie Constance.



## Whose Line Is It?

While there may be no more famous playwright than William Shakespeare, little is actually known about his life. What we do know is that he was an actor and poet who wrote many plays that his company, Lord

Chamberlain's Men, performed in England. Test your theater knowledge by matching each quote in the left column with the correct play in the right column (answers can be found at the bottom of the page).

1. \_\_\_\_ "To be, or not to be: that is the question."
2. \_\_\_\_ "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."
3. \_\_\_\_ "O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo?"
4. \_\_\_\_ "I'll not budge an inch."
5. \_\_\_\_ "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears; I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him."
6. \_\_\_\_ "Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn, and cauldron bubble."
7. \_\_\_\_ "Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them."
8. \_\_\_\_ "Men of few words are the best men."
9. \_\_\_\_ "The course of true love never did run smooth."

**A) A Midsummer Night's Dream**

*Fairies make the wrong people fall in love, but it all works out in the end*

**B) As You Like It**

*A story of exile with a complicated love triangle*

**C) Hamlet**

*A prince questions how his uncle got the throne*

**D) Julius Caesar**

*A king is assassinated by conspirators, but then the tables are turned*

**E) King Henry the Fifth**

*A young king must learn to live down his wild past and lead his country*

**F) Romeo and Juliet**

*A young man and woman from feuding families attempt to get married in secret*

**G) Macbeth**

*A king deals with the results of his murderous actions, partially brought on by his wife and three witches*

**H) Taming of the Shrew**

*A sweet, beautiful girl's sister, who happens to be a pain, must get married before her sister is allowed to wed her love*

**I) Twelfth Night**

*A duke is in love with a lady in mourning, and a love triangle ensues when costumes are donned*



Answers: 1) C; 2) B; 3) F; 4) H; 5) D; 6) G; 7) I; 8) E; 9) A

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## From performing to parenting

Holt recalls life before and after moving to LL

By Sarah Robertson  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

BeeJay Holt is an easy person to talk to. She's quick to smile and greet you and seems to have an endless supply of clever maxims on life and helpful parenting advice—as she should since she and her husband, Donald, raised five children.

Holt came to Liberty Lake in 1965 after her husband found a job in Spokane Valley. They chose Liberty Lake partially because of the “beach feel” that was similar from the coastal town in California from which they were relocating.

“It was so beautiful, and the people were so warm and inviting,” Holt said. “It was a bit rural with lots of room to play.”

On her first visit to Spokane, she remembered coming down Sunset Hill — before there was a freeway — and viewing the city below with the mountains and clouds tinged with pink. Before they had dinner or went to a hotel, her husband took them to the Monroe Street Bridge to see the falls.

“It was the most beautiful entrance into a city,” she said.

Holt has been happy to call this area home ever since.

“[Liberty Lake] was my children's playground,” she said. “They went outside and played all day — they swung on the rope swing and worked on the farms. It was great for my kids — they shoveled snow, delivered newspapers and worked on the farms. I am so glad we moved here. We never regretted it.”

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Holt was raised in Baltimore, Md. She remembers her family being the “fringy show business types — very much ahead of the times.” At 5 years of age, she tried out for an amateur variety show and made the cut — she tap danced and sang every Saturday. She also hula danced with her mother who, played the Hawaiian guitar.

During World War II, Holt performed often and in a variety of roles — magician's assistant, dancer, singer. She remembers dancing with Ronald Reagan and meeting many celebrities before they were common household names. She recalls meeting Dick Sherman as a soldier, long before he wrote “It's a Small World” and the music for “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.”



SPLASH PHOTO BY SARAH ROBERTSON

BeeJay Holt, who has lived in Liberty Lake for almost half a century, said her life has revolved around her family, theater and golf.

### FAST FACTS

BEEJAY HOLT

#### Favorite Liberty Lake event

Community yard sale

#### Favorite place to eat

“It doesn't matter as long as I'm with friends or family. I do like to support local places.”

#### What she loves about the area

“I love all the activities available to us in our own backyards. There is so much to do right here.”

After living in Miami, Fla., for a time (her brother, Jim, was a Marine there), her family moved to Portland when her father took a job with the Coast and Geodetic Survey Office after World War II. Holt said her family later found out that her father helped map the South Pacific for the war effort.

It was in Portland where she finally met her husband, Donald. They were introduced by a couple they didn't like very much, Holt said, but they ended up being right that they were perfect for one another.

other.

“I remember the moment. We were in the car, there was a song playing on the radio, and he had tears. Any man who allowed himself to cry was the man for me,” she recalled. “I had a job lined up in California and was going to move, but I decided to stick around and see what happened.”

Though Donald passed away 20 years ago, Holt remembers his seemingly austere, but kind personality and their wonderful marriage. They enjoyed traveling together, and life revolved around family, golf tournaments and a little bit of business.

“He loved being a daddy, and he helped with all the baby stuff,” she said. “He was a golfer and a hard worker.”

In fact, Donald played MeadowWood the first day it opened to the public. She joked that the community had the lake for her and the golf course for him.

Holt also remembered the difficulty of trying to raise five children on one income. She recalled having to sell their television and a bit of furniture to make ends meet. When they lived in California, she even sold Tupperware for a while.

“You needed 10 parties to get the [Tupperware] kit,” she said. “I didn't know anyone, but I knocked on doors and had seven parties scheduled in one day.”

When her youngest child started school, Holt became the catering and banquet manager at the Lamplighter Lodge, which is now known as the Mirabeau Park Hotel.

For all the hard work and worry, Holt also made time for “show business.” She and Donald started a theater group in California and joined an improv group when they first moved to the Liberty Lake area. She still enjoys attending theater and loves the productions in Liberty Lake.

These days, Holt is almost always doing something with her family. Most of her children still live in the area, and she has nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren to keep her busy.

“We're very tight,” she said. “We always help each other and take care of one another.”

But that doesn't mean there isn't room for more in life. As Holt will tell you, she always looks forward to tomorrow and the opportunity to meet new friends.

“The world's full of new friends; we just haven't met them yet.”

## How to sell cuff links and comic books

'Collecting' by Larry Cox  
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

**Q:** My father sold insurance during the 1950s, and I never saw him ever leave the house for work without wearing a crisp white shirt with French cuffs. Needless to say, I have several dozen sets of his cuff links from this period. Is there an expert I can contact so I can find out more about them? — *Millicent, Canton, Ohio*

**A:** Eugene Klompus is a collector and expert. He buys, sells and appraises cuff links, and he is the author of the definitive guide about them, “Collectors Guide to Cuff Link Collecting.” Contact is P.O. Box 5970, Vernon Hills, IL 60061; genek@justcufflinks.com; and www.justcufflinks.com. Check out his website at www.justcufflinks.com.

**Q:** My son was a comic-book collector, and he was especially interested in vintage publications from the 1940s and '50s. He died last year, and I have inherited his incredible collection, which has hundreds of rarities. I do not want to post them on eBay and wonder if you have another idea of how I can sell them. — *Betty, Walnut Cree, Calif.*

**A:** Heritage Comics Auctions is one of the better solutions, with offices in several major American cities, including Heritage Comics, 445 Park Ave., New York, NY 10022, 212-486-3500; and Heritage Comics, 478 Jackson St., San Francisco, CA 94111, 800-872-6467. Check out the informative website at www.heritagecomics.com.

Although there are several price guides available, a personal favorite is The Official Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide by Robert M. Overstreet, published by House of Collectibles. It features up-to-date prices that I think accurately reflect the marketplace.

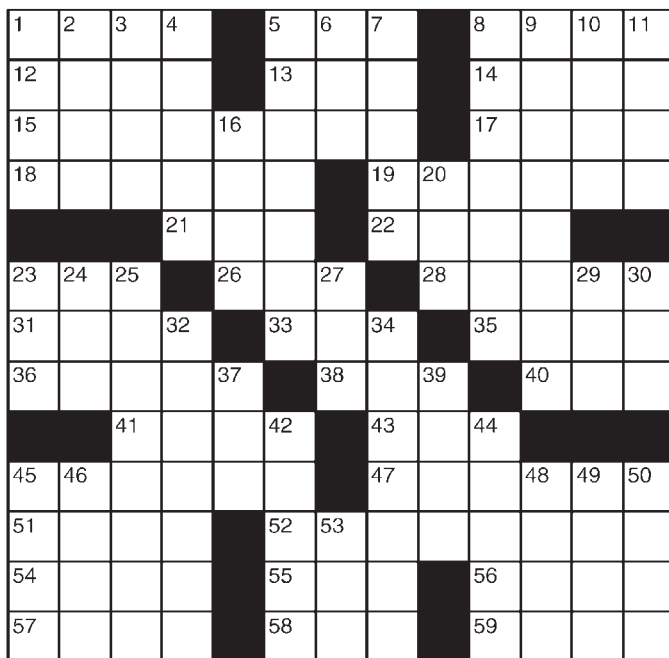
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Bar bottles
- 5 Suitable
- 8 First victim
- 12 Sandwich treat
- 13 Train component
- 14 Go down the runway
- 15 Hull attachment
- 17 Ore carrier
- 18 Rainbow shade
- 19 Mark of disgrace
- 21 French vineyard
- 22 Antitoxins
- 23 Priestly vestment
- 26 Pismire
- 28 Rid of frost
- 31 Harvest
- 33 Ball holder
- 35 Uppity sort
- 36 Folkways
- 38 Mandela's org.
- 40 Weep loudly
- 41 Cereal choice
- 43 Petrol
- 45 Epic fail
- 47 Ahead
- 51 "— anything for you"
- 52 Traded



- 54 Night light
- 55 Drag along
- 56 Prima donna
- 57 Back talk
- 58 — out a living
- 59 Simple
- 8 Outfits
- 9 Sales
- 10 Physical
- 11 South American capital
- 16 City of India
- 20 Williams or Turner
- 23 Branch
- 24 Writer Buscaglia
- 25 Bridgetown's island
- 27 Afternoon social
- 29 Bill's partner
- 30 Recede
- 32 Individuals
- 34 Glut
- 37 Cul-de- —
- 39 Lacks the skills
- 42 Aristocrat
- 44 Stockholmer, e.g.
- 45 Swimmer's footwear
- 46 Notion
- 48 Performance from 56-
- 49 Guns the engine
- 50 June 6, 1944
- 53 Diving bird

**DOWN**

- 1 Asian desert
- 2 Mideast nation
- 3 Dweeb
- 4 Videogame hedgehog
- 5 Story
- 6 Crony
- 7 Lock

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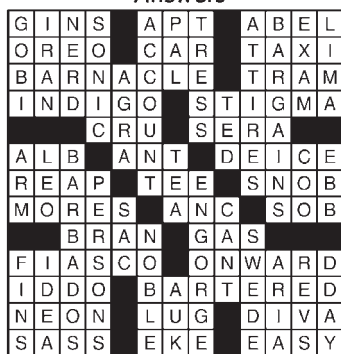
1. **CITY NICKNAMES:** What U.S. city's nickname is "The Biggest Little City in the World"?
2. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of vultures called?
3. **SPORTS:** Which sport might include a maneuver called a "closed choctaw"?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What color is cerulean?
5. **LANGUAGE:** What is the U.S. equivalent of the British pram?
6. **COMMUNICATION:** In the international radio alphabet, what is the standard word that represents the letter "P"?
7. **LITERATURE:** What was the name of the family in "The Grapes of Wrath"?
8. **TELEVISION:** Who played the role of Gus McCrae in the 1989 "Lonesome Dove" television series?

9. **THE BODY:** What is a human's normal temperature in Centigrade?

10. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What fear is represented in the condition called nyctophobia?

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— **King Crossword** —  
Answers



**Answers to Trivia Test** 1. Reno, Nevada 2. A wake 3. Figure skating 4. Blue 5. Baby carriage 6. Papa 7. Joad 8. Robert Duvall 9. 37 C 10. Night or darkness



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As this event is over now and we look forward to the planning of next year's Relay, I want to invite the community to think about taking part in helping with the planning. I am stepping down as co-chair and I would love to see someone take over who can make this event grow to be the vision I see it to be. While I will still take part in some way, I feel that there are many people in this community who might want to have fun helping plan this worthwhile event, to help it grow and be the Inland Northwest's largest Relay fundraiser for the American Cancer Society! I know we can do it, Liberty Lake, but we need more help and more of the Liberty Lake passionate people to join in to finish the fight! Let's all do our part so everyone can have their happily ever after! Because LIFE is the greatest fairy tale of all!

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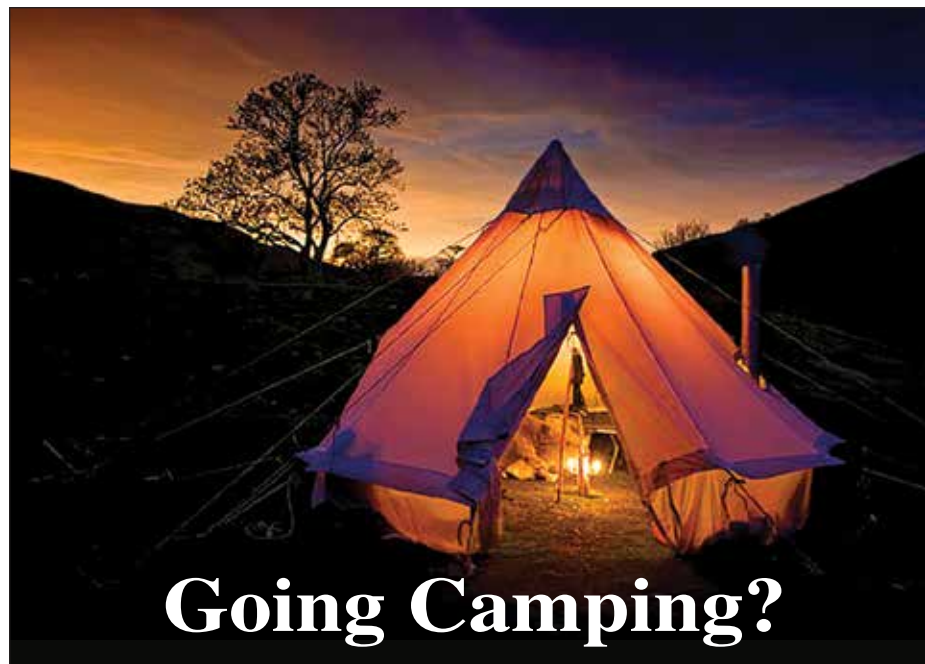
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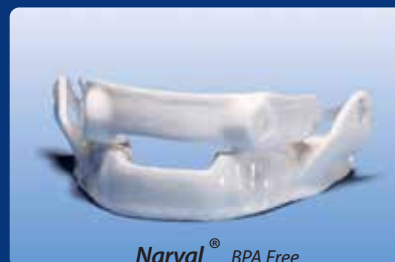
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# SHAKESPEARE, SYMPHONY ON DECK FOR AUGUST

## FOPP ends summer lineup with annual events

By Treva Lind  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

August brings two classics to Liberty Lake with free outdoor performances of a Shakespearean comedy followed by the annual Spokane Symphony concert in Pavillion Park a week later.

Returning for a fourth year in a row, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks will perform "As You Like It" at 5 p.m. Aug. 23. The event is part of the Friends of Pavillion Park Summer Festival Series.

Audiences will find the play set in the early years of the copper industry in Butte, Mont., during the tumultuous time of the "Copper Kings" and union conflicts.

The play includes one of Shakespeare's most quoted lines: "All the world's a stage." Characters include the heroine Rosalind, her cousin Celia and Touchstone.

Montana Shakespeare artistic director Kevin Asselin said audience members will find much relevancy in the themes presented in the company's performance. The settings contrast the resplendent, urbane world of the Copper Kings with the healing, natural world of the wilderness.

Asselin has a long history with MSIP as tour actor, educator, fight choreographer and director. He said the Shakespeare play made a clear delineation between the

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*The Lud Kramer Memorial Concert will feature a mix of classics, show tunes and patriotic marches.*

Hosted by Friends of Pavillion Park, both events are free and open to the public. Liberty Lake Kiwanis will offer concessions for purchase.

For more, go to [www.pavillionpark.org](http://www.pavillionpark.org), [www.shakespeareintheparks.org](http://www.shakespeareintheparks.org) or [www.spokanesymphony.org](http://www.spokanesymphony.org).

flect about life, and we can return better refreshed. This is still relevant to audiences today."

An outreach program of Montana State University's College of Arts and Architecture, Montana Shakespeare is in its 42nd season of bringing free professional theatrical productions throughout Montana and into neighboring states during a 10-week summer tour. Ten professional actors were selected in national auditions to tour without technical assistance and bring quality live theatre to rural areas.

The troupe expects to perform 75 shows

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Montana Shakespeare in the Parks returns for the fourth year to Pavillion Park on Aug. 23. The traveling company will perform "As You Like It."

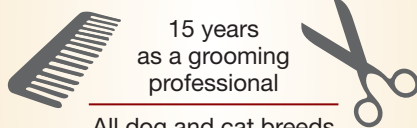
"court" world, or a capitalistic monopoly, and the transformative environment found among characters as they escape to the forest. People in modern times can find a similar clarity when spending time in nature, he said.

"My goal is to make Shakespeare as relevant to modern audiences as it was then," Asselin said. "Being in nature allows the characters, and us, the opportunity to re-set our lives, to gain perspective and re-



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Community Briefs

Teams wanted for bed races

The 3rd annual bed race is to be held 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19 before the parade at Valleyfest on Sprague Ave. between University and Bowdish. Cost is \$125 for a five-person to enter the non-motorized bed races fundraiser.

The event is sponsored by the Liberty Lake Lion's Club in partnership with the Valley Lion's Club. Proceeds from the race will go toward improvements in the Nature's Place at Meadowwood Arboretum, as well as Lion initiatives for sight and hearing prevention, health and diabetes education and homelessness.

To register or for more, call 869-7657 or 220-1557.

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](mailto: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](mailto:directory@libertylakesplash.com) by Sept. 15.

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, click on the camera graphic at the top of the page.

Education Briefs

Colleges honor local students

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

Eastern Washington University

Spring 2014 Graduates  
Brendan Allen Bowman, BS in Athletic Training, cum laude

Eastern Washington University

Spring Dean's List, 3.5+ GPA  
Jack Applegate, Brandon Carey, Ryan Conley, Evelyn Fletcher, Tori Hacker, Garrett Hendrick, Sarah Herner, Anne Johnson, Kyle Kallestad, Victoria Lechner, Brittany Lorenzen, Travis Mackay, Alexis Marlatt, Jordan Marlatt, Maria Mccauley, Ryan McCauley, Madison McNett, Iliya Mikheyev, Nathan Nelson, Abby Pedersen, Kayla Peterson, Hannah Robb, Jessica Sharpe, Kendra Sherrill, Taylor

Simpson, Acacia Smith, Moriah Svenonius, Connor Szott, Nicholas Valentine, Ashley Wiggs

CV alum awarded EWU scholarship

Lydia Brubaker has been awarded a Wittenbach Trust Scholarship of \$1,500 for the 2014-15 academic year at Eastern Washington University.

According to a press release, the scholarship is awarded to a student who has a 3.0+ GPA and 45+ college credits in a health related program. Brubaker is currently in the Master of Occupational Therapy program at EWU.

A 2007 graduate of Central Valley High School, she is the daughter of Tom and Nancy Brubaker of Liberty Lake.

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## COMMUNITY

# Hilarity arises in LLCT's summer youth show

By Tim Putnam  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

When fairy tales collide, the result is a lively production filled with actors who refuse to take the stage, dancing pigs, and a girl being pursued by witches while trying to find her way to the real world.

These moments make up the greater story of "Goldilocks and the Three Pigs" produced by Liberty Lake Community Theatre. The youth production, written by Larry Damico, started July 25 and runs until Aug. 2.

"It really is a cute show," director Ken Boles said. "(The actors) seem to be having a lot of fun with it."

The show opens with the news that bear actors refuse to get into their hot costumes,

requiring a new story to be told. This new story involves Goldilocks running away from a witch as she tries to get to the "real world" to be with a boy she's met.

Along the way she comes into the household of the Chop brothers — otherwise known as the three little pigs. The Chop brothers — Fuzzy, Pork and Curly — live together in the house of brick and take Goldilocks in to hide her from the witch. Meanwhile another witch comes along who believes Goldilocks' hair is a key ingredient to a beauty potion she hopes to brew.

"Then the wolf shows up and the pigs are afraid, of course," explained

Boles. "He's trying to get inside so he can have some pork sandwiches for dinner."

The audience is also introduced to the

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SPLASH PHOTO BY TIM PUTNAM

Ken Boles, director of "Goldilocks and the Three Pigs," takes a break on the set he built for the production at Liberty Lake Community Theatre. The show opened the last weekend of July and continues playing July 31 through Aug. 2.

Squeal Sisters, three female pigs who live next door and visit every day. As the story continues, the pigs try to help Goldilocks get away as the witches and the boy from 'out there' — as the real world is referred to — try to find Goldilocks.

Boles said audience members can expect a lot of laughter and silliness from the show.

"There's a lot of humor in it," he said. "I was laughing at it last night, and I've heard it many times."

Boles, who also built the set, said the cast ranges in age from seven to 14. Cary Pieroni, the lone adult, plays the role of the Big Bad Wolf.

"They are a good group of kids," said Boles said of the cast. "Some of them have really surprised me. I thought they could do it, then they come up and show me a lot more."

One of the lessons Boles imparts on his cast is that they are a team. He does this by stressing that as a cast, each person's part is important.

"I've always said there are no small parts, only small actors, and I truly believe that," Boles said. "Every part in the play is important no matter how small ... and I want them to understand that."

No stranger to youth productions, Boles has been involved in theater for over 20 years. During his 12 years of directing, he has spent about 10 years of it directing children.

"I work a lot with kids. Anytime someone wants a kids show, I seem to get pulled in," Boles said. "I don't treat them as kids. I treat them on the same level of as everybody else,

## Cast list

Chad — Nathan Goode  
Curly Chop — Hudson Bruszer  
Pork Chop — Essence Hiatt  
Wood Nymph/ Red Riding Hood — Erin Martin  
Wood Nymph — Emma Lawrence  
Laverne Squeal — Savannah Brumwell  
Rose Hip Squeal — Elliana Hiatt  
Patty Squeal — Emily Charbonneau  
Fuzzy Chop — Sam Martin  
Goldilocks — Elainea Hawley  
Wolf — Cary Pieroni  
Weasel — Braeden Babcock  
Storyteller — Audren Bruszer  
Sandy Witch — Kylar Cahalan  
Wanda Witch — Jolena Young

and they respond better to me that way."

Adding his own personal touch to the mix, Boles has brought more music into the production, such as the pig dance and entrance music for the wolf.

"I like a lot of music, so I find places to add those kinds of things and make it different," he said.

Fun moments to watch for throughout the production include references to the "Wizard of Oz," tension between Fuzzy and Curly, and a cameo appearance by another fairytale character at the end.

"I see it as an entertaining little show," said Boles. "These guys have worked really hard, and I think it's going to be fun."

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Annette Shaw released “The Cascade Preppers,” the second book in the Graham’s Resolution series, on June 8. Her first book, “The China Pandemic,” was an Amazon best seller.

# A non-traditional path to success

Self-published author finds fulfillment writing fiction

By **Mary Kate Koch**  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Annette Shaw has been writing all her life, but it was not until her three kids all got to high school that she was able to pursue her passion full time.

“I was a full-time mom, and I had to do something,” Shaw said. “I couldn’t just stay home, because I’m not a homemaker. So my husband said, ‘Why don’t you write then?’ and that’s what I started doing.”

Writing was never the issue for Shaw, who has always had different worlds and scenarios floating around in her head.

“I wrote a lot of fiction stories when I was a kid,” Shaw said. “Writing has always been something that, if I put it down, it will haunt me. I have pages and pages of stories I have written over the years.”

Shaw has completed an entire novel from these fantasies. Deciding to write not just one novel, but a four-book series was a major leap for Shaw, albeit one that has had remarkable success on the e-book market. After Amazon made Shaw’s first book, “The

## profiles:

ANNETTE SHAW

**Favorite book at the moment**

“Still Life in Breadcrumbs” by Anna Quindlen

**Life advice in five words or less**

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**Advice for aspiring writers**

Don’t be afraid to self-publish

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**Would like to travel to**

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China Pandemic,” a deal of the day, the popularity of her writing rapidly grew.

“The first book really took off,” Shaw said. “I was kind of scared about it at first.”

Published November 2013, “The China Pandemic” is an Amazon best seller and even peaked at the No. 1 spot on the post-apocalyptic and dystopian genre list. The

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## PROFILES

## AUTHOR

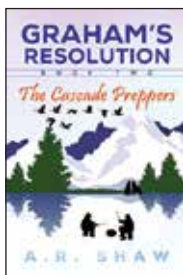
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book is the first installment of the four-part "Graham's Resolution" series which follows Graham's struggle to survive after an avian bird flu pandemic ravaged the globe.



Like other female writers such as D.H. Lawrence and J.K. Rowling, Shaw uses a non-gendered pen name to publish her books. But going by "A.R. Shaw" was not her original idea.

"I didn't want to, but my husband convinced me," Shaw said. "My dad said that the book reads like a man wrote it, because I was in the military and know how to talk to guys even though I'm a girly girl. Now I'm glad that I did."



Shaw released the second book in the series, "The Cascade Preppers," on June 8. Preppers are individuals who actively plan and prepare for emergencies, such as a global pandemic or nuclear warfare. In fact, it is real-life prep-

pers who are in part responsible for Shaw's unexpected success.

"I had no idea how huge the prepper community was," Shaw said. "They are everywhere. They don't leave reviews, but man did they read the book. I get emails all the time from them. They kind of latched onto it. So even though I'm not thrilled with the title of the second book literarily, I picked it because it appeals to them."

Despite her lifelong interest in writing and recent success, Shaw is no MFA darling. Rather, Shaw joined the Air Force right after high school and worked a slew of jobs, including as a radio operator and recruiter. Although she has taken a few literature classes at Spokane Community College and Gonzaga, Shaw never finished a four-year degree.

Instead, Shaw has gleaned her literary education from a voracious reading habit. She reads everything from literary classics to young adult fiction. Indeed, Shaw's list of influences reflects her varied reading interests.

"Everyone says Stephen King, but (I'm still going to say) Stephen King. I've read almost all of his books," Shaw said. "I'd also say Anna Quindlen. And I think Gary Paulson. I've read a lot of his books to my kids over the years. I read a lot of young adult books."

In addition to other authors, Shaw found

writing inspiration in the sense of community she has experienced living in Liberty Lake for 13 years, particularly when deciding how the community would receive Graham.

"Living here certainly played into the story," Shaw said. "Because when it comes down to it, do you turn on your community or do you help your community?"

While Shaw was able to churn the first book out in only three months, the second book took her an additional two months to finish. This extended writing period was in part a consequence of the unexpected success the first book had.

"I had to learn the whole business after I published the first book, the dos and don'ts," Shaw said. "It was overwhelming."

Much of this new business Shaw needed to learn was how to deal with social media and reader correspondence. In order to combat the time-absorbing nature of these duties, Shaw has a daily routine in place to keep her on track.

"I get up around eight, get my husband and daughter out the door and then I do my thing," Shaw said. "My best buddy in the world is my yellow lab Oakley, and we hang out in the living room where I write. After I pick my daughter up at 2 p.m., I come back and answer all the correspondence I have. That is like a whole job in and of itself. It's a huge time-sucker, so I decided to wait to do

it until after I'm done with my writing day."

It is this sense of independence, this freedom from any structure or restrictions that Shaw likes best about writing. As a self-published author, Shaw has even more room in her schedule.

"I never tried to publish my book the traditional route," Shaw said. "I don't think I could sign a contract and give away the rights to my work."

For a woman who has taken a non-traditional route to finding her writing career in the first place, this sentiment fits perfectly.

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In this 1904 photo, a few of the hundreds of members of Dutch Jake's Picnic Club gathered for the sham battle of Port Arthur in Liberty Lake. Dutch Jake is sitting directly behind his cannon.

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# Club reveled in sham battles, shenanigans

By Ross Schneidmiller  
LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*"When the good ship Merrimac, riddled with cork bullets, leaking and floundering, goes to the bottom of Liberty Lake Sunday night, the band will hit up "Yankee Doodle" set to ragtime, and the Monitor ... will rush to the rescue of "Dutch Jake" Goetz, commander of the Merrimac, and the other Elks who will almost lose their lives (ha-ha) in the sham battle."*

— From the Spokane Daily Chronicle, July 28, 1910

This sham battle was part of the Elk's Picnic of 1910 with the same cast of characters that comprised Dutch Jake's Picnic Club. Officially organized in 1902, the

purpose of the picnic club was to promote good fellowship and a royal good time at least once a year.

Jacob Goetz, better known as "Dutch Jake" who possessed a strong German accent and a quick wit, had been hosting these events for a number of years. The picnics were as unique and grand as the name bearer himself. A saloon owner in Idaho's Silver Valley, Dutch Jake and his partner struck it rich grubstaking (furnishing money or supplies in return for a share in any findings) Noah Kellogg and Phil O'Rourke who accidentally discovered the Bunker Hill Mine while locating Kellogg's runaway donkey. With their newfound riches, they became prominent business owners in Spokane, eventually building and operating the Coeur d'Alene Hotel and Theater.

Though differing in some particulars, Dutch Jake Picnics were known for great entertainment, sham battles and plenty of solid and liquid refreshments. If any picnickers became intoxicated or unruly, they were hog-tied and roped to a tree until they sobered up or their condition improved.

The first Dutch Jake Picnic was held at the lake in August of 1904. It started with a parade through Spokane with all available horse-drawn stages carrying the reveling participants. Behind the stages was a wagon carrying the Coeur d'Alene Hotel's famed cannon. The cannon could be heard for miles firing continuously on route to the lake. Trailing the procession was a brewery wagon loaded with liquid refreshments.

Everything was ready for the picnickers as they arrived. Hotel Zephyr on the east shore of the lake was transformed into picnic headquarters. Red, white and

blue in bunting and streamers adorned it within and without. Picnickers arriving by train were met at Liberty Lake Junction by stages that shuttled them to the lake. The steamboat Ermine, chartered and thereby at the disposal of the friends of Jake, would meet the stages on the west side and transport them across the lake.

The grand feature of the picnic was the sham battle of Port Arthur between picnickers representing Russian and Japanese forces. As nightfall came upon the lake, Hotel Zephyr was transformed, with the lighting of dozens of torches and oriental lanterns, into the Castle Bovie—home to the Japanese forces. Two brilliant red lights upon floats in the water distinguished the Russian camp on the lake's southern shore. Row boats acted as battleships. Skyrockets and roman candles made especially for this battle were used to represent cannon fire. A hot air balloon was employed so the mock war correspondents could witness the battle from above. The opposing armies, in their opinion, stayed a safe length away from the fireworks. But from a distance it appeared the bursting rockets fell into the enemy's camp.

When the sham battle was over, everyone returned to the castle. Dancing to an orchestra and refreshments occupied them until 2 a.m. When the activities ended for the night there was a scramble for beds. With the hotel sleeping two or three to a bed and camps around the lake overflowing with additional picnickers, many had to resort to the closest haystack to sleep. The next day they held foot races, jumping contests, swimming races and a regatta with the winners receiving handsome prizes. After a fun day on the lake, they returned to Spokane with many stories to tell.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Dutch Jake was the first lifetime member of the Spokane Elks, and many members of his picnic club were also Elks members. So it was no surprise his picnic was incorporated into the Elk's picnic in 1910.

- By 1904 the Dutch Jake Picnic Club had about 2,000 members including many prominent business leaders and professionals from Spokane. Half the members were expected to be present that year.

- The railroad spur line into the lake was not built until 1907. A stage operated by Charlie Dennison would meet the train at Liberty Lake Junction depot, which was located at the present-day Conoco gas station by the roundabout, to haul passengers to the lake.

- The Battle of Port Arthur (Feb. 8, 1904) marked the commencement of the Russo-Japanese War. It began with a surprise night attack by a squadron of Japanese destroyers on the Russian fleet anchored at Port Arthur, Manchuria.

- Legend has it that lake-goers have found steel balls embedded in trunks of some trees, leading to speculation that Dutch Jake's cannon was used for more than just making noise.

Kalez Park, located where Liberty Lake County Park is today, continued the tradition of Dutch Jake Picnics, hosting several throughout the years at the lake.

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

## EVENTS, COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

From the Liberty Lake Historical Society, a 2014 monthly series

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- FEBRUARY: Parade of Mermaid Competitions
- MARCH: Opening Day of Fishing
- APRIL: Dancing
- MAY: Water Competitions
- JUNE: Liberty Lake Amateur
- JULY: All-Valley Picnics
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Dr. Rae with her Newfoundland dog, Harmony

## About Dr. Rae

Dr. Heather Taylor-Rae is a 2014 graduate of the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She is so excited to join the team at Liberty Lake Veterinary Center and is passionate about providing compassionate, comprehensive veterinary care to animals of all shapes and sizes. In addition to wellness care and preventative medicine, Dr. Rae also enjoys managing internal medicine and surgical cases and has a special interest in dermatology, emergency medicine, and hospice and end-of life care. She is also working to expand her knowledge in the treatment of pocket pets and other exotic animal species. She shares her own home with a Saint Bernard, a Newfoundland, and a Shiba Inu mix, three cats, a horse and a husband. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring the beautiful Inland Empire on foot and on horseback. Dr. Rae looks forward to meeting you and helping you achieve the best health possible for your furry family members.

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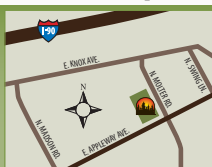
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## Book Review

# Novel explores relationships between people, books



By Daniel Pringle

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“The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry” is a mash note to books and reading culture. Author Gabrielle Zevin defines her characters through their taste—the police chief who reads

crime novels, the novice publishing rep in love with a sentimental memoir. A.J., though, a bookstore owner on small Alice Island, doesn't like anything: postmodernism, post-apocalyptic settings, literary fantasy, children's books, novels by reality TV stars, too long books, too short books. His sole admitted weakness is for short-story collections. A cantankerous widower and moderate alcoholic, his only consolation is eventually retiring on the proceeds from a rare edition of Poe's “Tamerlane.”

Then “Tamerlane” is stolen, and A.J. loses even that fantasy. Until one day he returns to the shop to find a two-year-old girl, Maya, with a note pinned to her shirt from her mother. She wants Maya to be raised among books, by book lovers. Against his better judgment, A.J. adopts Maya.

Seeing the world of books open up to a child opens A.J. up to the world, reluctantly. He has a chance to rewrite his second act and create a new family around Maya and fellow book lovers that will withstand life's challenges. A.J. and his friends understand life through the books they read, and when they must make sense of abandonment, death, dishonesty, love and disillusionment, books give them the language and the tools they need. Zevin's funny, warm-hearted novel is a book about books and those of us who believe that what we read tells you who we are.

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

# Educating teens to be web-savvy

CyberSmarts encourages kids to make wise choices online

By Sarah Robertson  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library now offers a program to help tweens and teens safely navigate the online world and earn a gift card at the same time.

CyberSmarts is an online program for middle and high school students comprised of five interactive eBooks that teaches teens how to safely use text messaging, email and online chat features. CyberSmarts uses guided simulations to provide hands-on experience for young users in a safe, controlled environment.

Pamela Mogen, director of library services, said the library is aware of how the Internet has become a big part of residents' lives, especially students.

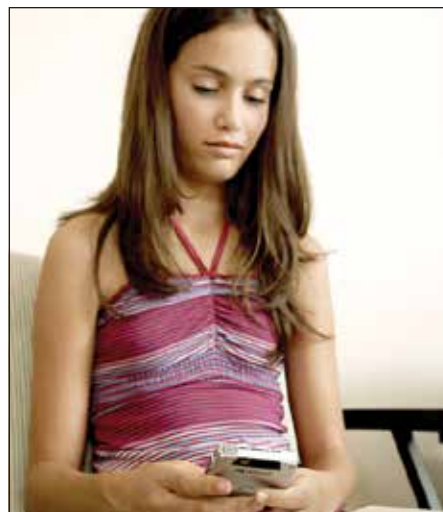
“But familiarity with technology does not equal safe or careful use of it,” she said. “Internet etiquette and safe practices are so very important today. Helping teens and their parents understand how to use the Internet safely is a vital part of our mission.”

With CyberSmarts, tweens and teens learn to manage their online identities wisely. Topics include creating a safe online profile, dealing with cyberbullying, online privacy, using social networks, choosing appropriate usernames and passwords and maintaining a positive online presence.

The purpose of CyberSmarts is to give tweens and teens the tools they need to use the Internet responsibly, as well as prepare them to handle the surprises or dangers they may encounter. Not only do tweens and teens gain the tools they need to safely utilize the Internet, but the program also gives parents and caregivers peace of mind and confidence in their children using all forms of the Internet. Since adults cannot constantly hover over children using a computer, tablet or smart phone, CyberSmarts works to alleviate fears by preparing tweens and teens for the realities of Internet use.

Perhaps the best part of CyberSmarts is its convenience. The program is entirely online via an interactive eBook collection and can be completed at home by parents and their children. Each part of the program will issue a printable certificate upon completion. Students who receive all five certificates can take them to Liberty Lake Municipal Library to be redeemed for another certificate and a gift card.

Mogen sees CyberSmarts as a way to ful-



## HOW TO USE CyberSmarts

To access the program, go to [www.libertylakewa.gov/369/Teen-CyberSmarts](http://www.libertylakewa.gov/369/Teen-CyberSmarts).

Click on “Teen CyberSmarts: Staying Safe Online” at the bottom of the text.

When prompted, enter “llml” as both the username and password.

Once you have entered the site, you can create a profile and keep track of your progress.

After you have completed each program and printed certificates, bring them into the library to redeem for a gift card.

For more information about CyberSmarts, contact the library at 232-2510.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

In addition to CyberSmarts, Liberty Lake Library Director Pamela Mogen would like to add a similar online program for teens that would address financial literacy. She is currently seeking funding to support this type of program.

If any patron or business is interested in helping to fund this endeavor, please contact Mogen at [pmogen@libertylakewa.gov](mailto:pmogen@libertylakewa.gov) or 232-2510.

fill the library's mission to offer educational enrichment.

“We believe that cyber safety is too important not to address,” Mogen said. “Safety online and proper usage of this powerful resource by children is a concern of parents and caregivers.”



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## Shutterbug snapshots



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Michael Hassett photographed various wildlife in the Liberty Lake area including (clockwise from left) an osprey nest, a snake, an oriole nest and a young bald eagle.



## Splash Travels



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above: Patrick and Diana Webster of Liberty Lake took a seven-day cruise to Bermuda where they explored the local communities, beaches and shopping while sailing on the Norwegian Breakaway.

At right: Chet and Starlet Turner traveled to Cutsforth Park, Ore., (near Heppner) to attend the 107th annual Rinehart Reunion. Chet, who works at Parker Aerospace, said it is one of the nation's longest-running family reunions, being held every year since 1903.



**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.

## Golf scholarships



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The Liberty Lake/MeadowWood Men's Club Memorial Scholarship was awarded in the amount of \$1,500 each to Austin Meng of Mt. Spokane High School and Anthony Lucern of East Valley High School. Pictured are board member Randy Allen, Meng, Lucern and club president Tim Nersinger.

## Stand-up business



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Chris Cindric and Kathy Whybrew pose at Liberty Lake Regional Park where Cindric's business, Centerfin SUP, provides lessons and rentals of stand-up paddleboards.

## Winners of library Lego contest announced



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library Lego attracted 59 entries in its summer Lego contest. The first place winners in each division were (clockwise from top) Luke Fredekind, ages 4-6; Kate and Will Spinden, ages 7-11; and Adam Hughes, ages 12 and up.



## Scouting out summer fun



Boy Scout troop 413 recently took a canoe trip to Killarney Lake.

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LOCAL LENS

Celebrating July 4th with weekend full of events



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Galin Dobyns submitted the above photo of the Stevenson Road float (also shown below), which was awarded the best neighborhood display in the July 4th parade held in the Alpine Shores neighborhood.



SPLASH PHOTOS BY HALLE SHEPHERD AND JOSH JOHNSON

Some of the other awards given included best costumes to the Knudsen family for their old-fashioned swimsuits; most creative float to the Beach Buddies of Lilac Lane for their cardboard VW bus; most original little kids float to Team Cabbage; and the overall grand prize to the Yankee Noodle Daddies (pictured below). Betty Burley-Wolf wrote that it was the biggest parade yet, partially due to the fact that the Central Valley High School and alumni marching band participated this year.



Immediately after the parade, there were old-fashioned games in Alpine Shores park. Later that evening, the annual July 4th concert was put on at Pavillion Park followed by fireworks over the lake.



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Pharmacist Natalie Ramos and intern Kyle Frazier work behind the counter at Medicine Man, a Well Life Pharmacy. Previously just a compounding facility, the business recently opened as full-service pharmacy.

## New owner brings changes to pharmacy

Medicine Man location to get new name, will return to filling retail prescriptions and providing immunizations

Story and photos by Valerie Putnam  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

When the owner of a longtime Appleway Avenue pharmacy decided to move to Boise to be closer to family, Jeff Foster saw it as an opportunity. Foster, who owns three other Well Life Pharmacy locations, purchased Medicine Man Pharmacy from John Amini in December.

"It was a good fit for us," said Foster,

who owns the family-operated business with his wife, Heather.

Foster saw the purchase as a way to expand his holistic services.

Since December, Foster has been making a slow transition in assuming ownership, not making any changes until this summer.

"I'm interested in making a slow transition so people are comfortable with who we are," Foster said. "And know that we're going to take care of them."

In September, Foster hopes to host a weekly barbecue with hamburgers and hot dogs throughout the month to let residents know about the new ownership.

### FOR MORE

Medicine Man, A Well Life Pharmacy (soon to be Well Life Pharmacy), is located 23801 E. Appleway Ave., Suite 260. The hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Learn more online at [www.welllifeparmacy.com](http://www.welllifeparmacy.com).

"We want people to come in and get to know us," Foster said. "Come in, say hi, and get free food."

Prior to purchasing the pharmacy, it had been strictly a compounding facility with a lab dedicated to creating prescriptions. Compounding refers to custom-making medications from scratch to meet an individual's specific needs.

The pharmacy is a member of the PCCA (Professional Compounding Centers of America). This gives Foster access to 30 consultants and the ability to purchase the bulk chemicals. Foster said the main source of their compounding business is hormonal replacement therapy and veterinarian prescriptions.

"I really enjoy it," Foster said of compounding prescriptions. "There's continual learning, more thinking about what we can do to help each person."

See **PHARMACY**, page 46



Jeff Foster, owner of Well Life Pharmacy, pauses for a photo at one of his other pharmacies in Post Falls.

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**Lawyer recognized by magazine**

Liberty Lake resident Scott A. Gingras, a principal with Winston & Cashatt Lawyers, was recently recognized as a 2014 Rising Star in the Mountain States region by "Super Lawyers" magazine.



GINGRAS

Super Lawyers is a rating service of exceptional lawyers from over 70 practice areas who have achieved a high-degree of peer recognition and professional success. The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations and is limited to the top 5 percent of lawyers in their respective states or regions.

**Telect VP receives promotion**

Telect recently announced the promotion of Richard Denenny to Vice President of Sales, Marketing, and Product Development. He was hired as Telect's Vice President of Product and New Market Develop-

ment in the fall of 2013.

"Richard has shown exceptional leadership and developed a strong team chemistry between Sales, Marketing and Product Development," said Wayne Williams, Telect President and CEO. "Uniting these departments under one leader brings us back to our entrepreneurial roots, and Richard has the right combination of connectedness, business acumen and a futuristic drive for growth required to lead these three teams."



DENENNY

Denenny was previously an attorney in Seattle and represented companies including Starbucks, Microsoft, Draper Valley Farms, Boo-Shoot Gardens, Next IT Corporation, The Odom Corporation and various start-ups. For more, go to [www.telect.com](http://www.telect.com).

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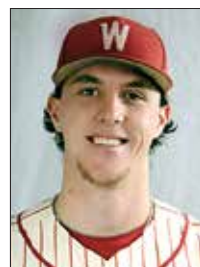


# Oft-injured Simon prepping for senior campaign

Former CV pitcher turned Cougar recounts baseball lessons learned

By Mike Vlahovich  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Scott Simon's lanky frame and a heater that touched 90 miles per hour garnered attention from professional baseball scouts and college coaches alike. Drafted in the 33rd round of the 2010 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the Tampa Bay Rays, he opted instead to pitch at Washington State University.



SIMON

But a series of injuries has relegated the Central Valley graduate-turned-Cougar from prospect to suspect.

A back injury set him back early in his career at WSU. Last spring, he was shut down in April with a torn labrum that necessitated surgery. Coupled with the fact he'll turn 23 before he leaves college, Simon admits his dreams of a professional career are slimmer.

"It's something I don't want to think about," Simon said of the possible end of a baseball career that began with a national youth championship when he was 9 years old and has gone from there. "When the day comes, it's going to be the worst day in my life."

But the avowed Cougar professes his love for the Palouse.

"There's no place I'd rather be than in Pullman," Simon said. "I love everything about Washington State. I love the community. I love playing baseball."

The redshirt senior has his degree in social sciences and is working on his master's degree in counseling psychology, influenced



SUBMITTED PHOTO

WSU pitcher and Central Valley High School alum Scott Simon will begin throwing again this month after surgery this spring on a torn labrum.

by his mentor, Jerry Pastore. He wouldn't mind one day following in Pastore's footsteps, preferably at WSU, Simon said with a chuckle.

Simon at various times has been listed anywhere from 6-foot-5 (his recollection in high school) to 6-8. WSU's biography has him 6-7 and 202 pounds.

He graduated from Central Valley in 2010, where he had mixed success. His freshman year was rough, he said, because of the trauma when a good friend died. As a sophomore, he pitched behind current minor leaguers Rusty Shellhorn and Trevor

Shull, while mainly playing first base.

The following year he got "roughed up a bit," in the words of Bears coach Barry Poffenroth in a Spokesman-Review article.

"I remember not putting in the work I needed," Simon admitted. "I didn't keep my arm in shape. I think that's why I struggled early. Toward the end of the year, I got it back because I got in shape."

His ball started moving again, he said he was approaching 90 miles per hour regularly and turned heads during the summer when he went 10-1, allowed just 27 hits and 18 walks with 98 strikeouts in 74 innings for

the Club Spokane Dodgers.

While 10 pro teams approached him, coaches and the pitcher alike said he wasn't ready for professional baseball.

As Simon puts it, "I believed in my heart I was good enough to play professional baseball, but at the same time I hadn't been away from home. Momma (Lorie) was there to cook my meals. I hadn't been out in the real world or had a job. I knew I wasn't mentally mature enough to handle pro baseball at that point in time."

Only 90 miles from home, WSU proved just the ticket for a youngster who had gone 7-3 his senior season at CV and helped the Bears win a Greater Spokane League district title.

He sat out that first year in college, which, he said at the time, was incredibly hard.

"After being drafted, I expected to go in and play right away," Simon said. "I guess I underestimated that at this level everybody is as good as or better than you. I didn't work, needed a kick in the butt and that's where Jerry came in. The redshirt year was a blessing for me. I had to grow up and mature."

As a redshirt freshman, he went 2-3 in 50 2/3 innings of relief, first all-time by a frosh and third in the record book with three saves. The next year he started 15 games, went 3-4 with a 3.95 earned run average, had 47 strikeouts and was named a Pac-12 player of the week. Two herniated discs made pitching difficult.

Last year, he said, he knew there was something wrong with his shoulder from the get-go, but said nothing. He was 1-3 with a 6.49 ERA in 26 innings when an MRI revealed he "had no labrum left." Surgery followed in May, and he said he likely can begin throwing again in late August to prepare for his senior year.

"I actually was a Friday night guy (No. 1 starter), and I expect to go in and be a starter again."

See SIMON, page 41



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Male: Cason Lam, 45:57.31

**10-12**  
Male: Luke Grisafi, 36:08.97  
Female: Kylie Keller, 35:16.18

**13-15**  
Male: Gabe Romney, 26:00.03  
Female: Theresa Monsey, 34:52.59

**16-19**  
Male: Matthew Hommel, 22:02.18  
Female: Sydney Orr, 30:08.88

**20-24**  
Male: Rudy Spencer, 21:54.94  
Female: Anne Christensen, 33:36.44

**25-29**  
Male: John Harris, 26:28.50  
Female: Jessica Mott, 36:17.44

**30-34**  
Male: Reg Oakes, 27:30.78  
Female: Marya Oakes, 32:20.97

**35-39**  
Male: Ryan Romney, 32:09.69  
Female: Daralee Brockbank, 40:05.28

**40-44**  
Male: Matthew Rose, 27:52.22  
Female: Jessica Romney, 36:27.44

**45-49**  
Male: John Carey, 34:33.62  
Female: Wendy Carey, 32:50.09

**50-54**  
Male: Bruce Mullen, 29:35.94  
Female: Robin Simpson, 33:39.59

**55-59**  
Male: Dan Hoffman, 23:22.22  
Female: Linnea Carlson, 34:46.15

**60-69**  
Male: Rob Chase, 35:43.15  
Female: Darlene Oakes, 59:05.44

**70+**  
Male: Floyd McComas, 48:14.15  
Female: Jill Beth, 57:29.50

**7/12 & 7/13 LIBERTY LAKE CLASSIC**

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**Boys 16-18**  
1st: Trent Jones (69/74 = 143)  
2nd: Nick Nolan (74/78 = 152)  
3rd: Ben Thacker (80/77 = 157)

**Girls 16-18**  
1st: Katie Ochoa (79/83 = 162)  
2nd: Cheyenne Marchand (85/89 = 174)  
3rd (Tie): Emily Heck/Sarah Baxter

**Boys 13-15**  
1st: Mitchell Weipert (76/72 = 148)  
2nd: Dylan Bissell (75/78 = 153)  
3rd: Will Reeves (82/76 = 158)

**Girls 13-15**  
1st: Renee' Mosby (120/120 = 240)

**Boys 10-12**

1st: Dominic Mosby (111/124 = 235)  
2nd: Christian Brown (135/121 = 256)

**COMMUNITY GOLF**

**6/19 Liberty Lake 9-Hole Club**  
1st Flight: Gross, Robin McKee, 49; Net, Bette Devine, 38  
2nd Flight: Gross, Sadie Rueckert, 58; Chip in on #6; Net, Deanna Hauser, 38; Marylou Nowels, Chip in on #5  
3rd Flight: Gross, Luana Hager and Anne Armstrong, 68; Net, Luana Hager, 35

**6/23 Spokane Valley Womens Evening League**

Flight A: Gross, Marie Neumayer, 48; Net, Bobbie Hunsinger, 40  
Flight B: Gross, Mary Ellen Wall, 57; Net, Jen Jensen, 47  
Flight C: Gross, Christine Hilabeck, 59; Net, Barb Byington  
Flight D: Gross, Jean Hauer, 67; Net, None  
No Handicap: Penny Pass, 57

**6/24 & 7/1 Liberty Lake Women's Club President's Cup Tournament**

First Flight: Low Gross, Joyce Skidmore, 174; Low Net, Gisue Peters, 146  
Second Flight: Low Gross, Leslie Sevigney, 198; Low Net, Honey Conlon, 155  
Third Flight: Low Gross, Lee Sonderman, 203; Low Net, Elsa Metting, 150  
Fourth Flight: Low Gross, Coleen Wisenor, 219; Low Net: Cathy Whitley, 159  
Low Putts: Leslie Sevigney, 60 putts

**6/30 Spokane Valley Womens Evening League**

Flight A: Gross, Dorene Meltingtallow, 50; Net, Bobbie Hunsinger, 39  
Flight B: Gross, Mary Ellen Wall, 51; Net, Evanlene Meltingtallow, 42  
Flight C: Gross, Sandy Nowaski, 56; Net, Colleen Lynn, 35  
Flight D: Gross, Jean Hauer, 66; Net, Nancy Moore, 37  
No Handicap: Penny Pass, 49

**7/3 Liberty Lake 9-Hole club**

1st Flight: Gross, Robin McKee, 47, Birdie #5; Net, Nancy Lampe, 36  
2nd Flight: Gross, Sadie Rueckert, 47; Net, Kathy Camyn, 36  
3rd Flight: Gross, Luana Hager, 71; Net, Pat Reiter, 43  
No Handicap: Gross, Judee Flower, 58

**7/7 Spokane Valley Womens Evening League**

Flight A: Gross, Caroline Wyatt, 46; Net, Dorene Meltingtallow and Marie Neumayer, 41  
Flight B: Gross, Mary Ellen Wall and Jen Jensen, 54; Net, Evanlene Meltingtallow, 40  
Flight C: Gross, Barb Byington, 58; Net, Lynn Jones, 48; Flight D: Gross, Nancy Moore, 89; Net, none  
No Handicap: Renee Bordelon, 51  
Longest Drives: Flight A, Diane Perry; Flight B, Mary Ellen Wall  
No Handicap: Teri Kempf

**7/10 Liberty Lake 9-Hole club**

1st Flight: Gross, Robin McKee, 46; Net, Nancy Lampe, 32  
2nd Flight: Gross, Sadie Rueckert, 52; Net, Kathy Camyn, 35  
3rd Flight: Gross, Luana Hager, 60; Net, Wilma Capaul, 39  
No Handicap: Gross, Margaret Tirk, 59

**7/17 Liberty Lake 9-Hole Club**

1st Flight: Nancy Lampe, Low Gross, 51; MaryAnn Grannell, Low Net, 35  
2nd Flight: Vicki James, Low Gross, 53; Deanna Hauser, Low Net, 38  
3rd Flight: Luana Hager, Low Gross, 62; Emma Long, Low Net, 37

Ladies tackle a hot tri



SPLASH PHOTOS BY HALLE SHEPHERD

Hundreds of ladies took to the water, roads and trails during the Valley Girl Triathlon held July 13 in Liberty Lake. The warm temperatures didn't seem to detour competitors from finishing strong.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Liberty Lake resident Rich Semler captured the pre-race photo above, the shot of the swimming leg of the race at right and a competitor biking (lower right).



Pictured in the photo below, submitted by Christy Anderlik, are the "Wiki Whahini's." Liberty Lake residents Anderlik (swimmer), Keri Collins (runner) and Nancy Brubaker (biker) were the first place team in their division.



SIMON

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If not, there's always Pastore's job. He's a well-being counselor, there to help young athletes adjust to college life and being away from home. Pastore helped Simon to cope, and it's something Simon realized he might like to give in return.

Hopefully, there's still baseball in his future. He said he's lost velocity on his fastball, but compensates with a "really good slider and a really, really good changeup."

If not, there are fond memories.

"There's nothing better than Washington State," Simon said. "It has been (that way) every day I've been in Pullman, and I enjoy every day I've played baseball."

SPORTS

Teams honored for efforts during Hoopfest 2014



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Wild Thunder consisting of **Grayson Landers**, **Zac Olson**, **Tucker Stocum**, and **Kolby Roche** were Hoopfest champions. (Liberty Lake residents highlighted in **bold**.)



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Clockwise from above: Dustin Dach, Gavin Deyarmin, Alex Jaycott and Joel Christensen won the 6 foot and over competitive division. Deyarmin dunks a basket, while Christensen does the ceremonial court tape pull after winning the championship game. A group of CVHS friends also showed up to support them during the championship game.



The HERicaneez team went undefeated in their 4th grade girls bracket at Hoopfest. Pictured are Teagan Colvin, **Libby Awbery**, **Josie Miller** and Elizabeth Gresch. (Liberty Lake residents highlighted in **bold**.)



The 5th grade boys team "Yao Know What I Ming" went undefeated in their bracket, taking home a championship at Hoopfest. Pictured are **Dylan Darling**, Tayshawn Colvin and Joey Neer. (Liberty Lake residents highlighted in **bold**.)



Kickin' around in the park



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Several local kids participated in a Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp held in Liberty Lake in mid-July.

Best in the NW Tourney winners



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The 10U Crew Baseball Club took first place at the Best in the Northwest Tournament held in June in Spokane with a perfect 5-0 record. Pictured are (front row) Caleb Gray, Mason Muchlinski, Aaden Anderson; (second row) Nic Saunders, Kameron Pfeifer, **Andrew Spackman**, Warren DePew; (third row) Trey Arland, Drew Steen, **Ryan Griego**, **Blake Sturgis**, **Dylan Darling**; (back row) assistant coach Jeremy Gray, head coach Mark Arland and assistant coach **Dan Griego**. (Liberty Lake residents are highlighted in **bold**.)

Wildfire on a roll



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Northwest Wildfire, a girls U16 softball team, traveled to Surrey, British Columbia, in July and swept the tournament. They were also invited to play in a national tournament in San Diego later this year. Liberty Lake resident Makenna Wastenev is a pitcher for the team.

**Local Lens** Share your snapshots for The Splash's sports photo page. Email photos@libertylakesplash.com with game shots and team photos.

SPORTS

Little Leaguers compete in championship



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Riverview Little League 10-11 year old All-Star team won the Spokane District 13 Championship and traveled to Chehalis to compete in the Washington State Little League Championship in late July. Pictured are (back row) coaches Steve Young, **Brian Moriniti** and **Todd Carlson**; (front row) **Andrew Monson**, **Luke Abshire**, Kyle Parkman, Andrew Heesh, Cohl Nelson, **Ethan Moriniti**, **Conner Andreas**, Parker Smith, Cole Seaman, **Chad Carlson** and Laken Young. (Liberty Lake residents in **bold**.)

Lightning shines at shootout



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The 14U Spokane Valley Lightning girls softball team took first place in the "blue bracket" at the 25th Annual 4th of July Shootout Tournament held at the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex. Pictured are (standing) **Rachel Valdez**, **Anna Pecha**, **Adam Valdez**, Gracie Olsen, **Greg Pieroni**, Riley Thompson, **Doug Pecha**, **Preslee Pieroni**, **Cali Carlson**, **Brooklyn Pieroni**; (middle) Hannah Madsen (front) Emma Hill and Darian Juhnke. Liberty Lake residents are highlighted in **bold**.

No break for those who run



Girls from the Central Valley High School cross country team met up at Pavilion Park in June for a summer run.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

LL Running Club celebrates independence



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Ted and Tami VanAgtmael (below) work the circuit course machines at Pavilion Park during the patriotic run on July 3 sponsored by the Fallen Heroes group and the Liberty Lake Running Club.



Dick Cole was the first LLRC member to earn a shirt for his 50th run with the group.

A true Ironman



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Liberty Lake resident Rob Hartman completed the June 29 Ironman Race in Coeur d'Alene.

Martial master



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Tarik Donoho of Liberty Lake earned his black belt with Warhorse Karate on June 30.

An event just for junior golfers

Junior Golf Northwest hosted its third annual two-day Liberty Lake Classic at Liberty Lake Golf Course and MeadowWood Golf Course in Liberty Lake in July. Golfers from Washington, Idaho, Oregon and California participated in this event.



Some of the winners included (back row) Emily Heck, Renee Mosby, Katie Ochoa, Cheyenne Marchand; (front row) Christian Brown and Dominic Mosby.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Champions of the boys 13-15 division were Mitchell Weipert, Dylan Bissell and Will Reeves.

# Choosing gratitude in the midst of adversity

By Linda Bartholomew  
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



One of my favorite contemporary theologians is Paul McCartney. Don't you marvel at how being one of the Beatles was only the start of his career, and how he has had things to say not only about love and life, but also often about God all along?

One of his latest albums, "Memory Almost Full," has a favorite song of mine titled "Gratitude." The opening goes like this:

*Gratitude. Gratitude. Gratitude.*

*I'm so grateful for everything you've ever given me.*

*How can I explain, oh, what it means to be loved by you, by you, loved by you, loved by you?*

*Show my gratitude, gratitude. Show my gratitude.*

*I wanna' show my gratitude. Gratitude, yeah.*

That about sums it up, doesn't it? We can and should be grateful. He says it over and over. And then over again.

"But wait, didn't even Paul McCartney go through some hard times?" you might wonder. "I think I remember that Linda, his first wife and the love of his life, died some years ago? Then he remarried, but that relationship took a nosedive and ended in a divorce? Surely this suggests that even one of the most famous, wealthy, adored persons

that has ever walked the earth has suffered, so why is he crooning on and on about gratitude?" Perhaps Paul is going through another great infatuation (no doubt a possibility). Or maybe, just maybe, he has grown into a wise and even holy man.

Recently, a sister of mine (I am blessed to have six) and I were lamenting how a mutual friend, no matter how much she has, is never happy. It would be so tempting to lecture her about developing a grateful heart. Indeed, our friend has also suffered. But somehow a rebound seems beyond her. That spirit of gratitude is just not there. Everyone can see it, and the tragedy of her life is difficult to bear, for her and for those who love her. Have you ever met our friend?

This reminds me of a true story that changed my life. Several years ago, a prominent preacher named John Claypool had a 10-year-old daughter, Laura Lue, who lost her valiant fight with leukemia. Her parents had been with her every agonizing step of the way. Her suffering was so bad that they sometimes had to put a cloth in her mouth just so she could bite her way through the pain. At other times, their little Laura would turn to them and ask them if they were praying to God that she would get better. Oh yes, they assured her, they were storming the heavens with their prayers. "Then what did God say?" she pleaded. They had no answer for their littlest angel.

I mention their story because at the funeral, her father John preached one of the most powerful sermons I have ever heard. One of the truths he clung to, and of which he assures all who have followed in the difficult footsteps of suffering, is that no matter what else, he and his wife would always choose to be suffused with gratitude for the life of his beloved daughter.

Gratitude is one of the deepest and most formidable choices we can ever make. G.K. Chesterton said it well, "I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."

God has blessed us with a world of wonder, particularly in the marvel and gift of his own Son who didn't bypass the suffering at all, but rather entered into it for our sake. In doing so he sung his own song of gratitude, a song I am spending my own life learning to sing. It has a catchy tune.

Two years ago The Rev. Linda Bartholomew moved to Spokane to serve the loving, generous and energetic people of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Spokane Valley. She and her husband Adam (also an Episcopal priest) have a beautiful daughter Jessica, granddaughter Emma, and soon to be son-in-law FJ, who live too far away in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Letters to the Editor

### FOPP extends thanks

On behalf of the Friends of Pavilion board of directors and volunteers, I would like to say thanks for the great turnout at the 4th of July concert at Pavilion Park. Just a reminder that the Aug. 23 Shakespeare "As You Like It" play and the August 30 Spokane Symphony concert are still to come.

If you would like to assure that future concerts continue to be free, please consider making a donation to Friends of Pavillion Park at [www.pavillionpark.org](http://www.pavillionpark.org).

**Bob Schneidmiller**

President, Friends of Pavillion Park

### Keep Chase and Shea in office

Campaign season is in full swing and therefore the attacks are on. I have been involved in political campaigns for nearly 20 years. This year has been the most egregious against the freedom and liberty minded folks who we have elected to represent and serve us, the people.

Our current treasurer, Rob Chase, has actually engaged his staff to be an active part of the office he serves, to do the job they were hired to do. He has the highest satisfaction rating ever, both among the staff that he works with and the people of the county he serves. Rob Chase worked with the State Legislators this past year to

introduce and pass a phenomenal property rights bill. This bill gives Rob's constituents an avenue that they can use to pay their property taxes incrementally and not lose their home to a fee hungry county. Thank you, Rob, for looking out for those you serve.

And as for Rep. Matt Shea, the ugliness of politics rears its ugly head within the Republican Party to destroy and dissuade voter support of a representative who not only fights for our freedom, but fights to restrict government and not the people. Rep. Shea works on lessening the impact of regulations and opening doors to cost effective legislation that reaches across party lines. Do not fall for half-truths that distort this man's integrity. Lies and deception are tactics of those who will not stand with constitutional freedom fighters, who take their oaths seriously.

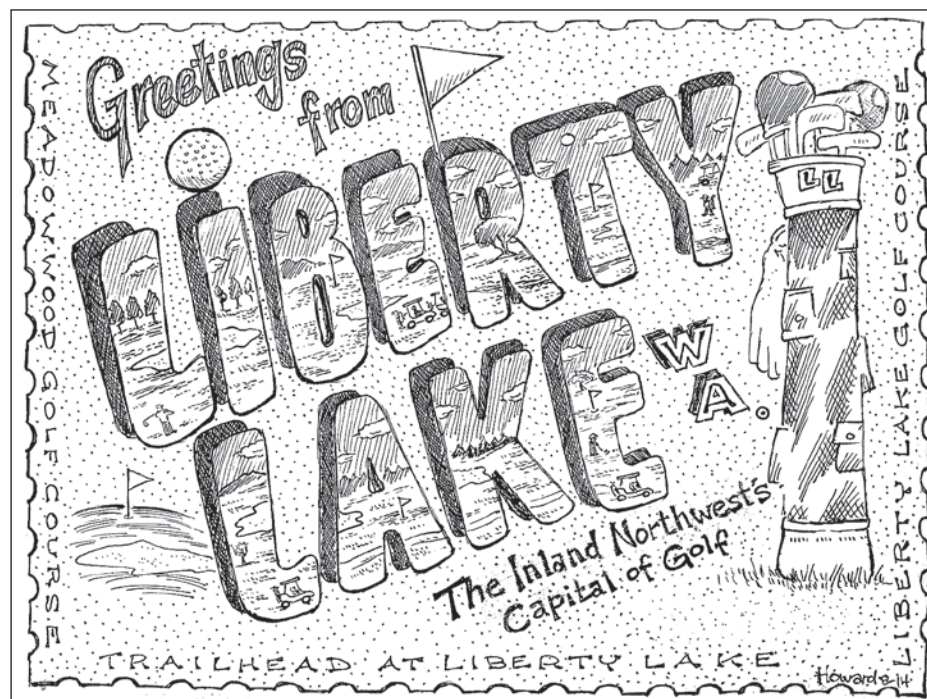
Both of these men, Rep. Matt Shea and Treasurer Rob Chase, are upstanding truth seekers and freedom fighters. They are standing in the gap to defend you and I against a government that seems to want to strip away every right and bring you under a mentality of slavery.

Think for yourself, look at their records, do not listen to rhetoric. Vote for freedom. Vote to re-elect Treasurer Rob Chase and 4th Dist. Rep. Matt Shea.

**Cindy Marshall**

Otis Orchards

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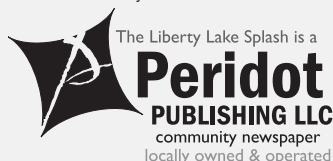
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## COMMUNITY

### FOPP

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in 61 communities in Montana, northern Wyoming, Eastern Idaho, western North Dakota and Eastern Washington. However, that Eastern Washington reference is for the one show in Liberty Lake, since it is the group's only scheduled performance in the state.

Organizers encourage audiences to bring chairs, blankets, and a picnic to set up before curtain time.

The following Saturday brings the annual Lud Kramer Memorial concert at 6 p.m. Aug. 30, featuring the Spokane Symphony with music director Eckart Preu. Traditionally held on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, FOPP also sponsors this concert as a free public event.

Bob Schneidmiller, FOPP president, said both of these August events meet the group's mission to promote a sense of pride by providing the Liberty Lake community with opportunities for recreation, entertainment, and the arts.

"We have been bringing the Spokane Symphony to Pavillion Park for more than 15 years and look forward to the Aug. 30 concert," he said. "They always play a variety of music that appeals to the masses."

Audience members are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and low-back chairs to enjoy the Spokane Symphony's mix of classics, show tunes and patriotic marches. For the symphony performance, a free shuttle bus will run from the Liberty Lake Elementary School to the park's parking lot beginning at 5 p.m.

Schneidmiller also lauded the annual work done by Montana Shakespeare in the Parks.

"Having the Montana Shakespeare company visit Pavillion Park for the fourth year provides our community with a unique experience that cannot be found anywhere else in Washington," he said. "Having a Shakespeare play put on in a beautiful outdoor setting is an experience that all should have."

Laura Frank, an FOPP board member, also said the non-profit is thrilled to have Montana Shakespeare become a regular feature each summer.

"We look forward to continuing our relationship with them for years to come," Frank said. "It is a great family-friendly event and a wonderful way to introduce children to Shakespeare and get them excited about theater."

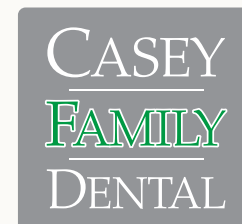
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A quote in the July story "Should marijuana moratorium continue?" was attributed to the wrong person. Margaret Keeve was the citizen who told the council about her work as a nurse treating those with drug problems.

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## BUSINESS

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Beginning July 1, Foster reintroduced filling retail prescriptions at the location. Foster also added local delivery service and this fall hopes to offer immunizations.

In addition, the business sells over-the-counter pharmaceutical grade supplements and Nutraceuticals.

"They are tested for impurities and potency," Foster said. "They make sure what's on the label is truly in the bottle."

Being a family owned and operated business, Foster prides himself on service and care of clients.

"I don't wear a white coat," Foster said. "I would rather dress casual and be on the front side of the counter talking to you. I think being approachable is going to make people more open to ask questions."

His business philosophy involves getting to know the people he serves.

"We're here to help people," Foster said. "It's more than just giving them their pills. It's important to know who we are helping."

At the Liberty Lake location, Foster provides consultations to both physicians and customers. As part of this service, Washington State University pharmacy students work at the store conducting in-depth research on different medications and supplements.

"We like being an information source," Foster said. "If someone has a question on something, we'll do the research."

The 3,000-square-foot facility offers a drive-thru window for customer convenience. The store is open Monday through Friday, and Foster plans to add Saturday hours in mid-September.

Counting all four of his stores, Foster has 30 employees. At the Liberty Lake location, Foster is the head pharmacist with five other staff members.

Foster originally wanted to become a large animal veterinarian. He received a degree in beef cattle production from the WSU's Department of Animal Sciences.

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After graduating, he applied for vet school but didn't get in, receiving second alternate position. He took a year off and traveled to Australia on an agriculture exchange.

"When I came back to school, a friend in pharmacy school said, 'Hey you should check this out,'" Foster said. "I'm glad I did."

Upon graduating from WSU's pharmacy school in 1995, he went to work for Medicine Man Pharmacy in Coeur d'Alene. A year later, he had the opportunity to manage his own store in Bonner's Ferry inside a new Trading Company grocer being constructed. He accepted the position with the intention of eventually purchasing the store. In 1998, Foster's dream became a reality.

"I've always had a desire to work for myself," Foster said. "I had the idea to own my own pharmacy early on in school. I realized it more quickly than anticipated."

When Trading Company purchased the

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former Tidyman's stores in the Spokane area, Foster had the opportunity to buy the pharmacies. In 2007, he purchased three locations. He then sold the East Sprague store back to Trading Company, keeping the Latah and Post Falls locations. With the addition of these two stores, Foster introduced the Well Life name.

"My vision is really how can we help people live a well life," Foster said. "The reason I chose the Well Life name is that I believe that it's better to be proactive using supplements and diet to be healthy than it is to take a hand full of pills to treat disease."

Looking to the future, Foster has no immediate plans for further expansion, though he is always looking for opportunities.

"I want us to be the best we can be with what we have," Foster said. "I don't want to expand just for the sake of expanding. It's only if we have the right opportunity like this opportunity here."

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Jennifer Ophardt submitted a couple photos of the Liberty Lake Community Theatre team members.



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