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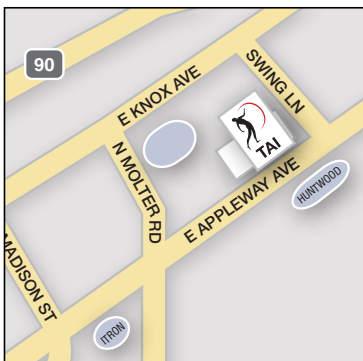
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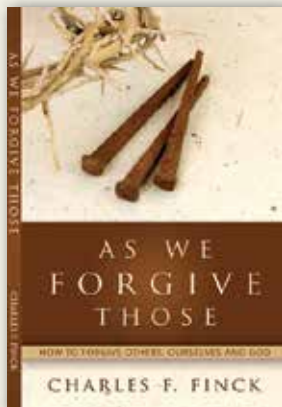
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Alone on the ballot

Kopelson unchallenged in bid to remain on Liberty Lake Council

By **Craig Howard**
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Keith Kopelson chose not to mire in the post-ballot stew after falling 77 votes short of the Liberty Lake City Council in November 2011.

Instead, Kopelson took what he had learned on the campaign trail and turned it a resilient soup.

When Ryan Romney announced in December of 2011 that he would be leaving the governing board to pursue his master's degree and other interests, Kopelson was the first to apply. He would eventually be joined by four hopefuls in an appointment process that included a tough line of questioning on Jan. 31, 2012, from City Council members and Mayor Steve Peterson.

A resident of Liberty Lake since 2003, Kopelson was well-versed in municipal matters and adeptly addressed each inquiry. When council emerged with their decision, he was the unanimous pick.

Since then, Kopelson has been a refreshing presence around the dais, known for his reflective evaluation of topics and an opinion that sometimes goes against the grain. When the discussion on re-evaluating the utility tax stalled at a council meeting in August, it was Kopelson who spoke up and urged that a separate workshop be held on the topic.

A native of Massapequa, N.Y., Kopelson spent part of his adolescence in St. Louis before leaving for college. Kopelson's professional background includes 20 years in retail management. He now owns a security/janitorial company as well as a limousine business. Kopelson and his wife, Nicole, have been married for 18 years and have four children.

In addition to his work on council, Kopelson is active in other civic arenas. He is the co-founder of the Liberty Lake Merchants Association and a past president and current member of the Liberty Lake Rotary. In his spare time, Kopelson enjoys travel and scuba diving.

Unlike his fellow council members, Lori Olander and Odin Langford, Kopelson will not face a challenger in this November's general election. Despite the lack of opposition, Kopelson remains far



Newsmaker Q&A

from complacent going into the vote. The Splash caught up with the lone candidate for position 6 recently to discuss his recollections of campaigns past and present, the latest priorities hovering over City Hall and the benefits of listening to the advice of a wise grandmother.

Q. Let's go back to fall of 2011. What are some of your memories of that election and why you decided to run for City Council?

A. Well, I love Liberty Lake, and I always felt like I wanted to do something to improve or maintain the city. It's one thing talking about it or going to City Council meetings and standing up for a few seconds with something that's usually a negative blurb. I just felt like if I was able to be part of council, I would be able to serve the city the way I wanted to on a volunteer basis. I probably made the decision to run three months before the election. I was a little intimidated by the election process. My grandmother believes that it starts at the city level, and we can change the country that way, so she was very enthusiastic about me running.

Q. What was the strategy when it came to running against Shane Brickner? Were you out putting up campaign signs, doorbelling, handing out flyers?

A. I did not do signs. The sign controversy was heated back then, and personally speaking, I felt that it was overused and it really took down the look of the city. I didn't want people to vote for me because they saw my name — I wanted them to vote for me because they knew what I stood for. I spoke to a lot of people. The debates really helped quite a bit. The coverage from the Splash really helped.

Q: Are there any aspects of your career in retail management that have carried over into your role in city government?

A: I think so. I think when you have a fiscal responsibility to a company and their shareholders, you think of things a little differently. Now that I'm responsible for the city's funds and the activities, I can translate my experience and make good decisions for the city. Customers in retail are very much like citizens in a city. They're customers as well.

Q: How would you characterize citizen

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LLSWD seeks input Oct. 8 regarding facility upgrade

The Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District has scheduled a presentation for 4 p.m. Oct. 8 to solicit community input on plans for an estimated \$12.6 million upgrade to its water reclamation facility. The meeting will be held at the LLSWD administration building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

The LLSWD's permit to discharge into the Spokane River requires the district to meet set levels of phosphorus removal that get more stringent over time. The next target will require expensive filtration equipment to be constructed and operating by 2018.

The district has been planning for the upgrade and exploring funding options to cover the cost, including the possibility of charging increased rates for sewer. The presentation, which will be made by LLSWD officials as well as representatives of Century West Engineering and Esvelt Engineering, refers to the facility upgrade as "phase II." The facility's phase I upgrade was made in 2006 at a cost of \$11 million and was also completed to meet discharge standards.

LLPD team competes in plane pull for good cause

The Liberty Lake Police Department fielded a team of 20 people to participate in the 2nd annual Spokane Plane Pull, held Sept. 21 at the Spokane International Airport. The purpose of the event, in which teams are pitted against each other to pull a 138,400-pound Boeing 727 aircraft 12 feet, is to raise awareness and funds for local Special Olympic athletes.

The event raised more than \$7,000 for Special Olympics, of which the "LLPD Patriots" raised more than \$600. Team members included officers and their spouses, family and friends. The team was able to complete the pull in 5.4 seconds.

"We are very happy to help support our Special Olympic athletes, and I am very proud of our team," LLPD Chief Brian Asmus said. "All of us had a great time at the event, and we are already looking forward to making next year an even bigger and better event by encouraging more teams from Liberty Lake to participate and compete."

The Plane Pull event is just one of many campaigns held throughout the year to support Special Olympics Washington, including the upcoming Polar Plunge that will once again be held in Liberty Lake, Asmus said.



Liberty Lake City Council Member Keith Kopelson was appointed to the governing board in January 2012, replacing Ryan Romney. The native of Massapequa, N.Y., is the only council candidate running unopposed on the November general election ballot.

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interest in what's happening at City Hall? Do you receive much feedback on key issues like the budget, streets and the utility tax?

A: I get more emails than phone calls. I think the perception was that the city was on a spending spree, but that's changed recently. I think people were frustrated because the city was cutting back on resources and then the next thing you knew, the next year, we had too much money and there was talk about spending money on this and that. People didn't really understand that that's not what was happening.

Q: After you lost narrowly to Brickner in November 2011, what were some of your thoughts? Did you think right away about running again?

A: The most impressive thing to me about that election was that people who didn't know either one of us didn't vote for us. So, there was a third who voted for Shane, a third who voted for me and a third who didn't vote. When I found out Ryan (Romney) was leaving, I was very interested in applying for it. I would have run again.

Q: After you were appointed to council, what sort of learning curve did you face? Was it more or less what you'd anticipated?

A: I think the amount of time outside council meetings caught me a little off guard, although I was still enthusiastic about it. There were the committee meetings, the time spent researching the issues,

the different events they want you to attend. It all worked really well, though. My schedule allows me to do that.

Q: What was your approach in that first year on council? Did you make it a point to sit back and absorb what was being discussed or did you want to establish a presence right away?

A: I wanted to jump in and be part of the decision-making process. Within the group, I think it's important that everyone have comments and opinions. I went to the elected officials training in Olympia. It was very valuable and rewarding. I felt, early on, that there was a lot to learn. I knew that there was a certain protocol you had to follow.

Q: You were the one who recommended that council hold a workshop in September to talk in more detail about the utility tax. What is your take on this tax right now?

A: The utility tax is very misunderstood. It's \$100 a family. It provides the services across the board. I'm not going to be held to previous councils' promises that it would be a temporary thing to get them out of a deficit situation. I look at each year as a new situation. So, you end it one year for the deficit and then you're starting it again for the roads. We need to let the public know what the impact would be if we didn't have the utility tax. Staff put that together. In reality, we'll be in trouble again a couple of years down the line if we don't act prudently.

Q: Are you disappointed at all that you are not facing a challenger on the ballot this fall?

A: To the last minute, (Council Member) Josh Beckett was calling, saying he was running against me just to keep it honest. I was like "Really?" He was kidding. It's disappointing from a citizen's standpoint that there aren't more people interested in running for council. From my personal standpoint, I think I'm a good addition to council and have a lot of good things I want to accomplish. The time period I was in wasn't long enough. In the next four years, I hope to really make an impact in a positive way for the city. I'm glad it's not going to be a fight.

Q: Why don't more people run?

A: It's an intimidating job. It's tough. Some people don't like confrontation.

Q: What about the chemistry of the council right now? There is a chance you could have three new people around the dais in January.

A: I think the retreat was a good chance to not necessarily get things done, but to find out where we stand on issues. If I have a generally good idea, I can find out who's going to be supportive and who's not. If we didn't get anything else out of it, we got that. I think we have a real good group right now. I think there's a lot of good things we can accomplish moving forward. I've been supportive of Odin Langford. I think it's important we keep that continuity on council. I think the people who vote should have an opinion specifically on the candidate. If you don't know who the candidates are, it's better to not vote for either of them. Just recognizing who has the most signs to vote one way or another is not a good program.

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Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were among those reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Aug. 26 to Sept. 23. The incident report is listed in chronological order.

Incidents and arrests

• **Prescription fraud, twice** — At 9:28 a.m. Aug. 27, a 36-year-old Liberty Lake woman was arrested for prescription drug fraud at the 100 block of South Legend Tree after investigation confirmed she had been impersonating a physician and calling in prescriptions to pharmacies locally and in Spokane Valley. Nearly two weeks later on Sept. 9, officers received a call from the 1500 block of North Liberty Lake Road reporting that Bell was sitting in the drive through trying to pick up a fraudulent prescription. A few moments later, the LLPD detective received a call from the previously arrested woman reporting she had “done it again.” The detective met her at her home, where she was arrested again and charged with another count of prescription forgery before being booked into the Spokane County Jail.

• **Threats, twice** — At 3:40 a.m. Aug. 30, LLPD was dispatched to the 1800 block of North Pepper Lane in regards to a threat. The complainant reported a male by the name of “William” had called her and said he was watching her and she should fear for her safety as he almost raped her. The complainant reported “William” said he had been watching her for close to a month and a half and had seen her cooking on the patio. Officers checked the area and were unable to locate anyone but advised the complainant to keep a phone with her at all times and contact 911 if in need of assistance. About three weeks later, at 3:44 a.m. Sept. 19, LLPD was again dispatched to the same address when the same complainant reported receiving phone calls from a male subject who said, “Tonight is the night.” Then, the complainant said a male came into the business to reserve a room for the evening and tried to pay with cash, then a credit card that had expired in 1999. He was asked to leave and watched the complainant from the front door while he smoked a cigarette. When he left, she contacted the police. It is believed this is the same male from the previous calls, but because the complainant did not call police while the subject was there, no further action could be taken.

• **Lawful marijuana** — At 12:57 p.m. Aug. 30, LLPD took an information report from the apartment complex at the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive, where it was reported there were strong odors of marijuana coming from the garage of a resident. Officers went to the resident and verified that all paperwork and plants

Calls for service

Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Aug. 26 to Sept. 23

Agency assist	3
Alarm	5
Assault	1
Burglary	1
Citizen assist	6
Citizen dispute	5
Disorderly conduct	1
Domestic violence	2
DUI	5
Family fight	1
Fraud	1
Fugitive	3
Harassment	3
Juvenile problem	1
Littering/pollution	1
Lost or found property	1
Malicious mischief	4
Message delivered	1
Not classified	5
Obstructing justice	2
Possession of drug paraphernalia	1
Property theft	1
Resisting/interfering with police	2
Robbery	1
Suspicious person/circumstance	3
Traffic accident	7
Traffic hazard	1
Traffic offense	33
Vehicle prowl	2
Vehicle theft	1
Violation of court order	1
Welfare check	1

were in compliance with Washington state law requirements for medical marijuana grows. The resident was found to be in compliance.

• **Domestic violence** — At 10:33 p.m. Aug. 30, a 57-year-old Liberty Lake man was arrested for domestic violence assault at the 21000 block of East Country Vista Drive. When dispatched to the scene, the man told officers an argument about him drinking when his wife returned from an AA meeting resulted in her hitting him 6-10 times and cutting his nose. The wife reported the same cause of argument and said she went into the bedroom to get away from him and call 911, and he took the phone and smashed it against the top of the dresser. She said she tried to get passed him, and he pushed her and scratched her multiple times, causing some bleeding on her chest area. She was finally able to push past him and lock herself in the bathroom, where she called 911 on her cell phone. The man then forced his way into the bathroom by slamming the door open, which caused a dent to the wall. After checking the dent in the wall, the broken phone, and the

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Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Aug. 26 to Sept. 23

Assault IV	2
Burglar tools	1
Criminal trespass	1
Defective lights	1
Defective muffler	1
Driving with wheels off road	1
Driving without license/ID	1
DUI	4
DWLS	36
Expired registration	12
Failure to have seat belts	1
Failure to obey traffic control	3
Failure to signal	1
Failure to stop/yield	1
Failure to wear safety belt	1
Following too close	1
Fugitive of this state	1
Harrasment	1
Ignition interlocks	1
Improper signal	1
Liability insurance	16
Making false statement	1
Obstructing law enforcement	1
Operating vehicle with def. equip.	1
Operating violations (off road)	1
Possession of stolen property	1
Reckless driving	3
Resisting arrest	1
Speeding	25
Texting while driving	1
Theft	1
Use of cell phone	1

scratch that was bleeding on her chest, officers arrested the man for domestic violence assault in the fourth degree and transported him to the Spokane County Jail. When in the backseat of the patrol car, the man said, “She’s dead,” to which an officer said “what did you just say?” He then said, “that hurt.”

• **Car wash burglary** — At 2:28 a.m. Sept. 4, a 35-year-old Spokane Valley man was being arrested on East Country Vista Drive for driving with a suspended license when the officer found a large quantity of quarters in his front pockets. The man explained he had just vacuumed his vehicle, but the officer noted the vehicle had not been vacuumed. The man then said his passenger/girlfriend was tired and just wanted to go home so they had not vacuumed the vehicle. Another LLPD officer arrived on scene and spoke to the passenger, who reported the man formerly worked at the car wash and had keys to the coin machine. The couple pulled up to the machine and emptied its contents, something the man had reportedly done a “couple of times.” The man later admitted to stealing the money, stating he was

“sorry” and just wanted to go home. He was transported to the Spokane County Jail, booked on charges of criminal trespass, theft, possession of stolen property and possession of burglary tools.

• **Outhouse tipping** — At 9:17 p.m. Sept. 10, LLPD received a report that a group of shirtless juveniles were pushing over outhouses at North Glenbrook and East Indiana. Upon arrival, officers were unable to locate anyone in the indicated area.

• **Rock through window** — At 12:45 a.m. Sept. 12, LLPD was dispatched to the 23000 block of East Mission Avenue on a report that someone had thrown a rock through a business window. Upon arrival, officers found no one outside or inside the business, but glass was strewn across the floor and a large rock was found. The owner of the business reported later in the day that the cash box was taken, though at the time there was no money in it. The owner added the window would cost \$250 to replace.

• **Eluding, resisting, drugs** — At 7:48 a.m. Sept. 14, LLPD arrested a 32-year-old Spokane man at East Appleway Avenue and Michigan Road for a variety of charges. The officer initiated a traffic stop after learning the man had a warrant and was driving with a suspended license, the man continued in the vehicle, acknowledging he saw the officer behind him by sticking his hand out the window and flipping him off twice. The officer then initiated his emergency lights and siren, and the man continued on the roadway throwing his hands up and waving them around in the vehicle. The officer ordered him to stop using his public address system, but the man continued driving for two miles before turning into a parking lot, where he accelerated and brought his vehicle almost all the way around facing the officer. The officer drew his taser and again instructed the man to turn off his vehicle or he would get tased. The man then put the car in reverse and accelerated again backward in the parking lot. Another officer arrived at that time, and the man turned off the vehicle, but was extremely non-compliant with directives when being handcuffed, which took two officers on the ground. One of the officers went to pick up a glass pipe that the man had thrown from the window of the vehicle, and it showed positive as methamphetamine when using a field test kit. The pipe was placed in a bag as evidence. When asked why he had not complied when he saw the officer initiate a traffic stop, the man said he was looking for a good place to pull over and said he was using his index finger, not his middle finger, to point at the officer. Both officers had minor inju-

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ries after the arrest. The man complained of his shoulder hurting and medics were called, but when they arrived he refused to be looked at. He was carrying a large sum of cash in his wallet which went with him to the Spokane County Jail, where he was booked on attempt to elude a police vehicle, possession of methamphetamine, resisting arrest, DWLS and possession/use of drug paraphernalia.

• **Soliciting without license** — At 4:12 p.m. Sept. 15, LLPD responded to a report near the Rocky Hill area of a man selling fruit door to door. An officer made contact and advised the man to seek a solicitor's license through City Hall.

• **Domestic violence assault** — At 11:54 a.m. Sept. 17, a 31-year-old Liberty Lake woman was arrested at the 1500 block of North Aladdin Road for domestic violence assault. Officers were dispatched to the location after someone called 911 and two females were heard arguing, one yelling for help. Upon arrival, an officer witnessed the woman who was later arrested standing over a female in the front yard asking the woman on the ground to let her go. It was later determined the two had been fighting over keys to a vehicle.

After an investigation, the primary aggressor was arrested and booked into Spokane County Jail for domestic violence.

• **Stolen vehicle** — At 11:04 a.m. Sept. 19, LLPD responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at the 21000 block of East Bitterroot Lane. While the officer was taking the report, another LLPD officer located the stolen vehicle at the 1800 block of North Pepper Lane. The vehicle had a key broken off in the ignition and the stereo face had been taken, which had an estimated value of \$250. No other damage could be found.

• **Truck difficulty in construction zone, take one** — At 2:37 p.m. Sept. 19, LLPD responded to a traffic accident at North Harvard Road and East Mission Avenue. Upon arrival, it was reported a truck went through the construction zone the wrong direction in the roundabout. The driver struck the concrete curb with his wheels, causing approximately \$3,000 damage to the curb. The driver continued and drove away from the scene with a flat tire and a broken wheel. The driver and vehicle were located, and a report and commercial vehicle inspection were completed.

• **Truck difficulty in construction zone, take two** — At 1:10 p.m. Sept. 21, LLPD responded to a report of a truck block-

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Utility tax workshop results in status quo

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

After squeaking by as a quorum, the Liberty Lake City Council emerged with the status quo at a utility tax workshop on Sept. 10.

While not signifying the final word on the tax in the 2014 budget, the discussion over the toll on cable, phone, electric, gas and garbage bills did not muster enough debate to shuffle the standing 3-percent rate that has stood since the beginning of 2012. Still, residents should stay tuned, according to Council Member Dan Dunne.

“Will there be a change? The budget discussions will reveal that,” said Dunne following the workshop instigated by Council Member Keith Kopelson at the council meeting on Aug. 20.

In addition to light attendance in the chambers at City Hall, the dais also featured its share of empty seats on Sept. 10 with Council Members Josh Beckett, Cris Kaminskis and Shane Brickner missing the workshop with excused absences. Beckett and Kaminskis have been among the most outspoken opponents of the tax, both advocating for its removal on the grounds that it was installed as a temporary revenue source at a time when the city was facing budget challenges.

“It’s difficult to say what they would have supported tonight,” said City Administrator Katy Allen when asked how the conversation would have been different with a full quorum.

Finance Director R.J. Stevenson did provide an overview of various alternatives to the 3-percent scenario, each resulting at or near the amount of \$662,000 projected as the overall revenue from the tax in 2013. At the council retreat on Aug. 11, a majority of the governing board approved the amount remaining at \$662,000 for 2014. All funds from the utility tax are currently designated for the city’s street maintenance program.

“We want to identify different ways to get to that \$662,000,” said Allen.

One option would reduce the rate on gas to 2 percent and increase the phone rate to 3.5 percent, generating \$663,000 for 2014. A second version lowers the gas to 1 percent while transitioning cable and waste management to 4 percent and 5 percent, respectively. A third scenario would involve zeroing out the gas rate and moving cable to 5 percent and waste management to 6 percent.

As part of evaluating a potential shift to the utility tax terrain, Stevenson said the city has been talking with representatives from Avista about projected growth and any possible rate increases on its end. He added that a mild winter and a drop in Avista gas rates have essentially balanced out any revenue increase based on the

growth of the city.

The final two options would drop the rates paid for both gas and electricity — a move championed by the local business community. The first would put margins for both power sources at 2 percent while hiking cable and phone to 4 and 5 percent, respectively. The final format would zero out gas and drop electricity to 1.5 percent while placing cable and phone at 6 percent and waste management at 4 percent.

“The last option makes a lot of sense from a business standpoint,” said Theron Rust, real estate manager for Liberty-Lake based Huntwood Industries who addressed council on Sept. 10. “Staying in business is still a challenge for anyone. We’re just trying to keep everything going, support our employees and pay our taxes.”

Rust, who acknowledged that city leaders “do not face an easy task” in the utility tax debate, said Huntwood accounts for over 6 percent of the entire amount paid to the city annually through the utility tax, or just under \$40,000.

Kopelson expressed concern that the options which significantly lower power rates would unfairly favor businesses while adversely affecting the average citizen.

“It seems to me that the majority of residents who object to the utility tax are from big business,” Kopelson said. “With some of these options, it looks like we’re shifting most of the burden to the citizens. I lean toward leaving it at 3 percent across the board.”

As far as any potential change to the rate structure, Stevenson pointed out that the timing of any council decision would be important to have the new fees effective by Jan. 1, 2014. The city must provide a 60-day notice to utilities before the altered rates take effect.

Dunne voiced support for the option that would drop gas to 1 percent while moving waste management to 4 percent and cable to 5 percent. He said the phone rate should remain the same because “call centers are a big part of the city’s commerce.”

Council Member Lori Olander, who hosted her own utility tax workshop in July, expressed hope at the meeting that council might still address the possibility of lowering the tax altogether. Allen said the governing board would have an opportunity to adjust the revenue baseline during budget talks.

“If you don’t want the \$662,000, you can address it in the budget process,” Allen said. “That’s when you’ll be voting on a specific number.”

Town Square Park pitch shared with council Sept. 17

For Liberty Lake City Administrator Katy Allen, it was hip to be square at the

IN THE BOOKS, ON THE DOCKET

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

Compiled by Craig Howard
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In the books (September)

- Council approved an interlocal agreement with Spokane County regarding Spokane Valley/Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer protection funds. The new format means the city will receive two-thirds of the funds generated each year through a \$15 fee per household, with the remaining third going to the county. The first read of Ordinance No. 208 — establishing a municipal Aquifer Protection Fund — also occurred Sept. 17. The city will receive roughly \$90,000 annually to address aquifer protection efforts within Liberty Lake limits.

- A pair of ribbon cuttings took place in the city on Sept. 21, starting with an informal event at the corner of Sprague and Molter to acknowledge the completion of the Sprague Avenue Trail. The first installment of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course was at the center of a ceremony later that day in Rocky Hill Park. Representatives of the armed forces, the West Valley High School marching band, city dignitaries and Spokane County Commissioner Shelly O’Quinn were on hand.

- City Administrator Katy Allen said there were no plans to unearth the utility tax discussion after council reached a consensus to stand pat on the 3-percent rate at a workshop on Sept. 10. The con-

Sept. 17 City Council meeting.

Addressing one of the three top priorities established by the governing board at its summer retreat, Allen shed light on the past, present and future of the 6.4 acres owned by the city along Meadowwood Lane that have been discussed as the site of a town square and civic center for more than a decade.

Council members voted in July to prioritize a strategy for the property going into 2014.

Allen told council she spent the past month researching the history of the plot in hopes of providing “an historical perspective on the 6.4 acres that is factual and objective.”

versation regarding any tax shift would not occur, Allen said, “unless the council as a majority wants to bring it back.” Meanwhile, city staff will continue to monitor potential increases to Avista rates for gas and electricity going into 2014.

- Council approved \$7,500 for Project Access, a local program that provides basic medical care for low-income residents.

On the docket (October)

- Allen said bids will open for the first phase of the Liberty Lake Ball Fields on Sept. 26 with the project expected to be awarded on Oct. 1.

- Finance Director R.J. Stevenson informed City Council that Mayor Steve Peterson’s official budget will be ready for council review by its Oct. 15 meeting. Council agreed to convene for a budget workshop on Oct. 29, while “Mayor Budget Questions,” featuring inquiries and ideas from the City Council on Peterson’s financial game plan, will be part of the budget process again this year following a successful premier in 2012.

- On Oct. 1, council will hear the second reading of an ordinance to approve 14 amendments to the city’s development code as recommended by the planning commission. The meeting agenda will also include a public hearing on the ordinance.

- The Liberty Lake Salary Commission is expected to present its recommendation regarding compensation of the mayor and City Council at the Oct. 1 council meeting.

- City Council is scheduled to meet Oct. 1 and Oct. 15 as part of its regular schedule and then again Oct. 29 for the budget workshop. The 7 p.m. meetings will be held at Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive.

“I just wanted to get the facts straight on the story,” Allen said.

Allen’s anthology began in 2003, when the city adopted its comprehensive plan which included mention of “a public presence in the central business district.” Allen cited regional examples of similar themes, such as McEuen Park in Coeur d’Alene and Riverfront Park in downtown Spokane.

In 2005, the city purchased the 6.4 acres for a pricetag of \$1.75 million. The debt, Allen noted, will be paid off in 2020.

Following the land acquisition, Allen described “the rigorous process” the city

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went through to develop a design strategy. The architectural firm of Bernardo Wills was eventually selected to devise a vision for the property. While bids came in high for the town square portion of the project, plans moved forward on an ambitious community center/library development which carried a cost of around \$10 million.

By April 2008, the project found its way to the ballot only to have voters resoundingly reject the \$9.8 million proposal by a count of 961 to 598.

Looking back, Allen said the failure of the capital facilities bond could be attributed to a variety of factors, from the shaky economy to a fire district initiative being on the same ballot to the community simply not being supportive of such a large-scale expenditure. Whatever the reason, Allen said the land “went into holding mode” after the 2008 vote.

The city moved ahead later in 2008 with the purchase of a former industrial building that would eventually house the municipal library and the police department. While the 6.4 acres gathered cobwebs, Allen said citizens continued to express support for open space, trails, fields and a public presence in the central part of town.

Last March, the city hosted an open house to discuss design options for the 6.4 acres. The first phase of the Town Square Park development — featuring trails, parking and an amphitheater — was estimated at nearly \$850,000, though failure to secure a state grant earlier this year set the project back yet again.

“Now it’s 2013, and we’re still asking what to do with this property,” Allen said.

While applauding the level of citizen feedback on the 6.4 acres over the years, Allen pointed out that a better strategy might be for the city “to put together a vision, then ask informed questions.”

“I’d like to shape something, then ask relevant, real-time questions that are relevant to what a municipality can do,” Allen said.

Allen concluded her presentation by expressing hope that the city could “take the town square project, put some context to it and bring it back for discussion as part of the 2014 budget.” City staff has had discussions with the Spokane Transit Authority — which operates a park-and-ride lot adjacent to the grounds — about collaborating on the parking portion of the project.

“I’d like to see if there’s a way the Town Square Park can be built with other entities without going into debt and not necessarily having to decide on the rest of the property,” Allen said.

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Rules of the Roundabout

Getting to know LL's newest intersection

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- **Traffic flow:** Studies show roundabouts increase an intersection's traffic capacity 30 to 50 percent while reducing vehicle delays 89 percent and stops 56 percent.
- **Environment:** Because vehicles are less likely to stop and idle at roundabouts, studies show fuel consumption is reduced by approximately 30 percent, carbon monoxide emissions by 29 percent and carbon dioxide emissions by 37 percent. Plus, as compared to intersections with traffic signals, reduced energy use and maintenance costs can result in savings of up to \$5,000 a year.

HOW TO USE IF I'M ...



Driving a car

1. As you approach the intersection, you must first yield to pedestrians, who have the right of way to use crosswalks across Harvard and Mission (brick red on map).
2. The next step is also to yield, this time to traffic using the roundabout and approaching from your left.
3. Continue to look left for a gap in the traffic and enter the roundabout when space exists to do so.
4. Proceed through the roundabout to your desired exit — northbound on Harvard, westbound on Mission or southbound on Liberty Lake Road. (Friendly reminder: There is no eastbound exit by design — that would take you the wrong way into an Interstate 90 off-ramp.)
5. When exiting the roundabout onto Harvard or Mission, yield once again to any pedestrian traffic in the crosswalks.



Riding a bicycle

Option 1: As always, cyclists can travel through a roundabout as a vehicle, responsible to obey the same rules of the road that a driver of a car would.

Option 2: Dismount and walk the bicycle through the pedestrian crosswalks at Mission and Harvard. This is particularly recommended for cyclists using the trails system that connects to this intersection from the south (the Interstate 90 pedestrian bridge) and the north (either side of Harvard Road leading to the Centennial Trail).

Tip: To minimize confusion for drivers — who don't want to hit you, honest! — it's recommended that if you enter the inter-

section acting as a vehicle, continue to act as a vehicle through the intersection. If you enter the intersection from a pedestrian trail, walk your bicycle across the crosswalks to connect with the next desired pedestrian trail.



A pedestrian

Congratulations, everyone else yields to you!

Caution, they won't always yield to you, even though they are supposed to!

Make sure you are using the designated crosswalks on Mission and Harvard, wait for approaching vehicles to stop, and make eye contact before entering the intersection.

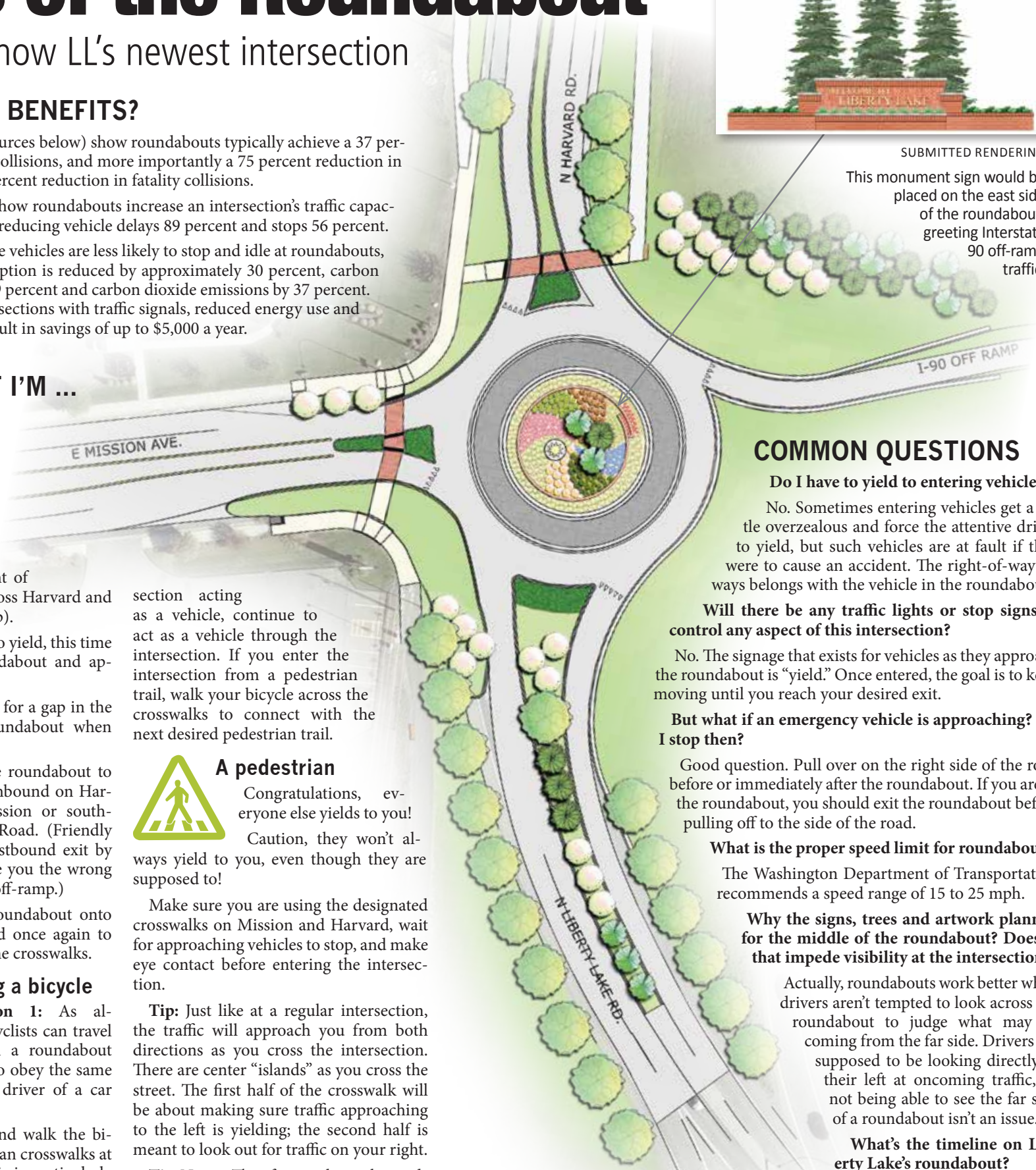
Tip: Just like at a regular intersection, the traffic will approach you from both directions as you cross the intersection. There are center "islands" as you cross the street. The first half of the crosswalk will be about making sure traffic approaching to the left is yielding; the second half is meant to look out for traffic on your right.

Tip No. 2: That fun circle in the middle of the roundabout that will have vegetation, a welcome sign and eventually a public art feature? Yeah, it's only to look at. Traffic engineers have made no effort to route pedestrian traffic — or any traffic for that matter — onto this circular feature, no matter how much it looks like it's bordered by a beckoning sidewalk. For everyone's safety, please stay out of the middle.



SUBMITTED RENDERING

This monument sign would be placed on the east side of the roundabout, greeting Interstate 90 off-ramp traffic.



COMMON QUESTIONS

Do I have to yield to entering vehicles?

No. Sometimes entering vehicles get a little overzealous and force the attentive driver to yield, but such vehicles are at fault if they were to cause an accident. The right-of-way always belongs with the vehicle in the roundabout.

Will there be any traffic lights or stop signs to control any aspect of this intersection?

No. The signage that exists for vehicles as they approach the roundabout is "yield." Once entered, the goal is to keep moving until you reach your desired exit.

But what if an emergency vehicle is approaching? Do I stop then?

Good question. Pull over on the right side of the road before or immediately after the roundabout. If you are in the roundabout, you should exit the roundabout before pulling off to the side of the road.

What is the proper speed limit for roundabouts?

The Washington Department of Transportation recommends a speed range of 15 to 25 mph.

Why the signs, trees and artwork planned for the middle of the roundabout? Doesn't that impede visibility at the intersection?

Actually, roundabouts work better when drivers aren't tempted to look across the roundabout to judge what may be coming from the far side. Drivers are supposed to be looking directly to their left at oncoming traffic, so not being able to see the far side of a roundabout isn't an issue.

What's the timeline on Liberty Lake's roundabout?

Construction is coming along, with a planned wrap-up date for the project the end of October. One element of the intersection is a public art project located on the west side of the interior circle. Proposed submissions are currently being evaluated for this piece, with actual installation planned for sometime in 2014.

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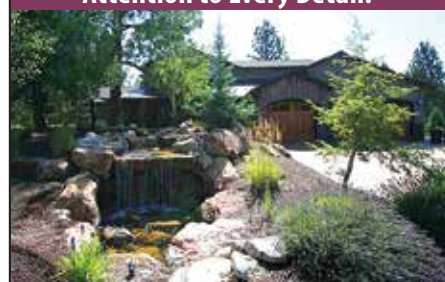
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SPECIAL ELECTION PREVIEW

WHO DID WE ASK? The Splash contacted the six candidates with competitive races for Liberty Lake City Council in September asking for responses, in writing, to a questionnaire that included basic resume information and five interview questions. The responses are on pages 12, 14 and 16. Keith Kopelson, a current Council member whose name is also on the ballot, was not contacted because no one filed to run against him for his seat. (For more on Kopelson, see page 2.)

WHAT WERE THE GROUND RULES? Given a “job application” theme, the candidates

were allowed a total of 150 words to use at their discretion among questions in the “resume” portion (the breakout boxes that contain candidate bios) and 600 words to spread as desired among the five interview questions (displayed in Q&A format).

HOW WERE THE WRITTEN RESPONSES EDITED? The candidates responses were edited slightly and only for consistency of style and grammar. No words were substituted, added or deleted.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER LOCAL ELECTIONS?

This year’s Central Valley School Board races are unopposed. There is, however, a race for Spokane Valley Fire Commissioner that will appear on many Liberty Lake ballots. Coverage of that race between incumbent Ron Schmidt and challenger Mike DeVleming is included in the October issue of The Splash’s sister publication, The Current, and can be picked up at local newsstands or viewed at issuu.com/valleycurrent.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER COVERAGE? In this issue, there is a column and graphic as well as the aforementioned written question-

naires on pages 18-19. Also watch for Splash e-updates showing up in your email inbox during the month of October with any breaking campaign news (you can sign up at www.libertylakesplash.com if you haven’t already). At minimum, a story will be delivered by e-update and posted on The Splash website following the Oct. 2 Liberty Lake candidate forum (details about that event are on the bottom of this page). Though ballots will have already arrived by that time, look for further election coverage in November’s issue, which will land in mailboxes on Halloween.

Liberty Lake City Council, Position 1

What is the one thing about you that you believe best qualifies you for the role of Liberty Lake City Council member?

My experience working with government entities, which has enabled me to become familiar with the finances and working of budgets and planning.

What concerns about the city of Liberty Lake prompt you to want to be involved?

Not so much concerns, but the care of the community. I have felt that Liberty Lake is a well-run city, and I want it to continue to prosper and be a part of that.

What opportunities for the city of Liberty Lake excite you about service as a council member?

As I said before: the prosperity of the city. Planning development in a smart and organized manner is important as a City Council member.

What is the main thing that separates you from your opponent in this race?

My experience and knowledge of government entities.

Finally, for fun, who is one person, past or present, you would like to have lunch with — and where would you eat it?

Martha Washington at The Cedars in Coeur d’Alene (when it’s summer)!

DEBBI J. HASKINS



AGE: 51

FAMILY: Daughters, Bailey Shepherd (22) and Halle Shepherd (19)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Paralegal

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Been a municipal finance paralegal for 30 years, representing cities, counties, school districts, fire districts and library districts

RELEVANT TRAINING/EDUCATION: Attended SCC, SFCC and Gonzaga University

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Various community service projects (food drives, volunteer at shelters)

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Running, skiing, reading

What is the one thing about you that you believe best qualifies you for the role of Liberty Lake City Council member?

Being open minded and willing to listen to all opinions in the decision-making process. I like involvement in open discussions that illuminate all points of view. If this process is allowed to take place, correct decisions will generally emerge, and governing bodies will find common ground and areas for compromise in order to move forward.

What concerns about the city of Liberty Lake prompt you to want to be involved?

The rapid pace of residential growth concerns me as it is outpacing the business/retail sector and the capacity of our local schools.

What opportunities for the city of Liberty Lake excite you about service as a council member?

I am excited about developing strategies for economic development. If we can increase the number of quality jobs and successful businesses in our city, we will build a tax base that funds not only the safe, well-maintained, green city we are known for but also an increase in services such as a community pool, as an example.

What is the main thing that separates you from your opponent in this race?

Unfortunately, I do not know my opponent.

Finally, for fun, who is one person, past or present, you would like to have lunch with — and where would you eat it?

It is hard to select one from a long list, but I would choose Condoleezza Rice. Her humble and difficult beginnings, stellar academic achievements, professionalism, service to country, eloquence and faith impress me. As far as a favorite lunch spot: Hay J’s Bistro!

LORI OLANDER



AGE: 50

FAMILY: Daughter, Stella (12); mutt-dog, Zak (3)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Nurse Anesthetist, Spokane Eye Surgery Center

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Retired Naval officer and past department head; numerous elected and appointed positions on state and national professional organizations; past volunteer with Kiwanis, Holiday Ball Committee, Parent Teacher Association for Liberty Lake Elementary and Greenacres Middle School

RELEVANT TRAINING/EDUCATION: Variety of courses in city management taken through the Association of Washington Cities; master’s in health sciences and anesthesia from The George Washington University; bachelor’s in nursing, California State University, Long Beach

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Current City Council member, member of finance and community development committees, past member of public safety committee

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Anything outdoors or on the water, watching Stella play soccer, reading, cooking, travel, biking, wine tasting and laughing with family and friends

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Liberty Lake City Council, Position 2

What is the one thing about you that you believe best qualifies you for the role of Liberty Lake City Council member?

While my degree in landscape architecture has given me a solid understanding of urban growth and planning, what best qualifies me for the job is my experience running a financial strategies group. I work with families and business on a daily basis — hearing new stories about people's lives, struggles and successes every day. I get to hear all of the concerns that keep business owners up at night. I believe hearing so many stories has armed me with an excellent understanding of what both families and businesses need to thrive. Because of my experience, rather than just opinion, in these areas, I feel well equipped to help make the best decisions possible for the betterment of our community.

What concerns about the city of Liberty Lake prompt you to want to be involved?

My family and I love Liberty Lake; that is why my wife and I chose to settle here and raise our two sons. That is why after 21 years in the Air Force, my parents chose to settle here. Though every city has its issues, my concern for our community less where it is today and more where Liberty Lake will be in 10, 20 and 30 years, when my sons are deciding where to raise their children. I want to play a key role in ensuring our community is as great or better at that time as it is today. Without tackling and making good decisions about key planning issues today (traffic, taxes, park spaces, etc.), I fear Liberty Lake won't be the premier place for families and businesses that it is today.

What opportunities for the city excite you about service as a council member?

Thanks to being a young, growing city with community-oriented businesses and individuals, Liberty Lake has a lot of fun and good change on the horizon. Whether it's making decisions about a civic center, aquatic center, town square, ball fields, etc., exciting ideas are out there. What energizes me is having the opportunity to support individuals and businesses who organize for the good of our community (i.e. Fallen Heroes, the Farmers Market, etc.) as well as getting to welcome (and hopefully entice) new businesses and families to join our community.

What is the main thing that separates you from your opponent in this race?

My intention is not to sound negative about Mr. Sitton as an individual — I hear through the grapevine Jeff is a nice guy. We haven't had the opportunity to meet because my opponent has yet to be at any City Council meetings or

HUGH SEVERS



AGE: 27

FAMILY: Wife, Jolene Severs; sons, Jackson (6) and Liam (3)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: I run a financial strategies group with Northwestern Mutual.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Small business owner, BA in landscape architecture = urban planning training, financial services business = excellent understanding of individual/family and business needs financially; previously helped manage a contracting business (leadership/management in a fast-paced environment); extensive service experience in various roles (customer service in businesses, community service/volunteer work with the American Cancer Society, WSU Alumni Association, etc.)

RELEVANT TRAINING/EDUCATION: BA landscape architecture from Washington State University; Central Valley High School graduate; continued education through American College (not yet complete, financial planning education)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Young Professionals of the American Cancer Society, President of the Inland Northwest for Washington State University Alumni Association

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Family, especially my kids' soccer and baseball games; boating; fly fishing; camping; golf; campfires with friends

other community events over the past six months or so — including this year's council retreat. He also has not made the time to speak with organizations that reached out to interview us so to offer an educated opinion to the public, so I can't speak to his philosophies or ideals. My concern is that without being present and hearing all of the existing issues, thoughts of community members and hearing the decisions and reasoning of the current City Council, I have a hard time thinking my opponent will be dedicated, educated and prepared to take the job as a council member. I have dedicated time since last winter to almost every council meeting, this fall's council

What is the one thing about you that you believe best qualifies you for the role of Liberty Lake City Council member?

Effective communication is essential to successful transactions within an organization, and I've honed that skill. Helpful communication bridges gaps created by confrontation. As a business owner over the last 11 years, I've witnessed good communication transcend disagreements to achieve positive and enduring results. My experience and ability to communicate effectively has prepared me to face multiple community concerns while synergizing solutions that meet the majority's needs.

What concerns about the city of Liberty Lake prompt you to want to be involved?

The rapid growth of Liberty Lake over the past several years has prompted me to be involved with planning and the future of our fine city. Liberty Lake is a highly sought-after place to live, work and recreate and requires forward thinking in regards to regulations, boundaries, schools, roads, health and access to accommodate the fast-paced growth. I believe our district deserves leaders that can provide a common sense approach to finding long-term solutions that enhance and preserve the attributes that make Liberty Lake a phenomenal community.

What opportunities for the city of Liberty Lake excite you about service as a council member?

I am excited that I am part of Liberty Lake's vibrant community and blessed to raise my two young children here. I have grandparents, siblings, parents and many friends that live and work in Liberty Lake. I would like to pay Liberty Lake forward by providing experience and proven leadership and assist the rapid growth and opportunities within by serving the community as city councilman.

Specifically, I'm interested and excited about the conclusion of a viable plan for the Town Square Park project. The opportunity to bring our community several options for recreation, business, service and a central hub will be very exciting and rewarding.

What is the main thing that separates you from your opponent in this race?

My business and community experience sets me apart from my opponent. Eleven years of operating a successful

JEFF SITTON



AGE: 36

FAMILY: Wife, Stacy; son, David (5); daughter, Grace (3)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Owner, Spokane Roofing Company

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Small business owner; leadership responsibilities include managing resources, planning schedules, financial cost outs, marketing, sales, vendor sourcing

RELEVANT TRAINING/EDUCATION: Courses taken at Spokane Falls Community College, North Idaho College and Spokane Community College; graduate of East Valley High School; Idaho Public Works License Program; AHERA building inspector

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: YMCA youth sports, contributions to Habitat for Humanity, Inland Northwest Council of Boy Scouts, Gonzaga University, Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery and Make a Wish Foundation

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Spending evenings playing with my kids at Rocky Hill Park and tending to our community garden bed, jet boating, wakeboarding, fishing, snow skiing and attending Valley Real Life Ministries

business has provided invaluable expertise and flourishing associations with vendors, suppliers, businesspeople and community. I am excited and interested in serving Liberty Lake and providing enduring solutions to Liberty Lake's motivating growth and sustaining community development.

Finally, for fun, who is one person, past or present, you would like to have lunch with — and where would you eat it?

Ronald Reagan. I feel our 40th president of the United States was a great American. He made the tough decisions in which he took much criticism for but stood for what he felt was right. President Reagan had a pro-business mindset and a big heart for people. We would eat at Hay J's and have a seafood cob salad with a large iced tea.

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Liberty Lake City Council, Position 4

What is the one thing about you that you believe best qualifies you for the role of Liberty Lake City Council member?

Knowledge-

1. Learned over 12 years of residency (history).
2. Gained by service (volunteer spirit).
3. Acquired by listening to residents (representation).
4. Increased by certified municipal leadership classes (education).
5. Gleaned by administrating city budgets (fiscal management).
6. That comes from doing what's right but not necessarily popular.

What concerns about the city of Liberty Lake prompt you to want to be involved?

It would be very easy for me to give the novice, safe and popular answers: 1. Make sure that there isn't growth without planning; 2. Keep the citizens protected; and 3. Bring in commercial income; and 4. Keep taxes low.

Honestly, I am not worried about those concerns. Not that I don't care, but we already have a good handle on these. There won't be growth without management, because we are a planned community. The city of Liberty Lake doesn't fail to protect its citizens; we have the best chief of police on the east side of the state. Commercial development is driven by economy and hindered by the state, which isn't known for their business friendliness.

As for our city taxes, they are already pretty low, and overall, the current City Council tends to vote against raising them:

From Nov. 19, 2010, Spokane Valley News Herald story by Editor Craig Howard: "Liberty Lake residents paid a property tax rate of \$1.55 per \$1,000 in 2010, the second lowest level among jurisdictions in Spokane County."

From Nov. 22, 2012, Splash story by contributor Craig Howard: "Homeowners in Liberty Lake received their first gift of the holiday season on Tuesday night as the City Council voted down a proposed property tax increase of 1 percent for 2013. The nominal levy lift lid was included in Mayor Steve Peterson's preliminary budget for next year and would have raised \$19,000 with funds earmarked for a speed monitor trailer and two surveillance cameras. ... Mayor Pro Tem Odin Langford acknowledged the value of the capital purchases ... (stated), 'I think we could find those funds from other places.'"

My major concern is that our economy is fragile. What's an intelligent approach? Get out of long-term debt. I be-

ODIN LANGFORD



AGE: 61

FAMILY: Wife, Jill; daughter, Kellie (33)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Area manager for IC Security

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Member of the Liberty Lake City Council, having served since 2007. Elected by sitting council members to serve as mayor pro tem.

RELEVANT TRAINING/EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in administration of criminal justice, master's degree in criminal justice, Boston University; certificate of municipal leadership, Association of Washington Cities

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Washington state Court Appointed Special Advocate (for children); Washington state certified ombudsman (senior service); prior member, Friends of the Library (Liberty Lake); prior member, Meadowood HOA (Liberty Lake)

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Muscle cars, camping, traveling, photography

lieve that it's feasible and practical.

Sometimes we get caught up in nice but unnecessary programs and projects that tend to take on a life of their own but aren't conducive to maintaining tight fiscal controls during an economic period of uncertainty.

What opportunities for the city of Liberty Lake excite you about service as a council member?

1. To be long-term debt free.
2. North side growth utilizing the LIFT (Local Infrastructure Financing Tool) and TIF (Tax Increment Financing) — the redistribution of property taxes to accomplish infrastructure development as the framework for creation of a mixed property use and a supportive, as opposed to consuming, commercial area.

What is the main thing that separates you from your opponent in this race?

I say this in all humility, but depth of experience is the gorge that separates us.

When I want the advice of a financial advisor, I'm not interested in speaking with someone who got out of school and thinks that because they know the difference between an asset and liability that

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What is the one thing about you that you believe best qualifies you for the role of Liberty Lake City Council member?

My fresh, innovative perspective. It's amazing how much can be accomplished without having to raise taxes. There are plenty of tools available to us within state law that provide for solutions to complex problems. A little creativity and innovation can go a long way toward accomplishing goals and saving Liberty Lake residents a few bucks in the process.

What concerns about the city of Liberty Lake prompt you to want to be involved?

Although Liberty Lake is still a young municipality (incorporated in 2001), the era of establishing how to operate this city is coming to close. Now attention may be served to moving Liberty Lake into the future. We're in a unique position not to repeat mistakes of other communities and ensure Liberty Lake maintains and improves upon the best quality of life in the metropolitan area.

What opportunities for the city of Liberty Lake excite you about service as a council member?

What happens next? This is the big unanswered question that faces the community. We've incorporated. We're pretty good at managing the business of the city. Now what? That's the fun part.

What is the main thing that separates you from your opponent in this race?

My fresh, innovative perspective. My opponent has been on City Council since 2007, and he's done a great job helping to establish the business practices of the city. However, now it's time to look at the future and choose it before it chooses us. I have the skills and experience in urban planning and economic development to thoughtfully contribute as a member of City Council, and I'm excited to initiate

MIKE TEDESCO



AGE: 35

FAMILY: Wife, Caitlin; kids, Madelyn (14) and Cooper (7)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Realtor

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Expert in all things economic development, urban planning and tax increment financing. Career highlights include: over \$320 million in closed public/private partnerships, successfully recruited hundreds of high-tech jobs, redeveloped blighted neighborhoods and managed statewide tourism attraction efforts.

RELEVANT TRAINING/EDUCATION: Master's degree in urban planning

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: American Planning Association, Inland Northwest Business Alliance, International Council of Shopping Centers, Spokane Association of Realtors

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Confident I can beat The Splash's Editor and Publisher (Josh Johnson) in a match of table tennis. I'm also nurturing a fantasy football addiction.

discussions that will help move Liberty Lake forward.

Finally, for fun, who is one person, past or present, you would like to have lunch with — and where would you eat it?

Ty Webb, Bushwood Country Club (after a round of golf)

EDITOR'S NOTE EQUAL TREATMENT



For the discerning reader wondering why some of the candidate questionnaires jump to an additional page while others leave blank spaces, it's worth reminding that all candidates were offered the same maximum number of words (150 for the bio box and 600 for the question and answers). Within those bounds, the length of a candidate's responses was his or her choice.

— Josh Johnson



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The Splash caught up with busy candidate Debbi Haskins at Twisp before snapping this photo.



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From left, Odin Langford, Mike Tedesco and Jeff Sitton pause for a picture overlooking the city's homes and businesses from the roof of the Liberty Lake Portal building. The trio then retired to a conference room to talk about the issues.



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

Hugh Severs and Lori Olander met for the first time at an early morning roundtable discussion at Twisp Cafe and Coffee House.

Campaign season reveals field of sharp candidates

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF COLUMN



For whatever reason, it seems our culture has a hard time paying attention to the election until we get the kids back to school.

So there I was on day one, shuffling the kids onto the bus along with the other parents, when I bump into Mike Tedesco. Turns out, this guy I know because his

name is on the Liberty Lake ballot also puts at least one of his kids on the same bus I place one of mine.

And then it hit me. I live in the River District, that area on the north side of I-90 that, when fully developed, is supposed to double the size of the city. So does Mike Tedesco, former Downtown Spokane

Partnership president and CEO and now a Realtor and candidate for City Council. I checked the records, and Tedesco is only the second person who lives in the River District to ever file to run for City Council in an election. The first? Hugh Severs, who

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A peek at the 2014 Council

With three seats up for grabs in November, a glance ahead at how next year's elected Liberty Lake leadership team is shaping up



Steve Peterson

Peterson is approaching the halfway point of his term in his second stint leading the city (2001-2007; 2012-present)

Lori Olander or Debbi Haskins

Olander currently has the job after her appointment June 12, 2012. The victor in November's election will fill the remainder of this term, which goes through 2015.

Hugh Severs or Jeff Sitton

Current Council Member Josh Beckett chose not to run to retain this seat, so the winner of this fall's election between Severs and Sitton will join the dais in January for a four-year term.

Dan Dunne

Elected in November 2011, Dunne is serving his first four-year term, which runs through 2015.

Odin Langford or Mike Tedesco

First appointed on Oct. 23, 2007 and retained in November 2009, Langford is the senior member of the Council and is running for another four-year term. With a win Nov. 5, Tedesco would fill that seat starting January instead.

Shane Brickner

Elected in November 2011, Brickner is serving his first four-year term, which runs through 2015.

Keith Kopelson

As he didn't draw an opponent, Kopelson will earn a four-year term beginning in January. This year, he will complete the term he was appointed to on Jan. 31, 2012.

Cris Kaminkas

First appointed Jan. 19, 2010, and retained in November 2011, Kaminkas is serving her first full term, which runs through 2015.

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lives a block from me and beat Tedesco to the punch in filling out the paperwork during filing week, so we will call him River District candidate No. 1.

Now here's what I'm not saying. I'm not saying that one should vote for a candidate based upon the geographic location of his or her home. Certainly not.

What the existence of the first two River District candidates for Liberty Lake City Council does trigger, however, is a symbolic turning of attention to one of the important issues for any candidate in this race. How does the city prepare for the somewhat blank canvas that is Liberty Lake North? What is the community's responsibility when it comes to residential growth outpacing school capacity? What items previously considered for south of the interstate (park features, aquatic centers, and so on) may make more sense north of the interstate?

I'll tell you what, the city staff and current council are asking these questions, and many more, and I was impressed that the new slate of candidates are asking these questions, too.

I invited the candidates to a roundtable discussion in mid-September, but getting six busy people around a table at the same time proved difficult. I ended up breaking my initial visits with the candidates into three separate sessions (associated photos on the previous page).

We will provide more information in future articles, but allow me to share just a few highlights and reflections from these initial meetings with the candidates:

1. People can't stop talking about the utility tax. Nor should they. Indeed, Council veteran Odin Langford made the point

that an annual review of the need for the tax is written into the ordinance that was approved at its initial passage. As you might expect, there were no candidates who felt the tax was certain to remain indefinitely nor were there any who were ready to completely do away with it.

2. Everybody loves Katy Allen. And RJ Stevenson, too, for that matter. These relatively new city staffers (Allen has served as city administrator for more than a year now, Stevenson as finance director for more than two) are in the beginning stages of earning Brian Asmus-like popularity among the city's slate of elected officials. This is noteworthy because of how much things have changed from the last city of Liberty Lake election cycle, when HR issues and city manager discussions were all the rage. Elected city leaders seem very pleased right now with hired city leaders, for whatever that's worth. At minimum, perhaps it means we can talk about something else this time?

3. The race to watch at the candidate forum Oct. 2 may very well be Tedesco against Langford. Both are extremely well studied, which in their case translates into some pretty strongly held opinions. Instead of answering a question at our roundtable, Langford pulled an "Odin" and began asking Tedesco a series of questions about the finer details of one of his responses. The candidates went back and forth fairly aggressively until Jeff Sitton saved the day by asking for a turn to speak himself. Knowledge and ideas aren't everything, but they are a lot, and those two will provide plenty for voters to think about at the forum.

4. As I was wrapping up my last visit, I reflected on the top to bottom quality of the candidate pool. This class of challengers seems to have at least started their homework, if not moved on to extra credit.

Now it's the voters turn to be engaged. Hope to see you Oct. 2 at the Meadowwood Technology Campus.

SEVERS

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retreat and miscellaneous events to ensure I am both educated and prepared to transition smoothly into the council.

Finally, for fun, who is one person, past or present, you would like to have lunch with — and where would you eat it?

Without a doubt, I would like to have lunch with Thomas Jefferson. Also trained as a landscape architect, he took that planning knowledge (and vast other experiences) and put it to use in the writing or our constitution and architecture behind our government. We would eat here, in modern times, in the "Louisiana Territory" (I don't care what home or restaurant) and discuss what he considers his triumphs and his faults regarding his decisions that impact where our society is today.

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they are a financial advisor.

I want to speak with the guy who has a few million in his own retirement account and will share with me his experience on how to get it, grow it and keep it. It's his experience that makes him valuable.

I've worked hard over the last seven years to make sure that you will enjoy coming home to Liberty Lake. It's my experience that validates my vision: "protect, preserve and get out of debt."

Finally, for fun, who is one person, past or present, you would like to have lunch with — and where would you eat it?

I would like to take Etienne Eduard La-liberte (Stephen E. Liberty), to a picnic lunch at Pavillion Park, where I would tell him, "Thank you."

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NEWS

Board looking at pay hikes for mayor, Council

Compensation remains unchanged from 2001

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

If you're interested in running for mayor of a jurisdiction in Washington — with money as a priority — you might want to relocate to Poulsbo.

The fourth largest city in Kitsap County, with just over 9,000 residents, pays its municipal chief \$5,749 a month, or just shy of \$70,000 a year. The sum represents the top salary for a mayor in Washington cities with a population between 7,500 to 14,999, according to research by the Association of Washington Cities.

On the City Council side, Shelton — westernmost city in the Puget Sound region with a citizenry of nearly 10,000 — compensates representatives of its governing board \$1,300 month, plus \$70 per meeting with a ceiling of \$25,400 per year.

Then there is Liberty Lake.

While many aspects of Spokane County's easternmost city have changed since incorporation in 2001, salaries for the mayor and City Council members have not. The mayor's pay rate remains at \$750 a month while council representatives are paid a monthly wage of \$250.

Mayor Steve Peterson recalls a time in the early days of the city when \$1,000 a month was proposed as mayor's compensation. Instead, Peterson spoke up in favor of \$750.

"For me, I'm retired — I'm not in this for the money," said Peterson, who estimates he spends about 20 hours a week on mayoral duties. "My goal is to serve the community and to make sure the city is safe, clean and green."

Former Mayor Wendy Van Orman appointed three members to the city's first salary commission in 2010 to review the compensation of elected officials and report back with their findings as well as a recommendation. While the group did meet, no change to pay was ever made official due to a lapse in protocol that made the commission's determination unbinding.

Even though a raise had been recommended, Peterson recalls council being reluctant to accept a pay increase at the time, as budget strains were then threatening cutbacks to the municipal library and golf course.

"The council really didn't know much about the salary commission and the pay raises," Peterson said. "They were getting to the budget process and this issue was really not out front."

This summer, the salary commission was reconvened with the original trio of members — Peggy Self, Wadie Elaimy and John



SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

Initially formed in 2010 by then Mayor Wendy Van Orman, the Liberty Lake Salary Commission began meeting again in July of this year to evaluate compensation of the city's elected officials. From left to right: Wadie Elaimy, Peggy Self and John Millikan.

Millikan — brought back for a reunion tour. City Clerk Ann Swenson said the re-examination of compensation for elected officials is being held in conjunction with the 2014 budget process as well as labor negotiations currently under way with the police department.

The commission is expected to reach a decision on pay adjustment at its meeting on Sept. 25 (after Splash presstime) with the recommendation being presented to council at the Oct. 1 regular meeting (which will be recounted in *The Splash's* Oct. 2 e-update). By state law, council will not vote on the matter but simply accept the commission's decision.

"Whatever the salary commission determines will be implemented in the 2014 budget," Swenson said.

At the City Council meeting on Sept. 17, Pat Dockrey, a member of the Liberty Lake Kiwanis and a property owner in the city, spoke up in support of pay raises for Mayor Peterson and those who sit around the dais. Dockrey was the only person to testify at a meeting of the salary commission earlier in the month.

"I think they deserve more for the work they do and the time they spend," said Dockrey, who supports compensation for the mayor eventually shifting to \$2,500 per month with council pay moving to \$1,000 per month.

Self, who worked for years as a parale-

gal and has volunteered with Liberty Lake SCOPE, said she has been disappointed in the lack of citizen feedback on the issue.

"You'd think since we were considering raising the salaries that there would be people within the city that would be interested in saying something about it, but we haven't really had any," she said.

Currently, Liberty Lake is tied for 21st in the state with Port Townsend in the category of how much its mayor is paid — out of a total of 30 cities with a population between 7,500 and 14,999. Liberty Lake City Council salary ranks 27th out of 30, tied with Edgewood and Hoquiam. The city also ranks well behind the average remittance for elected leaders of cities with similar populations. The median monthly wage for mayor throughout the state is \$1,614 with council ringing in at \$489.

"The thing is they have never had any raises," said Elaimy, a retired oncologist who has lived in Liberty Lake since 2002. "You look at the cost of living increase, the city has grown, they have more work and, yet, nothing. The hours have kept going up and up. There are more meetings, more programs."

Council Member Lori Olander said she would still serve on the City Council even if a salary was not in place. Instead of a pay raise, Olander supports the idea of a dedicated fund that would cover the costs of educational programs for council members.

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HOW LIBERTY LAKE STACKS UP

Mayoral pay

Top five monthly salaries for mayors in Washington (among the state's 30 jurisdictions between 7,500 to 14,999 population)

City	Salary	Pop.
1. Poulsbo	\$5,749	9,585
2. Port Orchard	\$5,343	12,870
3. East Wenatchee	\$4,519	13,350
4. Lake Forest Park	\$3,000	12,680
5. Ferndale	\$2,618	12,290
21. Liberty Lake	\$750	8,190

City Council pay

Top five monthly salaries for City Council members in Washington (among the state's 30 jurisdictions between 7,500 to 14,999 population)

City	Salary	Pop.
1. Shelton	\$1,300*	9,866
2. Burlington	\$800	8,445
3. Port Orchard	\$772	12,870
4. Airway Heights	\$750	7,935
5. Sumner	\$750	9,520
27. Liberty Lake	\$250	8,190

*plus \$70 per council meeting

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"I do see both sides," Olander said. "I personally prefer the volunteerism, but it does take a lot of time and the people we have on council have full-time or part-time jobs. I just don't think the city could afford to pay a lot more."

The commission distributed a questionnaire to the mayor and each council member this summer but only received Peterson's form back. Millikan said the group will rely heavily on the information gathered from 2010 as far as council time commitments and responsibilities.

"I'm not overly surprised at the lack of response," said Millikan, who is serving as commission chair and has a professional background in human resources. "It's difficult to say how much you're worth. A lot of them are doing it because they care about the community and they want to contribute, and I appreciate that, but I also think they should be rewarded for that."

Council Member Keith Kopelson said he decided not to return the questionnaire in order to keep the process neutral.

"I don't want to influence it one way or another," he said. "It's supposed to be independent. What the commission decides is not going to affect whether I want to be on council or not. If they decide to give us an increase or take money away, I'm OK with it, but I don't want to have any part of that. I haven't followed it all. My time is worth something, but even if there was no salary, I'd still serve."

Council Member Shane Brickner said pay was not a priority when he ran for the governing board in 2011. Brickner, who volunteers with the Liberty Lake Police Department, has also spent part of all but three Saturdays since May at the Liberty Lake Farmers Market gathering community feedback from a city-sponsored booth.

"The money is not important to me — it's more about being involved in the community and making a difference," Brickner said. "I have no more time vested than any other council member. I think everyone on council is putting in as much time as they can."

While pay in Liberty Lake for those elected to office has remained stagnant for a dozen years, Millikan said there have been some significant hikes for leaders in certain towns and cities since the commission dispersed in 2010.

"You can see the trends within other cities and towns and, again, that's about all we have to go on, the current pay structures in those jurisdictions," he said. "It is pretty surprising, especially given a city like Liberty Lake that has really grown. I think the work the mayors and the city council members have done here is tremendous. They've created an amazing community. I just want to be fair. I feel they should be compensated adequately."



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NEWS

Fallen Heroes installment honors memory of Marine

Spokane Valley's Joshua Dumaw died in Afghanistan in 2010

Story and photos by Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Before Joshua Dumaw was a respected Marine, he was a boy growing up a few miles to the west of Liberty Lake, playing blacktop basketball, rooting for the Zags and making people laugh with his trademark wit and exuberance.

“Josh was a real jokester,” said his mom, Jenifer Dumaw. “Nothing really ever got to him. He didn’t dwell on things. He was just very personable. I never met anyone who didn’t like Josh.”

His mom, wife and a son born three months after his 2010 death in Afghanistan were among more than 250 people who gathered at Rocky Hill Park Sept. 21 to honor the fallen hero. The ceremony also dedicated the first installment of exercise equipment in Liberty Lake’s Fallen Heroes Circuit Course.

After attending West Valley High School, Dumaw worked for an electric company but in June 2007 decided to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps. He left for basic training in San Diego and afterward attended military police school.

Jenifer remembers Josh hiding his enlistment from her for three weeks. When he was deployed to Iraq in 2008, she was again among the last to know.

“I’m the kind of mom who’s always worried about my kids,” Jenifer said. “He was putting himself in harm’s way, and he knew I would be worried about it.”

Jenifer recalls Josh being adept at everything he tried, from skateboarding to basketball — and the military was no exception. He thrived as a Marine and rose to the rank of corporal while in Iraq.

“He saw the uniform and what it represents,” Jenifer said.

Jamie Nilles, former West Valley varsity basketball coach and current athletic director, recalls Dumaw as a “good kid around school.”

“We never had any issues with Josh,” Nilles said. “He was polite, always on time and had a good work ethic — a lot of traits that I’m sure carried over to the Marines.”

Dumaw returned to the U.S. from the

Middle East in January 2009. That August, he was married to Kailyn Linson whom he had met online during his deployment. Josh and Kailyn made a new life for themselves while he was stationed in North Carolina and, toward the beginning of 2010, discovered they were expecting their first child.

“Josh could always make me laugh,” said Kailyn. “He was as sarcastic as me. He was just an amazing, caring person.”

Wanting to provide for his growing family, Dumaw volunteered for another tour of duty that would bring added pay. In May 2010, he left North Carolina for Afghanistan.

Less than a month into his deployment — and only nine days after his 23rd birthday — Dumaw was part of a patrol unit sweeping for improvised explosive devices outside the Marine base. After locating an IED with his metal detector, Dumaw made sure his fellow soldiers were dispersed from the area. Before he could reach safe ground himself, Dumaw was caught in an explosion and killed.

Bob Wiese discovered the story of the courageous squad leader from Spokane Valley when he was searching for an honoree at the first installment of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course. Eventual plans call for installments at parks throughout the community, with Rocky Hill being the first. Wiese, a Liberty Lake resident, served in the Marines from 1993 to 2000, a period that fell between the two Gulf Wars. Although he never saw combat, Wiese wanted to do his part to pay tribute to those like Dumaw who sacrificed their lives serving their country.

Wiese brought his idea for the course to Liberty Lake City Hall last summer. The idea would be to install outdoor exercise equipment at five locations throughout Liberty Lake with each site honoring a branch of the military. A local “Fallen Hero,” representing the Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, would be remembered at each location with a personalized plaque.

The Rocky Hill project was awarded \$35,000 by the city last year. Wiese and his committee — comprised of Liberty Lake residents — were charged with raising the remaining cost of around \$4,300. Committee member Amy O’Connell said the community rallied enthusiastically on behalf of the cause. Between businesses and civic organizations, more than 20 groups contributed on some level.

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Below, former Marine Bob Wiese escorts Bodie, the son of Joshua Dumaw, at the Sept. 21 ceremony honoring Dumaw and dedicating the Rocky Hill Park station of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course. The date of the ceremony happened to correspond with Bodie’s third birthday. The boy was born three months after his father was killed while serving the country as a Marine corporal in Afghanistan.



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MARINE

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“First of all, it was neat that the city supported it so well and we had such a great response going door to door,” O’Connell said.

Kristi Dodson, another committee member, recalled how the project “started with one vision and wound up being embraced by the entire community.”

The nine-piece circuit course includes features that emphasize cardiovascular exercise and strength training. Since being installed, the site has been utilized heavily by residents of all fitness levels.

Liberty Lake Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Griffin said Wiese and the committee deserve kudos for all their work in bringing such a unique concept to the city of Liberty Lake.

“This has been by far the best project I’ve worked on in a long time,” Griffin said. “This group is really terrific. They’re extremely dedicated to this cause.”

Landing on Sept. 21, the Rocky Hill dedication ceremony landed on the third birthday of Dumaw’s son, Bodie. A gathering of Dumaw’s friends and family attended the celebration.

“Josh would have been so humbled by this,” said Jenifer. “As his mom, I’ve always

thought he was pretty darn cool, but to have others recognize him like this is amazing.”

Kailyn, who lives with Bodie in Sedro Woolley, Wash., and will graduate with a degree in office management from Skagit Community College next June, called the tribute to Josh “a true honor for me and my family.”

“It’s amazing to see what they’ve done,” she said. “It’s a great feeling to know that his memory is still being kept alive.”

Speaking at the ceremony, Liberty Lake Mayor Steve Peterson described the circuit course and what it represents as “a living statue of those who have served their country.”

“This is here to honor, educate, inspire and remind us who has served,” Peterson said.

Wiese provided the dedicatory address at the event, saluting Dumaw for “selfless actions that not only saved the lives of his comrades in arms but also showed tremendous bravery.”

Wiese expressed hope that those who utilized the circuit course would pause to remember the sacrifice of Dumaw and others that have made the freedoms in Liberty Lake, and throughout the nation, possible.

“This is here to celebrate the lives of those individuals and the service they gave,” Wiese said. “Someone like Josh is a real hero.”



Above, the West Valley High School band performed at the ceremony honoring Joshua Dumaw. Dumaw graduated from West Valley.



At left, Liberty Lake resident Lyle Hatcher tries out some of the newly installed equipment that makes up the Rocky Hill Park feature of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course. Organizers plan to install features at four other parks to eventually honor fallen heroes from every branch of the military.

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DID YOU KNOW?

• Many lake families routinely had their milk delivered by Valley-operated Early Dawn Dairy, purchased produce and meats from Veradale's Renfro's and Rice's Meat Packing, respectively, and shopped for a variety of other goods and services at Greenacres Shopping Center.

• During Expo 74, Valley View's restaurant would often have two- and three-hour waits serving large tour groups staying at the RV park. It also served breakfast to Russian ballet dancers and the Canadian Mounted Police, who stayed next door in motorhomes while performing at Expo 74.

• Holiday Hills was once the prize date package awarded to a lucky couple on ABC's popular '70s game show, *The Dating Game*.

• The city of Spokan Falls (the "e" was added in 1883 and "Falls" dropped in 1891) was officially incorporated as a city of about 1,000 residents in 1881. With the arrival of four major railroads, the population soared to 104,000 by 1910, luring settlers from as far away as Finland, Germany and England. Spokane thus became the commercial center of the Inland Northwest over its rival, Walla Walla.

• Riverfront Park in downtown Spokane was formerly dominated by railroad depots and junky warehouses, relocated to make way for the site of Expo 74.

By Karen Johnson
 LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Just over a century ago, Spokane was crisscrossed with railroads that made her a trade center, Spokane Valley capitalized on its apple orchards and Silver Valley began producing more silver than any other mining district in the USA. What commodities or services propelled Liberty Lake's marketplace a century ago?

Bicycling, Spokane's new fad around the late 1800s, brought pedalers to Liberty Lake's west shore for relaxation. Roderick MacKenzie, a young cattleman settling the west side, and his wife often fed the hungry cyclists. The obvious business opportunity led to a restaurant selling 35-cent chicken dinners. A 20-room hotel was added the following year. Across the lake, another cattle rancher, Martin Kalez, recognized he could market the waterfront of his large ranch, and it soon became a camping resort known as Kalez Park. Success prompted the addition of a store and restaurant. These were the first two resorts on the lake, each reaping a profitable income and encouraging a welcoming lake lifestyle.

Fields just off the lake became orchards, farmlands and ranches through the hard work of homesteaders. Refreshment came through Saturday night hillbilly music and dancing at the nearby township of Spokane Bridge, whose proximity just east of Liberty Lake's State Line border made it accessible to them. In the wintertime, 20 or so couples could nest in large horse-drawn, hay-filled sleighs that glided from Liberty Lake over the river and through the woods to Newman Lake, then back to Spokane Bridge for dancing.

Just after the calendar turned to a new century, Emmett Denison, who lived by the rail line near Liberty Lake, met the train at the Liberty Lake Junction Depot offering to take passengers lakeside on his horse-drawn stage for 25 cents. Soon, the railroad got into the resort business, building a spur line in 1907 from the junction to its company-owned Liberty Lake Park, which was marketed to the larger Inland Empire community. No other lakes had such accessibility.

Ultimately, entrepreneurs moved to Liberty Lake to build more resorts: Zephyr, Neyland's Grove, Dreamwood Bay, Wayside, Ted Weeks, Sandy Beach and Sig's. Some began as a store, some rented swimsuits and boats, rooms and cabins, and offered pleasure boat tours. Several provided restaurants, music and dancing. A confectionary here, a casino there ... even a boys' camp. Eventually gas pumps became available dockside. This was lake life at its finest.

The early general store wore many "hats" — gas pumps outside, a few groceries, sundries and candy inside, along



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Brownie's, located in "downtown" Liberty Lake (Melkapsi and Wright), was operated by T.O. "Brownie" and Bertha Brown during the middle part of the 20th Century.

with the occasional post office, bar, restaurant, owners' apartment and telephone exchange. The owners were often the delivery man, butcher and even justice of the peace. Stores fulfilled their customers wants and needs initially from catalogues and later from wholesale distributors like McClintock and Trunkey, local wholesalers whose wives were sisters living side by side in cabins on Wicomico Beach.

Ernest Wright opened a general store in "downtown" Liberty Lake (Melkapsi and Wright) around 1910, which changed hands several times through the years. By mid-century, T.O. "Brownie" and Bertha Brown owned and operated Wright's store, affectionately known as Brownie's. I remember scavenging for empty pop bottles on the beaches at the resorts to trade for penny candy at Brownie's. As I shared this recently with Brownie's granddaughter, Janis, we laughed when she confessed she was slyly "scavenging" the collected empty pop bottles Brownie stored by his back door, also trading them in for candy. Of course, her grandpa knew what was happening all along!

As the automobile became the choice mode of transportation, the possibility of exploration became a reality, and Liberty Lake's shores lost their exclusivity. Although the visitor population waned, a growing residential population demanded more businesses, supplies and services. In the latter part of the century, many of the community's original revenue-producing commodities, including the resorts, began phasing out. The original homesteaders' farmland and orchards, which had largely become bluegrass fields for seed production, now gave way to a new fiscal op-

portunity: golf. Liberty Lake Golf Course, constructed in 1959, became a new lure for the community. In 1973, Valley View Golf Course (now Trailhead) was developed as the first mid-length executive course in the Northwest. MeadowWood Golf Course, 1987, rounded out the triple golf package, thrusting Liberty Lake to the status of a premier golf course community.

At the same time Expo 74 was revitalizing downtown Spokane, Liberty Lake experienced its own surge of energy when Carlson Hill (Legacy Ridge) was renamed Holiday Hills and opened as a ski and snowmobile recreation destination with a lodge and restaurant. Later, the site accommodated equestrian activities, snowmobile and motocross racing, youth sports camps and ice skating. Its lodge burned down in 1998, more than a decade after the site had closed. The flat area below it (today's southwest corner of Country Vista and Liberty Lake Roads) had become an RV Park in those days with 500 rentable Expo-colored RVs.

So what commodities or services were responsible not only for propelling Liberty Lake to stability through its early years, but for maintaining its character and inviting hospitality through generations? Certainly our amazing, natural environment pops quickly to mind. But the tireless efforts, fiscal creativity and absolute generosity from generations of neighbors must top the list. Liberty Lake continues to market itself as a hot commodity, and her people are her greatest assets. The real question is: What am I responsible to contribute toward Liberty Lake's unique legacy?

Karen Johnson is a longtime resident and Liberty Lake Historical Society board member.

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Sept. 28 | Community Garage Sale 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bitterroot Lodge, 21580 E. Bitterroot Lane. Rain or shine, multiple families will be selling baby items, household goods, clothing and furniture during this end-of-summer sale.

Oct. 5 | Newman Lake Volunteer District open house 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Newman Lake Fire Station #1, 10236 NW Newman Lake Drive. The public is invited to see a MedStar Helicopter, have a picture taken with the fire truck, learn fire response skills, view the Jaws of Life at work, take "hands-only" CPR classes and more. Fire Chief Yamane and the Board of Fire Commissioners will be on hand to discuss the need for a new fire station. For more: 226-0187

Oct. 5 | Family Fun on the Farm 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Carver Farms, 9105 N. Idaho Road. Popcorn, caramel corn and caramel apples will be available in addition to free hayrides on October weekends (weather-permitting) beginning Oct. 5. For more: 226-3602 or www.carverfarms.com

Oct. 5 | Hoedown for Hope 5 to 9 p.m., Rockin' B Ranch, 3912 Spokane Bridge Road. A fundraiser for HOPE School, a nonprofit preschool for local deaf and hard-of-hearing children, the evening will include cocktails, music, raffles, dinner and dessert. Tickets are \$55 per person. For more: www.spokanehopeschool.org

Oct. 11 | Greenacres Elementary School Fundraiser 6 to 9 p.m., Triple Play Family Fun Center, 175 W. Orchard Ave., Hayden. Cost is \$15 for a wristband to enjoy a night of family fun. Pool will be open until 10 p.m. Stop by the GES table to purchase a wristband.

Oct. 18-19 | Restore the Spokane River Noon to 4 p.m. (Fri.); 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. (Sat.), StateLine off Seltice Way. Restore the riparian area, improve habitat for fish, enhance water quality and make way for an aesthetically-pleasing water trail access and bike ride along the Centennial Trail. Attendees are asked to bring work shoes and gloves, water and snacks; all equipment will be provided. To register or for more: www.spokaneriver.net/stateline

Oct. 20 | The Truth Forum 5:30 p.m., Lakeside Church, 23129 E. Mission. This free event in Q-n-A format will be facilitated by former atheist, Scott Simon, and will address challenging questions about evolution, God, good versus evil and more. The forum will also be held Nov. 17. For more: 210-9779

Oct. 23 | Protect Your Credit Score Noon to 1 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission. Presented by financial experts from STCU, this informative workshop will shed light on the importance of maintaining a healthy credit score. A light, complimentary lunch will be provided. To register or for more: www.stcu.org/workshops or 344-2202

Oct. 24 | Books-n-Brew Book Club 6:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Check with the library for this month's book. For more: 232-2510

Oct. 28 | Halloween Party 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Children and their families are invited to the library's annual Halloween party for a free night of carnival games, crafts and family fun. For more: 232-2510

Nov. 1 | Great Candy Buy Back 4 to 8 p.m., KiDDS Dental, 1327 N. Stanford Lane, Suite B. Dental office buys unopened Halloween candy for \$1 per pound and sends it to troops overseas during this sixth annual event. Goody bags, prizes and letter writing to troops are also part of the event. For more: 891-7070 or www.growupsmiling.com

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Meeting changed to Oct. 22 for this month

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Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club Noon Thursdays, Meadowwood Technology Campus Liberty Room, 2100 N. Molter Road.

Liberty Lake Farmers Market Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane. The market concludes for the season on Oct. 12. For more: www.lifarmersmarket.com

Liberty Lake Lions Club Noon on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, Barlow's Restaurant, 1400 N. Meadowwood Lane. For more: 869-7657

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

Liberty Lake Municipal Library 23123 E. Mission Avenue. 4 p.m. Mondays, Lego club; 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, toddler/preschool story time; 10:15 a.m. Fridays, baby lap sit story time; 11 a.m. Friday, toddler/preschool story time and songs; 1 p.m. Fridays, story time and crafts for preschoolers; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Knitting Club; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, computer classes; 2 p.m. Saturdays, kids craft. For more: 232-2510

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

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

Spokane Valley Writer's Group 6:15 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

Sept. 28 | Gala Grand Opening 6 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. This fundraising event will include a ribbon cutting, beverages and hors d'oeuvres, music by Cross My Heart, a comedic auction, and the one-act play "Well Written." Tickets are \$30 per person; seating is limited. For tickets or more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

Sept. 29 | Matsiko World Orphan Choir 10 a.m., Lakeside Church, 23129 E. Mission. Organized by the International Children's Network, the choir's presentation of original songs and dance brings hope and awareness to the world's 600 million at-risk children. The performance is free and open to the public. For more: 210-9779 or www.icnchildren.net

Oct. 5-6 | The Spokane Renaissance Faire 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Greenbluff area, 20424 N. Dunn Road, Colbert. Produced by Spokane Entertainers Guild, the public is invited to watch competitions in jousting, skill at arms, bocce ball, dancing and more. Admission is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (ages 6 to 17) or \$25 for a daily family pass (\$40 for the weekend). Money raised will go toward 2nd Harvest Food Bank. For more: www.theguild2010.org

Oct. 12 | Latin Folk Festival 6 p.m., LDS Church, 1620 E. 29th St., Spokane. The community is invited to a free evening of singing, dancing and dining to celebrate Latin American culture. A short program combining music and Latin folk dance performances will be followed by a dinner and dance.

Oct. 16 | Liberty Lake Art Society exhibit reception 6 to 8 p.m., Liberty Lake Library, 23123 E. Mission. Local artists will showcase their artwork in watercolor, oil, acrylic, digital photograms and mixed media collages and portraits during the month of October. The public is invited to drop by during library hours to vote on their favorite pieces.

Oct. 18-20, 24-27 | "Death By Chocolate" 3 p.m. (Oct. 19-20, 27) and 7 p.m. (Oct. 18-19, 24-26), Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. This comedy shares the story of a small-time private eye investigating a death in a coffee shop known for its signature drink, Death by Chocolate. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids ages 6 to 12. Senior matinee price is also \$8. For tickets or more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

Recurring

Liberty Lake Art Society Third Wednesday of the month, various times and locations. Create, learn and explore new art avenues, as well as display, sell and network your art. No jurying board, no bylaws, no pressure. Work on projects to benefit Liberty Lake and surround communities. Dues are \$10 per year, and you do not need to be a local resident to join. For more: 255-9600

CIVIC & BUSINESS

Sept. 27-29 & Oct. 4-6 | Fall Festival of Homes 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Presented by the

Spokane Home Builders Association, this 9th annual event will showcase the area's finest builders and development in the Spokane area. For more: www.spokanefestivalofhomes.com

Oct. 2 | Candidate Forum: Liberty Lake contested council races 6:30 p.m., Meadowwood Technology Campus Cafeteria, 2100 N. Molter Road. Hosted by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, the public is invited to hear the perspective of candidates on the issues. For more: www.spokanevalleychamber.org

Oct. 4 | Guest Speaker Lunch Series 11:45 a.m., Liberty Lake Portal, 23403 E. Mission Ave. People are invited for a lunch break filled with insights to help grow your business. October topics include social media tips and tricks (Oct. 4), active threat training (11), protecting your intellectual property (18) and a Dale Carnegie class (25). Cost is \$5 for lunch (free to Portal tenants); registration is due Thursday at noon. For more: 343-0103 or www.libertylakeportal.com

Oct. 4 | Family Home Care open house 3 to 6 p.m., Family Home Care, 22820 E. Appleway Ave., suite B. Door prizes, hors d'oeuvres and tours of the new office will be offered during the open house. Ribbon cutting will take place at 4:30 p.m. followed by an unveiling of their new TV ad campaign. For more: 473-4949 or www.fhccares.com

Oct. 8 | LLSWD Water Reclamation Facility Phase II Upgrade Presentation 4 p.m., Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, 22510 E. Mission Ave. LLSWD, Century West Engineering and Esvelt Engineering invite the public's input on the planning underway for construction of filtration equipment to meet new standards to discharge to the Spokane River. For more: www.libertylake.org

Oct. 11 | Women Executives of Liberty Lake (WELL) 12:45 to 2 p.m., Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, 22510 E. Mission Ave. All members are invited to the annual board elections. For more: www.womenexecutivesoflibertylake.com

Oct. 12 | Holistic Festival 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., CenterPlace at Mirabeau Point Park, 2426 N. Discovery Place. Free lectures and 50 booths will provide info on organic and natural remedies, pain relief, massage and more. Admission is \$6; vendor space is available. For more: www.holisticfestivals.com

Oct. 17 | Trunk Show 2 to 6 p.m., Lakeside Vision, 22106 E. Country Vista Drive, Suite A. The public invited for a Michael Kors and Lacoste Trunk Show. For more: 927-2020

Oct. 18 | Greater Spokane Valley Chamber Business Connections Breakfast 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan. Gonzaga women's basketball coach Kelly Graves will be the guest speaker. Coffee and conversation begin at 6:30 a.m., program begins at 7 a.m. Cost is \$25 for members and guests and \$35 for non-members. For more: www.spokanevalleychamber.org

Oct. 24 | Witches Night Out 3 to 8 p.m. Participating retailers include Simply Northwest, 11806 E. Sprague; The Trellis Marketplace, 4102

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S. Bowdish Road; Jema Lane Boutique, 613 S. Pines Road; Tracy Jewelers, 106 N. Evergreen Road; and Vintage Vines, 106 N. Evergreen Road. Shoppers are invited to dress up in a favorite costume and shop hop to enjoy tasty treats, in-store samples and a chance to win over \$1,000 in prizes.

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

Liberty Lake Library Foundation meeting Noon the first Wednesday 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

The October meeting is cancelled.

Liberty Lake SCOPE 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

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

HEALTH & RECREATION

Sept. 28 | HUB Family Fun Festival 2 to 5 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Celebrate the facility's 6th birthday with a free open house offering fun activities for the entire family including fitness opportunities, jump house, face painting and food. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

Sept. 29 | Ford Drive 4UR School 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Central Valley High School, 821 S. Sullivan Road. Gus Johnson Ford, Ford Motor Company and CVHS are teaming up for the second annual event. For every person (age 18 and up; one per household) who test drives a car, Ford will pay CVHS \$20 to benefit the girls cross country and track programs. For more: 255-9628

Oct. 1 | Complete Woman's Wellness informational seminar 6:30 p.m., Valley Hospital (Davis Room). In October, Healthy Living Liberty Lake will launch a three-month comprehensive program to address all aspects of a woman's health throughout her adult life. For more: 924-6199

Oct. 5-6 | Lilac City Open Badminton Tournament 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. The 12th annual tournament will be preliminary pool play with elimination rounds in each event. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

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Liberty Lake harvest options for kids



By Brenna Holland
WAVE CONTRIBUTOR

Leaves are falling, school is in session, and the air is crisp—fall is here! This festive month provides kids with opportunities for entertainment as well as giving back to the community. Here are just three autumn activities that will make you thankful for Octobers in Liberty Lake.

Conquer the corn maze

HUB Sports Center is taking on a classic fall event to provide a positive safe event for the youth of the community.

The HUB's corn maze, which opened in September at 19619 E. Cataldo, spans over 10 acres and will be open weekends through the end of the October. The scheduled times for October are 5 to 10 p.m. Fridays; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays; and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Students who embark on a quest to enter the labyrinths learn map skills, teamwork, problem solving and logic all while having fun in a sports-themed maze.

"There's an educational benefit for the kids using their abilities to negotiate and master a maze," HUB Executive Director



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Phil Champlain said. "There is the challenge of getting in, making choices and ultimately being successful in getting out. It's just good, clean, wholesome fun."

Admission for kids ages 5 to 12 is \$6 (adults are \$9). All proceeds support HUB 360, an afterschool program that gives children access to athletic, academic and community activities to broaden their horizons.

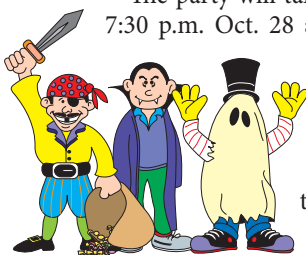
A haunted Trail of Fear will also be offered starting Oct. 5 for just \$1 more per ticket, but it is not recommended for young children.

For more information, contact the HUB at 927-0602.

Party at the library

Little ghosts and goblins are invited to the library's annual Halloween party for a night of carnival games, crafts and family fun.

The party will take place 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission. Parking, which is sometimes an issue, is available in



Above and at right: Most local elementary schools host Halloween parties, but did you know you can also dress in costume for Liberty Lake Municipal Library's annual party? This year's bash will be 5:30 to 7:30 on Oct. 28.

At left: KiDDS Dental in Liberty Lake is offering their 6th annual Great Candy Buy Back 4 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 1. Unopened candy can be turned over for \$1 per pound. Candy and cards will be passed on to military members through Operation Gratitude.



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the lot across Madson Street, Library Director Pamela Mogen said.

Described as a tradition the library has been doing almost since its doors opened, Mogen said the event is a way to celebrate community spirit.

"It's a safe place for children to gather around Halloween," she said. "Plus it's good for children to see the library is more than books. It's a fun place to use their imagination."

The event is free, and kids are encouraged to come in costume. Friends of the Library will be taking photos for \$2 that kids can decorate a frame for.

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

Give candy to troops

After a Halloween full of sweets and surprises, there is always extra candy around the house. Instead of eating all your leftover treats, why not donate some to a wonderful cause?

KiDDS Dental collects candy for Operation Gratitude, an organization that sends care packages to those in the U.S. military. The dentist office pays a dollar for each pound of unopened candy from children

who are accompanied by a parent.

This year's Buy Back will take place Nov. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the KiDDS Dental office, 1327 N. Stanford, suite B. There will be family-friendly entertainment as well as a card-making table for troops sponsored by Dr. Scott Ralph, Orthodontist. Children attending the event will also receive a goody bag with a toothbrush, coupons and other trinkets.

The first Candy Buy Back in Liberty Lake was held in 2008, and KiDDS Dental has been running with it ever since.

"Dr. Jared heard about offices doing it in other parts of the country," Brandi Evans, wife of Dr. Evans, said. "We scrambled to host one ourselves in just a couple weeks. Ever since then it has grown."

All candy and cards collected at the event will be shipped to Operation Gratitude, who packages and delivers them to troops overseas for the holidays. In addition to candy, KiDDS Dental also supplies the charity with toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss.

To learn about other needed items that can be donated to Operation Gratitude, go to www.OpGrat.org.

Tammy Kimberley contributed to this story.

COMMUNITY

Preparing the perfect pumpkin

Compiled by Brenna Holland
WAVE CONTRIBUTOR

Have you ever wondered how to create a magnificent jack-o'-lantern? If so, read on for some tips for safely selecting, carving and lighting your pumpkin masterpiece.

1) Select a pumpkin. Look for ones that have smooth skins, are ripe and are not dented. Try to pick a pumpkin that

has a two-inch stem and is around nine inches tall.

2) Decide on a design. What do you want your pumpkin to look like? Scary? Goofy? Pretty? Classic? Whatever you decide, make sure it fits to the size of pumpkin you picked from the patch. Sketch your pattern with a pencil on a piece of paper using a stencil, a template or just free hand.

3) Cut out the top. Draw a circle or hexagon at least five inches in diameter around the stem of the pumpkin. With an adult's help, cut out a lid using a pumpkin saw or other carving tool. Do so at an angle so that the outside edge is larger than the inside, which keeps the lid from slipping inside the pumpkin once it is hollowed. If your pumpkin does not

have a flat bottom, consider cutting out the bottom instead.

4) Clean out the insides. Once the pumpkin lid has been sawed off, use a metal spoon or ice cream scooper to remove the inside pulp and seeds. Flatten the bottom of the pumpkin so that a candle or light can eventually be placed to illuminate your designs. If you want a tasty treat, save the pumpkin seeds. Wash them, dry them and then place on a baking sheet. Ask an adult to help drizzle with olive oil and salt, and bake at 400 degrees for 5 to 20 minutes.

5) Start carving. Transfer your pattern to the pumpkin by taping your designed paper to the pumpkin and then poking holes through the pattern with a nail or plastic tool. After that is completed, take a knife (with an adult's help) and start carving at the center of your design and work outward. Begin with the smaller details, and be gentle when sawing out patterns.

6) Light it up! Place a candle (votives work best) or an electronic light inside your pumpkin. Turn off the lights and admire your work! Just be sure to blow out the candle before you head to bed.



Sources: spoonful.com/halloween/a-pumpkin-carving-primer, www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/toasted_pumpkin_seeds/



DID YOU KNOW?

- The word pumpkin came from the Greek word "pepon" meaning "large melon."
- Besides the classic color of orange, pumpkins can come in colors of red, yellow, white or green.
- The tradition of carving a pumpkin and lighting it with candles, often referred to as a "jack-o'-lantern," is believed to have come from Ireland. The Irish used to carve faces into turnips, beets and other root vegetables as part of the Gaelic festival of Samhain.



- Pumpkins are a fruit, but they are often referred to as a vegetable since they can be baked, roasted, steamed or boiled.
- Every year over 1 billion pounds of pumpkins are produced in the United States.
- The sweet dessert of pumpkin pie was invented in North America and is traditionally eaten during holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- In 2010, the world record size for a pumpkin was 1,810 pounds!

Source: www.sciencekids.co.nz/science-facts/food/pumpkins.html



APPS FOR THE SEASON

Have a howlin' good time checking out these popular Halloween apps made just for kids! (Just be sure to get permission from your parents before downloading on your device.)



- iLuv Drawing Monsters
- Mask Jumble Halloween
- Millie's Book of Tricks and Treats
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Otis Orchards man spreads Musical Memories

By Brenna Holland
CURRENT CONTRIBUTOR

Sometimes, all you need to brighten your day is a catchy, nostalgic tune. John Labbe, the one-man operation, owner and operator of Musical Memories, seeks to provide happiness memories through the art of music.

"I'm an old guy, playing old music for old people," Labbe said. "I've been performing for more than 60 years. I have extensive experience in the '60s playing in Los Vegas and Los Angeles. I've performed from the Mexican border to the Canadian border."

Labbe, an Otis Orchards-based musician of multiple instruments, including the sax, keyboard, bass, and clarinet, can play almost anywhere.

"It depends on where I go," he said. "There are different requirements. Some places it's more of entertainment with jokes and banter. Each venue calls for a little bit of a different performance."

On Mondays, Labbe performs dance music at the Corbin Senior Center. Labbe performs for monthly birthday parties at the Fairwood Retirement Center on Tuesdays. He also plays at the Eagle Club on sax and clarinet.

"For the birthday parties, I play soft background music and the favorite tunes people like to hear," he said. "At the club we play music people want to dance to."

Labbe always possessed an innate love for music and grew up in what is now a fabled ghost town.

"I was born in Castle Gate, Utah," he said. "My father died in a coalmining accident, and my mom kinda wandered for a



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John Labbe performs another one of his Musical Memories. He regularly performs at the Liberty Lake Senior Lunch.

bit after his death."

Labbe graduated from high school in Salt Lake City and then spent 16 months serving overseas in the Korean War. After the service, Labbe spent time in Salt Lake City then went to Los Angeles to pursue a career in entertainment.

"I started as a sax and clarinet; when I joined a show group, I had to learn how to play the bass," said Labbe. "In 1974, when I was in Tucson and the band couldn't find a keyboard player, I took up the instrument. I sat down and learned how to play the organ, and when the organ became less popular I switched to the keyboard."

In January 2003, Labbe moved to Ha-

waii for some change of scenery and the promise of peace.

"I was newly divorced at loose ends, and I had the opportunity to move to Hawaii and I said why not?" he recalled. "I spent five and a half years, and I never intended to move back. In 2008, the economy collapsed and everything got so expensive on Hawaii. My retirement couldn't handle it."

Labbe spent his time in Hawaii in a semi-secluded home in the jungle with little technology.

"It was a great experience," he said.

Now, Labbe is happily settled in Otis Orchards.

"I like the rural feel," he said. "It is very

peaceful."

He spends his days throughout Eastern Washington brightening senior citizens' days. In the past, he also brought joy to those with developmental disabilities.

When asked why he keeps performing, Labbe's response was pure and altruistic.

"Let me put it this way," he said, "I think it's almost a calling or ministry. I can play the music that many people my age like to hear. Not many people can do that anymore. It gives me a lot of pleasure to perform. I bring a little brightness into their lives. People in the nursing home don't have a lot to look forward to. To make them smile or sing along, gives me so much pleasure."

Strange but true ...

By Samantha Weaver
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

• One of the former Duchesses of Windsor, when asked to reveal the secret to a long and happy life, replied, "Fill what's empty, empty what's full and scratch where it itches."

• You might be surprised to learn that Italians spend more time on social media than people of any other nationality.

• In medieval times in Great Britain, those accused of a crime could prove their

innocence (or guilt) in trial by battle. This law was unused and nearly forgotten for centuries. Then, in 1817, a man named Abraham Thornton was charged with murder in the death of a young woman named Mary Ashford. The evidence against Thornton was nearly overwhelming, but he claimed the right to trial by battle against his accuser. Since the law was still on the books, the court decided it had no choice but to grant his request. Thornton's accuser was William Ashford, the victim's brother, but since he declined to appear on the field of battle, Thornton

was freed. Shortly thereafter, trial by battle was officially abolished in the country.

• Cats can bark, too.

• With 1.45 million lightning strikes per year, Florida experiences more lightning than any other state in the country. Central Florida is unofficially known as the Lightning Capital of the World.

• According to a recent survey, if respondents had to have one parent move in with them, two out of three would choose Mom over Dad.

— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Trivia Test

1. GEOGRAPHY: The Khyber Pass connects which two nations?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of food is a nectarine?
3. MUSIC: In what Rod Stewart song does he say he "really should be back at school"?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal also is known as a "gnu"?
5. HISTORY: When did the Cuban Missile Crisis occur?
6. LANGUAGE: What is meant by the

- term "lingua franca"?
7. ANATOMY: Where is the uvula in the human body?
8. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What comedian observed, "Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time"?
9. LITERATURE: Which poet's 1928 book was titled "Good Morning, America"?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president's face is on the \$100,000 bill?

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Corning Ware's value should steadily climb

'Collecting' by Larry Cox
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Q: I have several pieces of Corning Ware and was surprised to see some for sale at a local antique mall. What's the deal? — Susan, Littleton, Colo.

A: Corning Ware was introduced in 1958 and was high-fired glassware capable of going from the freezer to the stove without damage. The first pattern was Blue Cornflower, which was followed by several other popular designs such as Spice O' Life, Renaissance, Peony, Friendship and Indian Summer.

More than half a century has passed since Corning Ware found its way into American homes, and it is, perhaps, a combination of its durability and a nostalgia for mid-century America that has drawn increased interest. Although prices are fairly reasonable, I predict the values will steadily climb.

Q: My family lived in Manhattan during the 1930s and was one of the first to

have a television set. It is a General Electric model HM-185 console and was purchased by my dad in about 1940. I have always been curious about how much it might be worth. — Carl, Sun City West, Ariz.

A: Your television set was marketed in 1939 and is referenced in the Antique Trader Radio and Television Price Guide edited by Kyle Husfloen, and valued at \$12,000.

Q: I purchased a collector plate at a yard sale, "Pieta" by Michelangelo. I was offered \$15 for it, but that doesn't seem like a fair price for it. — John, Sioux Falls, S.D.

A: Walk into almost any antique mall and you're likely to find stacks of collector plates, most priced in the \$5 to \$15 range. As with most collectibles, there are always exceptions, but the market for collector plates is stagnant, and many are selling for a fraction of their original cost. I don't see this trend changing, at least not in the immediate future.

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- 4 Health resort
- 7 Recording
- 11 Swimming venue
- 13 Lummock
- 14 Thing
- 15 Opposed to
- 16 Buddy
- 17 Options list
- 18 Rife with foliage
- 20 Tooth-paste container
- 22 Hearing organ
- 24 Shoe without laces
- 28 Sleep-wear
- 32 Trap
- 33 Verve
- 34 Wrinkly-faced dog
- 36 Faucet problem
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- 39 "The Big Bang Theory" star Jim
- 41 Birdcage attachment
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- 44 Way out
- 46 Stretchy candy
- 50 Pop singer Lady —

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- 28 Riches
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- 30 Tarzan's wife
- 31 Dine
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- 40 Deterioration
- 42 Winchester or Springfield
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- 47 Envelope part
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- 50 Talk on and on
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- 54 Have bills

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Answers to Trivia Test

1. Afghanistan and Pakistan
2. Peach
3. "Maggie May"
4. Wildebeest
5. October, 1962
6. Common language
7. Suspended from the soft palate
8. Steven Wright
9. Carl Sandburg
10. Woodrow Wilson's



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COMMUNITY

Looming challenges for charity

At Spokane Valley Partners, service demands remain strong as organization braces for loss of tenant

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Spokane Valley Partners, the main social service agency serving the Greater Spokane Valley, including Liberty Lake, is looking to stem the loss of a major revenue stream at a time when demand for its services is anything but declining.

By Nov. 1, the WIC nutrition program is moving out of the Spokane Valley Partners complex at 10814 E. Broadway Ave., taking its monthly rent to a renovated location at the corner of Pines and Broadway.

Spokane Valley Partners Emergency Services Manager David Stone said the move doesn't just leave a financial gap, but also a gap in the "service clustering" available on the campus. For that reason, Stone said the organization is seeking another nonprofit tenant to not just fill the monetary void, but to continue to provide one-stop services for low-income and disadvantaged families in the greater Spokane Valley area.

Stone said the loss of the rental income is likely to impact the staff and services of the lean organization, where 92 cents of every donated dollar already goes to programs and services — not overhead and administration costs.

"The sad thing is, after speaking of all these things (we do), the cuts wouldn't be to just staff, but to additional programs," Stone said. "That may mean we would serve less and do less."

"Less" hasn't been part of the Spokane Valley Partners since the economy turned in 2008. Spokane Valley Partners CEO Ken Briggs said that in June, July and August of 2013, the organization's food bank served more than 9,100 individuals, a number "about flat" from the same period in 2012.

"So, while the economic outlook has improved, the numbers of those accessing our services has remained level," Briggs said.

Along with the food and clothing banks, Spokane Valley Partners provides emergency services, information, education and assistance to the low-income population, as well as helping clients access other community services.

Briggs noted an increasing number of Liberty Lake residents have utilized Spokane Valley Partners since the economic slump began in 2008, citing many two-income families where one spouse loses a job as an example of the type of new clients seen.

"We now see many working families and two-parent homes that have had one parent (or both) lose a job," he said. "While they have been able to retain their home and some semblance of standard of living, they have had to access social services for assistance in areas such as feeding their family."

Spokane Valley Partners Development Director Jennifer Schlenske said many of the organization's services are growing, such as the Food for Thought backpack program (founded by Spokane Valley Partners board member and Liberty Lake resident Pat Dockrey) and a new Community Garden, where more than 1,000 pounds of corn, eggplant, beans, carrots, tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers and more have been donated to the food bank to share with clients. She noted existing programs are also improving, noting in particular efficiencies gained in the food bank under new coordinator Cheryl Ward.

"We'd hate to see anything we're doing go backwards," Stone said. "... But we can't create tenants out of the thin blue sky, so we really need to add to our family in order to be able to continue to grow."

For more information about becoming a tenant at Spokane Valley Partners or about any of the programs or services offered, call 927-1153 or visit www.svpart.org.



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOCELYN STOTT

The HUB Sports Center Corn Maze is located just off Interstate 90's Barker Road exit.

Maze raising funds for HUB

By Jocelyn Stott
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Bring the kids and grandpa, too: the HUB Sports Center Corn Maze, off Barker Road and I-90 north of the freeway, offers 10 acres of three sports-themed mazes in varying lengths with 18 prize stations where navigators young and old can get great deals at local businesses.

And, if you're feeling brave, check out the Haunted Trail of Fear beginning Friday and Saturday nights in October.

The maze was designed by Phil Champlin, executive director of the HUB Sports Center, with help from corn maze design company Maze Play. The HUB maze features a baseball and basketball player, volleyball, football and soccer ball within its design.

Champlin said the autumn maze is a fundraiser for the nonprofit sports facility's programs, like Hub 360 and other programs to support local families.

The after-school program HUB 360 supports middle schoolers from Greenacres Middle School with mentor-driven activities, including tutoring, skills building and physical activity.

The great thing about the maze, Champlin said, is that families and groups can choose the distance and/or how much they want to do.

"They'll be getting exercise and interaction together, maybe without even realizing it simply because it's fun and engaging," he said.

Several local businesses have sponsored the maze by offering rewards at 18 stations, where maze-goers can punch a

IF YOU GO: CORN MAZE

WHAT: Three sports-themed corn mazes on 10 acres

WHERE: Near HUB Sports Center off Barker Road and I-90

WHO: All ages for corn maze. Small children not advised on the Haunted Trail of Fear

WHEN: Corn Maze: Fridays 5-8 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays noon to 5 p.m. (Fridays and Saturdays open until 10 p.m. in October.)

Haunted Trail of Fear: 6 to 11 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays in October. (Exceptions: Oct. 24, 27, 31 maze closes at 10 p.m.)

WHY: To have fall family fun and support the nonprofit HUB Sports Center

COST: \$9 for adults/teens; \$6 children 5-12 and seniors and children four and under are free. The Haunted Trail of Fear prices are: \$10 for adults/teens; \$7 for children 5-12 and seniors and children under 4 not advised to participate.

map card as they find each location. Rewards can include discounts on frozen yogurt, pizza, coffee, golf and much more.

The maze runs through October. Group rates and times are available by emailing info@hubsportscenter.org. For information and directions, visit hubsportscenter.org.

NEW FACES IN ROLES AT SPOKANE VALLEY PARTNERS

New to the Spokane Valley Partners team in 2013 are Jennifer Schlenske as development director and Cheryl Ward as food program coordinator. David Stone added the emergency services manager role to his office manager duties.



SCHLENKE



STONE



WARD

Behaving like beavers



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Kids construct edible beaver dams out of frosting, graham crackers, pretzel sticks and candy during the Picnic with the Beavers event put on by The Lands Council, Numerica Credit Union and Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District. Over 100 attendees learned how to plant willow starts, which are beavers' favorite food. The group planted 20 new willows in Liberty Lake County Park for the beavers.



Shutterbug Snapshot



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Michael Hassett took this photo of a Red-tailed Hawk having a snack on Idaho Road near Trent in September.

50th wedding anniversaries



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bill and Jan Krogh of Liberty Lake celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 28. The family will celebrate with a cruise at a later date. Their children Kim Krogh; Kelly and Terry Piger; and Kip and Cindy Krogh all live in the Liberty Lake/Spokane Valley area along with their four grandchildren, Nick Piger, Zack Krogh, Kelsey Krogh and Katelyn Krogh.

Best of breed



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Savannah Brumwell, age 7, won grand champion and best of breed for her rabbit in the Spokane Fair. Her breed of rabbit is a Dwarf Hotot.

Healthy Happy Hour



SUBMITTED PHOTO

On Sept. 12 in honor of National Discover Your Optimal Health Day, over 3,000 health coaches with Take Shape for Life hosted Healthy Happy Hours all across America. Local Take Shape coaches hosted their event at Twisp Café in Liberty Lake. Coaches and clients also walked one mile to create awareness for health.

Giving back via pop tabs



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ronald McDonald paid a visit to Principal Sasha Deyarmin and students at the Central Valley Kindergarten Center in September. The school brought in the most funds per capita via pop tab donations during a friendly district competition in the 2012/2013 school year. In addition to explaining how money is used to support the Ronald McDonald house, he performed magic tricks for the kindergarten students.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ross and Joyce (Peterson) Rudeen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 31 with family and friends at the Mirabeau Park Hotel. They were married at First Covenant Church in Spokane.

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*.

LOCAL LENS

Shutterbug Snapshot



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ross Schneidmiller shared this photo of a tree along the lake that was taken out by a mid-September windstorm. He was watching from his deck when he heard a loud, cracking noise followed by the tree's fall. He said the whole process took less than two seconds.

Pets parade in the park



SPLASH PHOTOS BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Dogs of all colors and sizes were spotted during the Canine Carnival and Pet Blessing at Pavillion Park on Sept. 14. Face painting, animal rescue booths, competitions and a canine fashion show were all part of the day organized by Summit Northwest Ministries.



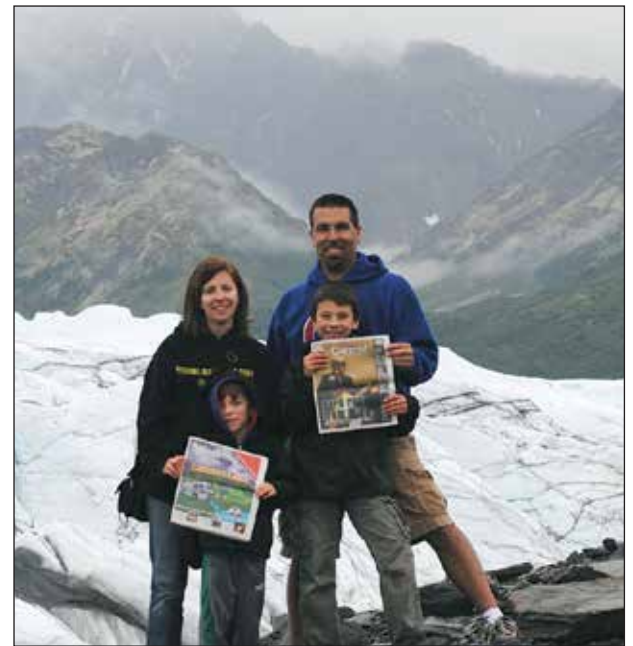
An aqua cat



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Paul Shields wrote that CJ "the aqua cat" loves to kayak and boat, wade in the water and sit on the dock in the rain to watch lightning storms.

Splash Travels



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jay, Taunya, Josh and Rylan Rivera took The Splash along when they traveled to Matanuska Glacier in Alaska last summer.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mikki and Ken Wilson took The Splash along on their vacation to Norway at the end of August. The photo was taken in Vik on the way via ferry to Bergen. The couple also visited Oslo and Balestrand during their nine-day trip.

COMMUNITY

Community briefs

LL teen named ambassador

Katy Dolan, 17, of Liberty Lake was chosen to serve as a National Child Awareness Month Youth Ambassador, YSA (Youth Service America) and Festival of Children Foundation announced in September.

Dolan is one of 51 Youth Ambassadors selected from a nationwide pool. She will receive funding and training to lead an initiative to make music education more accessible for underserved youth.

In September, Dolan traveled to Wash-

ington, D.C., for leadership training and meetings with state officials. The training and funding support her work with her nonprofit, LETEM Play, which distributes musical instruments to low-income children, teaches music clinics at schools and youth programs and makes speeches to promote music education in the community.

Now in its sixth year, National Child Awareness Month is a program spearheaded by Festival of Children Foundation to raise awareness about issues affecting children and encourage the nation's youth to take action.

Dolan is a senior at Central Valley High School. She plays flute, piano and dabbles in a few other instruments; she also serves as the senior drum major for CV's award-winning marching band. Dolan also maintains a 4.0 GPA in AP classes, plays soccer, and was named a 2013 Build-a-Bear Huggable Hero for her work with LETEM Play. She plans to study medicine at Yale or Stanford University in 2014.

Art Society exhibit at library

During the month of October, the Liberty Lake Art Society will be holding its annual Art Exhibit at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission.

Local artists will be showing their paintings and other artwork in watercolor, oil, acrylic, digital photograms, mixed media portraits and mixed media collages. First, second, third and honorable mentions awards will be selected by the public, who can vote throughout the month.

A reception will be held for artists and the public from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 16.

Participating artists include Karin Redmond, Ann Dame, JoAnn Jenkins, Tanya Smith, Annette Carter, Dona Lettelleir and Sandy Sherrill.

"Art is a fulfilling experience and a great medicine for the soul," Sherrill said. "It has a calming effect on me."

To join the Liberty Lake Art Society or for more information, contact Cathy Bird at 924-2993 or cathybird@comcast.net.

Meals on Wheels volunteers sought

An unprecedented increase in requests for deliveries at Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels has left the agency in need of volunteers to deliver the food to seniors in its service area, which includes Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley.

"In the last two weeks, there's been about 60 additional requests," Executive Director

Pam Almeida reported in an email Sept. 24. "We don't want to turn anyone down, but our lack of drivers is a very serious problem right now."

Those who volunteer are asked to provide only about two hours of service one day per week. A background check, reliable car and a desire to help seniors receive a healthy nutritious meal are required. For more or to volunteer, call Holly at 924-6976.

Winner of Eye on Liberty Lake announced

Megan Gunther Stevenart correctly identified all 12 photos in the Eye on Liberty Lake contest in the September issue of The Splash. She said her children helped her with the contest, so for the \$20 gift certificate she earned as a prize, she chose Just Chillin'.

Send Liberty Lake-related community items to editor@libertylakesplash.com. Calendar items may be sent to calendar@libertylakesplash.com and photos may be submitted to photos@libertylakesplash.com. Submissions are requested by the 15th of each month in order to be considered for the following month's issue.



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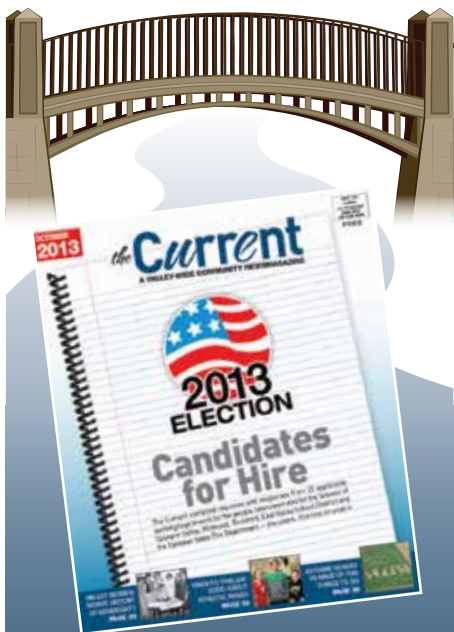
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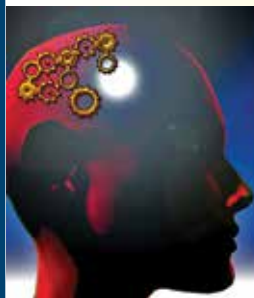
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COMMUNITY

Book Review

Spokane Is Reading book selection spiced with NW satire



By Daniel Pringle
LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Bernadette Fox is hiding from life. She has outsourced daily tasks to an assistant in India she only contacts by email. She never gets out of her car when picking up



her daughter, Bee, at school, let alone participates in fundraisers or other school activities. Once a promising architect, she now lives in a dilapidated home in Seattle with blackberries growing through the floorboards and

pots catching water from the leaking roof. When Bee gets a perfect report card, the family begins to plan the trip to Antarctica she was promised, and Bernadette plots getting out of it. "Where'd You Go, Bernadette" unfolds in a series of documents—emails between Bernadette and her assistant, between neighbors and parents, blog posts, an emergency room bill—stitched together with Bee's explanatory text. It ramps up to a crisis involving a mudslide ruining a neighbor's house, dubious vehicular assault, an affair, a psychiatric intervention, and a visit from the FBI. Confronted, Bernadette disappears.

Bernadette's troubles are serious, but author Maria Semple's satirical tone highlights the outlandish and absurd. She particularly skewers the Pacific Northwest, mocking the Microsoft set, Seattle's faux-populist elite, even the politeness of Canadians and the existence of Idahoans. Behind the attitude, though, is an affecting story of a husband and wife rediscovering each other, a daughter growing up to see her parents as people, and a woman healing from the past and facing the future. The book is the 2013 Spokane Is Reading selection, and the author will hold two events in the area on Oct. 10.

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

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Boutique blooms out of personal challenges

By Valerie Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

What started out as a necessity for her health became the catalyst for Amber Doyle's new Liberty Lake business, Bombshell Boutique.

"What woman doesn't want to feel pretty," Doyle said of her business' name. "Every woman should feel like a 'bombshell.'"

The stylish 1,400-square-foot shop entices customers with natural skin care products made by Doyle, locally hand-crafted jewelry, art and repurposed furniture as well as comfortable, stylish clothing and accessories.

"I didn't have good visibility where I was at," Doyle said of moving her business from Millwood to Liberty Lake in August. "As I was expanding and adding more clothes, I need the visibility and parking — a more retail environment."

Doyle didn't set out to open her own boutique. Her store is the result of her own personal struggles with a severe allergic reaction to chemicals found in skin care products as well as her victory as an ovarian cancer survivor.

"My eyes started swelling shut," Doyle said about experiencing allergic reactions four years ago. "I would try to find organic or natural products to avoid that, but they would still have the same preservatives in it. The industry is completely unregulated."

Researching natural ingredients and essential oils online, Doyle began to learn what worked together.

"I was a kitchen chemist for a long time," Doyle said, adding with a laugh that, "I got my degree by Google. I found things targeted for different things like hair, nails and skin. It probably took a year of research to develop my face serum."

Originally developing products for her own personal use, Doyle later started giving them as gifts.

"I was having success with (my makeup products), so I started giving them away as gifts to my friends and family," Doyle said. "I got a real good response from it."

Receiving positive feedback, she began producing larger quantities and selling items at local events, farmer markets and out of her home.

Doyle's products include eye makeup remover, face wash, toners, hair serum, body oil and body frostings as well as hand sanitizers and air cleaners. She stated the ingredients in her face serum have anti-aging and moisturizing properties. Some of her younger customers have



SPLASH PHOTO BY VALERIE PUTNAM

Amber Doyle stands outside of Bombshell Boutique, the new store she moved from its launching ground in Millwood.

found it helps with acne control.

"I keep my ingredient list real simple," Doyle said. "Because I think if you have a small bottle with 25 or 30 ingredients in it, you're only getting a small amount of each one, and that can't be beneficial."

The skin care line is named Zaki Organics. Zaki is Arabic for pure, and one of Doyle's favorite ingredients is Argon Oil because of its rejuvenating affects on the skin.

"Argon oil only comes from Morocco, where they predominately speak Arabic," Doyle said.

Doyle said that during her research she

discovered the ingredients in traditional skin care products are linked to severe adverse effects, such as cancer and birth defects. As a cancer survivor, this information had a profound impact on Doyle.

"Allergies were just the top of the iceberg," Doyle said. "When I had cancer, I started reading that parabens are found in 98 percent of breast tumor tissue. They act like synthetic estrogen in your body."

According to Doyle, parabens are a chemical found in personal care products such as shampoo, deodorant and cosmetics.

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BOMBHELL BOUTIQUE

WHAT: Store offering quality clothing, hand crafted accessories, organic skin care and home decor

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ABOUT THE SKIN CARE PRODUCTS:

Zaki Organics can be purchased in store or online at Zakiorganic.com. Products range in price from \$3 for a lip balm to \$40 for a 2-ounce jar of face serum.



JEWELRY FOR A CAUSE: Owner Amber Doyle's 13-year-old daughter, Madisyn, makes jewelry for the store and donates 15 percent of her earnings to the Humane Society. A pair of ear rings sell for \$5.

FOR MORE: www.facebook.com/BombshellBoutiqueLibertyLake or 220-7271

BUSINESS

New building breaks ground at tech campus

By Steve Christilaw
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Construction already is under way on a major expansion of the Meadowwood Technology Campus, 2100 N. Molter Road in Liberty Lake. A new 64,000-square-foot, two-story office building should be ready for occupation in April 2014, announced Wayne Frost, managing director of commercial interests for Greenstone Corp.

Liberty Mutual Insurance will lease the entire building in addition to space it already has as a major tenant on the property, Frost said. The insurance carrier currently leases 105,000 square feet in the original building on campus, which Greenstone purchased from Agilent Technologies Inc. in 2010.

"They will continue to use the offices they already have and will expand into the new space," Frost said.

Liberty Mutual moved about 800 jobs from its service center and claims call center to Meadowwood Technology Center in 2011, Frost said.

Liberty Lake is a regional office for Liberty Mutual covering Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Montana for the Boston-based auto, home and life in-



SUBMITTED RENDERING

This 64,000-square-foot building, known as Meadowwood Three, is designed by Bernardo Wills Architects. It will be the new home to an expansion from Liberty Mutual Insurance, which already leases more than 100,000 square feet in the Meadowwood One building.

urance carrier.

"This is the first expansion since we acquired the property from Agilent," Frost said. "We currently have 250,000 square feet, and this expands the campus by

64,000 square feet.

"We envision this property eventually having anywhere from 750,000 to a million square feet of office space. I'm hopeful the economy will continue to expand so

that we can get there."

Frost said primary construction on the building's framework should be completed in January, with the tenant taking full possession in mid-June.

In Biz

Captivating Massage expands with 2nd location in Spokane

Captivating Massage Therapy, 23801 E. Appleway Ave., Suite 110, in Liberty Lake, is expanding into North Spokane.

Owners Kaylee Samuelson and Alaina Zurfluh are opening the second location at 9419 N. Newport Highway.

The company will celebrate its seventh years in business in Liberty Lake in January. Samuelson said the original location is looking to expand to include two more licensed massage therapists or therapists in related fields such as reflexology or acupuncture. For more, call 924-2788.

Family Home Care announces open house for new office

Family Home Care, a Liberty Lake-based provider of in-home private care to hundreds of families in the Inland Empire, is hosting an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 4 at its offices located at 22820 E. Appleway Ave., Suite B. The open house will include a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m.

Festivities will include tours, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. The public is invited to attend.

Established in 1966, Family Home Care serves hundreds of clients and has more than 200 employees.

STCU announces new director and staff promotion

Susan Welberry, who worked for STCU as a teller from 1979 to 1981, recently was rehired as director of operational services.

A graduate of Eastern Washington University and Leadership Spokane, Welberry comes to STCU from WorkSource Spokane, where her most recent title was business services supervisor. She was community development manager at Global Credit Union from 2003 through 2008.

In addition, Dan Hansen, who started his STCU career in 2009, was recently promoted from senior communications officer to communications manager. A gradu-



WELBERRY



HANSEN

ate of Leadership Spokane and Central Washington University, Hansen is a former Spokesman-Review reporter and editor.

STCU plans branch at CrossRoads Coeur d'Alene

STCU and Hughes Investments announced plans for a branch at The CrossRoads Coeur d'Alene, a retail center where WinCo Foods will be the base occupant.

Hughes Investments plans to open CrossRoads Coeur d'Alene in March 2014 on 16.5 acres where sand and gravel were formerly mined. Construction of the credit union branch will begin within 18 months at the corner of Ramsey Road and West Appleway Avenue, said Scott Adkins, STCU vice president of lending.

The Coeur d'Alene site is one of three new STCU branch locations that are currently in the works to serve a rapidly growing credit union membership. The other two projects are downtown and on Argonne.

WATERSHED WATCH

LLSWD Water Reclamation Facility Phase II Upgrade Public Presentation

Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District holds a NPDES permit to discharge to the Spokane River. July 2011, a new permit was issued by WDOE, requiring more phosphorus to be removed by all dischargers to the River. These new standards require LLSWD to construct a new filtration system by 2018. The estimated cost of this system is \$12.6 million. As a result of this upgrade, sewer rates could be affected. LLSWD, together with Century West Engineering and Esvelt Engineering will be having a public presentation to discuss the Phase II upgrade on Tuesday October 8, 2013 at 4PM at 22510 E. Mission Ave. Your input is both welcomed and encouraged.



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BUSINESS

BOMBSHELL

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Following her 2011 battle with cancer, Doyle became more vigilant about educating other women about the harmful ingredients in traditional skin care products. On her website, www.zakiorganic.com, Doyle has a list of 30 ingredients she calls "dirty words."

Doyle regularly introduces new products, such as her new baby line and mineral make-up.

"I'm always working on stuff and figuring out what I can put together next," Doyle said. "I've got blush and eye shadow in the works."

Due to the complexity of developing mascara and nail care products, Doyle researched and found a company that sells a safe line of merchandise. She hopes to have both in the store by the end of September.

In spring 2012, she began looking for a permanent location to sell her skin care products and ended up in a small Millwood Boutique that sold women's cloth-

ing and accessories.

In December, the woman sharing the space decided to vacate, leaving Doyle 600 square feet to fill.

"I had a small panic attack for a little bit thinking, 'What am I going to do?'" Doyle said. "I have half of a vacant store and skin care products don't take up a lot of room."

With customers repeatedly coming into the store looking for clothing, it seemed a natural way for Doyle to expand her inventory.

"I started out on a very small scale,"

Doyle said of the Millwood store. "Mostly accessories at the time, jewelry and purses. I started adding in the yoga pants because there was a yoga studio around the corner and baseball caps with bling."

With room to expand at her Liberty Lake location, Doyle sells a variety of clothing, including yoga pants, jeans, dresses and tops.

"I have pieces that can be dressed up or dressed down," Doyle said. "I look for clothing that has a flattering fit."

Doyle's boutique also features the talents of her family. Her daughter, Madi-

syn, age 13, makes jewelry and donates a percentage to the Humane Society. The artwork and stationary items are done by her mother, Peggy Wilson.

"The great thing about Boutique shopping," Doyle said, "is that you're not going to see it on everyone in Spokane."



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thanks to our generous sponsors and participants
during the 2nd annual

Liberty Lake Lions Club Bed Races!

For those who were unable to attend or busy in the race itself, we wanted to share some of the Bed Race antics to make you smile. Enjoy! We look forward to seeing you next year!

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Savannah Hoekstra juggles the soccer ball at a recent practice. The 5-foot-11 team captain hopes to take the Bears back to the state tournament this fall.

Captain pointing CV back to state

LL's Hoekstra leads by example, and with a smile

By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Watching Savannah Hoekstra practice soccer at Central Valley, the observer is immediately drawn to her effervescent

smile. Not just for a photo op, but also during workouts on the field.

"She's always smiling," said her coach, Andres Monrroy. "I remember her freshman year when she would miss a shot or a goal I would say, 'Savannah, why are you smiling?' I was so angry."

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SPORTS

HOEKSTRA

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But that smile belies a fierce competitiveness that earned her Greater Spokane All-League honors and last year the offensive MVP of the league. In track her freshmen and sophomore years combined, she medaled in three state events.

"She's one of the best I've ever coached," Monrroy said. "When she plays she gives it everything she has. She leads by example. That's why making her team captain this year was such a simple choice."

Like so many high school athletes, growing up Hoekstra tried different sports. She was a gymnast for two years before growing out of it. Now approaching 5-foot-11, she has the size of a basketball or volleyball player — the latter a sport she loves and still plays recreationally because it conflicts with the soccer season. Her speed and athleticism led her to track and field at CV as an adjunct sport.

But Hoekstra was always drawn back to soccer.

"I think I liked the running," she said of the sport she began playing at age 4 or 5.

Born in Redding, Calif., Hoekstra moved to Liberty Lake at age 2, where she lives with her pharmacist mother, Tawnia, and younger brother, Daylan.

Her ladder to the stars began, as most do, climbing the rungs beginning with Mini-Mod, to recreational, then Select, then Premier soccer.

She began playing "just at that time when all parents sign their kids up for sports, you know," she smiled. "Once I made Premier, it was kind of like life."

Hoekstra bounced back and forth between the Spokane Elite and Spokane Shadow clubs beginning at age 10.

"I never made their 'A' teams in my first try," she revealed.

She's been at the top level on the Shadow team for the past five years.

Her plan beyond high school is to play at Eastern Washington University after graduating from CV, although Monrroy thinks she can play at an even higher level.

"I think she's flown under the radar," he

said. "I'm surprised other schools have not seen her. She'll be a star at Eastern."

After the high school season, Hoekstra plays with the Shadow beginning in late December, when snow is still on the pitch and the club travels to Seattle every weekend for two months for matches. She's traveled to the Mustang Tournament in San Francisco, the Surf Cup in San Diego and to tournaments in Arizona and Colorado.

Although she's been a forward at CV, prior to her freshman season "I played defense my entire life," she said. "I was the big kid that everyone was afraid of."

In Monrroy's fluid, attacking style, there's little difference between a forward and a back.

"Our team concept is we play offense and defense together," he said. "We attack as a team and defend as a team."

Still, it took her time to adjust for a player accustomed to a different role.

"Defenders are more stationary," Hoekstra said. "Forwards have to cross each other and move off the ball. I had to make that transition. After a year or year and a half, I started to get it. Then it became fun."

Last year Hoekstra scored 10 goals and added three assists for the Bears, who were second to Mt. Spokane in the GSL. They went on to win Class 4A district and regional tournaments and for the second straight year wound up a state top-eight finisher.

But all was not roses in Hoekstra's junior year. She strained her left hamstring late in the soccer season and missed some postseason contests, playing in the quarterfinal loss at "80 percent," Monrroy said.

Last spring, she tore the other hamstring and missed her entire track and field season. As a freshman, Hoekstra had placed eighth in state with an exceptional 17-foot-6 $\frac{3}{4}$ long jump. The next year, she took fourth at state in the event and was a member of CV's 1,600 relay sixth-placer.

Another soccer season is under way for the Bears. Through its four preseason games, CV had yet to allow a goal.

Given a clean bill of health a few months ago, Hoekstra is expected to be a major cog in the Bears' bid for a state return.

And she'll do so with that smile on her face.

Riding the RIM



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Organizers said the weather was perfect for the Ride the RIM bike event held on Sept. 15 in Liberty Lake and the Valley area. Sponsored by Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary, the event drew 347 participants.

The first three finishers in the 100-mile route pause for a photo at the end of the Rotary in Motion bike race.

SeaMonkeys swim to success



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Liberty Lake SeaMonkeys competed in the City/County Championship Swim Meet on Aug. 17 at Park Pool. The team scored 2,661 points winning the meet by 400 points. The team also brought home 20 individual medals.

Pend Oreille Cup champs



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The Shadow U9 Boys Team playing up in the U10 gold division placed first in the Ponderay Cup in September. The team is made up of Timmy Jones, Brennen Brulotte, Gabe Regelbrugge, Callen Johnson, Tommy Price, Patrick Reilly, Jayce Simmet, Zac Olson, Kolby Roche, Rudy Malloy and Kameron Heston (not pictured). Coaches include Mark Simmet (back row) and Mike Reilly (not pictured).

Scoreboard

COMMUNITY GOLF

8/23 Liberty Lake Ladies Nine Hole

Flight I: Gross, Robin McKee, 49; Net, Vickie James and Nancy Lampe, 38

Flight II: Gross, Arla Beck and Lorraine Martin, 52; Net, Sadie Ruechert, 34

Flight III: Gross, Louane Hager, 63; Net, Anne Armstrong, 37

8/26 Spokane Valley Women's Evening League

At Liberty Lake Golf Course

Flight A: Gross, Robyn Sciuchetti, 51; Net, Dorene Meltingtallow and Sandy Hobson, 40

Flight B: Gross, Sammie Fletcher, 53; Net, Jen Jensen, 37

Flight C: Gross, Lisa Dumais, 58; Net, Sandy Nowaski, 36

Flight D: Gross, Margo Schmitz, 68; Net, Jean Hauer, 44

Chip-in: Sammie Fletcher

9/3 Liberty Lake Ladies 18 Hole

Liberty Cup Results

Net winner: Rose Jones, 68

Putts A handicap: Anne Eure and Gisue Peters, 32

Putts B handicap: Jean Hatcher and Honey Conlon, 37

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Putts D handicap: Jody Cantrell, 36

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Flight C: Gross, Lisa Dumais, 56; Net, Barb Byington, 41

Flight D: Gross, Margo Schmitz, 67; Net, Nancy Moore, 48

What is my personal impact as a citizen?

By **Gleb Liashedko**
CURRENT GUEST COLUMN



Every individual is part of a community which is dependent on citizens to do their part. Every person should ask themselves, "What is my personal impact as a citizen?" On a daily basis, we always impact our surroundings, whether at work, at school or maybe even around our friends, we all have a responsibility.

The PACE (Partners Advancing Character Education) trait for October is responsibility. We've all heard about it. It might even appear that we already know everything we need to know about it. However, in reality, do we really realize what responsibility is and how it affects our lives?

Responsibility is not something that has to be big, but it does require effort. We are all heroes in our minds, but when it actually comes down, how many of us pass by a candy wrapper lying on the sidewalk and bend down to pick it up? Many picture responsibility as something immense, and although it can be, it begins very small. As a student, your responsibility might be submitting your homework on time. As an employee, you must be able to do your job without being reminded to do so. Many do not realize the path to being a responsible citizen starts out small.

Have you ever given a thought to why some people become successful in their lives? Some of us dream of having everything we need in a split second, but nothing happens immediately. People like Steve Jobs, Bill Gates and Richard Branson did

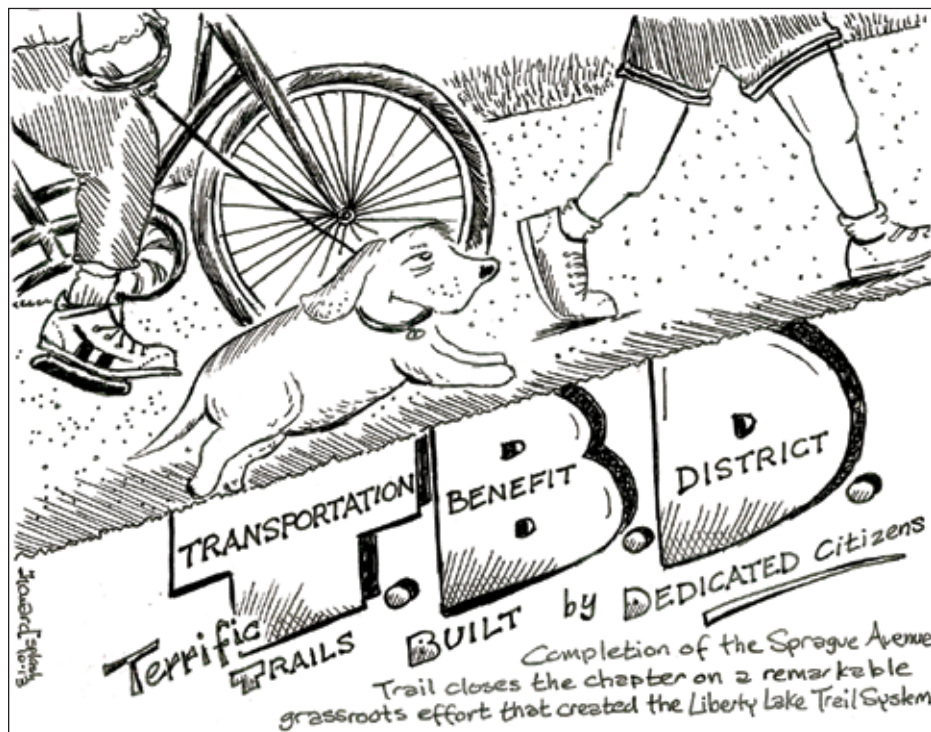
not depend on others to do their job. They made a commitment, took on responsibility, and honored being accountable to themselves as well as others. My personal theme is "to go beyond expectations." When I am presented with an idea or a project, part of my responsibility is taking on the job and completing it in a timely manner. I believe no job is finished when you think it might be finished. Sometimes additional undertakings are added on to make the final product better.

Responsibility is something greater than one can imagine. Finishing a simple task can influence a person, a group of people, an organization or even a corporation. Doing your part is essential to a prosperous community. We are all dependant on each other and when one person doesn't honor his/her responsibility, everything dominos. What do I mean by dominos? Well imagine this ... your body has legs, arms, a heart, eyes, ears, a mouth, etc. What if one's eyes "stopped functioning" — the entire body would be stressed out, confused and unable to find direction.

We might think that our actions have little impact, but it is not true. About 40 percent of Americans do not vote — that's about 125 million. During this last election season, I asked one of my friends (who's 18) why didn't he vote. His answer was simple: "My vote doesn't matter, because it's only one person." Now imagine if 125 million individuals had the same mindset. Maybe as a single person your impact may not be as great, but when combined with the rest, it's beyond comprehension.

I believe not taking responsibility is a thought of "someone else will do it for me." Every day in our lives, we fail because of this sort of thinking. Many great leaders rise up to their positions by having the exact opposite thinking. "Nothing will get done, unless I take responsibility!" Leadership is responsibility. You must be able to carry your own weight before moving on to the next dimension. Throughout life you will work with many different people; however, you must do your part as if the final task depends on you and only *you* — that's when you and your colleagues will succeed.

Gleb Liashedko is ASB President at Spokane Valley High School in the West Valley School District. In addition, Gleb is a student representative to the West Valley Board of Directors, and he also serves as a board member at Chase Youth Commission. He wrote this column as part of a monthly series highlighting the Partners Advancing Character Education (PACE) trait of the month.



Letters to the Editor

FOPP successful thanks to community's support

On behalf of Friends of Pavillion Park, I would like to thank the Liberty Lake and surrounding communities for their great support of our 2013 movies, concerts and Montana Shakespeare Company play.

2013 was by far the best attended summer of events we have ever had. From the Fourth of July bands Six Foot Swing and Tuxedo Junction, to the Robert Cray blues concert, Montana Shakespeare in the Park's "Henry V," and ending with the Spokane Symphony on Labor Day weekend, we continued to greet larger crowds.

Support from The Liberty Lake Splash, city of Liberty Lake administration, Liberty Lake Parks Department, Liberty Lake Kiwanis, Greenstone Homes and Neighborhoods and Mormon church — for allowing use of their church parking lot for parking overflow — all helped make the summer of 2013 such a successful year. Additional support from the Liberty Lake Police, Spokane Valley Fire Department and SCOPE assured the events were safe for everyone.

In order to bring you a successful 2014, FOPP depends on donations, sponsorships, ads in the Holiday Ball program and Ball attendance at the Davenport Hotel on Dec. 7, with its silent and live auctions. Prices to the Holiday Ball have been reduced to \$75 per person, making ticket sales more affordable. If you are interested in becoming a FOPP board member, volunteering to help with our summer concerts or helping out with the Holiday Ball, we would appreciate hearing from you. Additional information can be found at pavillionpark.org or by

e-mailing bschneidmiller@pavillionpark.org. Thanks to all!

Bob Schneidmiller
FOPP President

RIM Ride's third year a success

The Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club would like to thank everyone who participated in the third annual Rotary in Motion (RIM) Ride. We especially would like to thank all of the volunteers for their help and support to make this event a success.

Volunteers included the Christian Motorcycle Club, The Bike Hub, Nancy and Sam Brubaker and all of our Rotarians. Momentum Ink printed our very cool long sleeve T-shirts. Liberty Lake Quiznos' sandwiches were enjoyed by everyone. We appreciate the support from our major sponsors, including Washington Trust Bank, Greenstone, Meadowood Technology Campus, Safeway, Liberty Closing & Escrow, Vista Window Cleaning, Mountain Dog Sign Company, The Kitchen Engine and State Farm.

This year's RIM ride was held on Sunday, Sept. 15. The Liberty Lake Rotary Club was thrilled to have 347 riders participate this year! The riders had a choice of participating in the 5-mile family ride, 15, 25, 50 or 100 mile routes. Each route had supported rest stops with great snacks, some of which were donated by Safeway. We had 52 riders complete the 100-mile challenge ride, and 109 riders complete the 50-mile scenic ride around Hauser and Newman lakes.

The proceeds from this year's ride will benefit the Liberty Lake Rotary Club, in-

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Oct. 12-13 | Ultimate Table Tennis Tournament HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. The JOOLA North American Tour is adding this stop in the Spokane area. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

Oct. 19 | Warrior Camp MMA Event 6 to 10:30 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. These live MMA cage fights are presented by Warrior Camp & Legacy MMA. Tickets are \$20. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

Oct. 19, 26 & Nov. 2 | Basketball Clinic Noon to 1 p.m. (3rd-5th grades) and 3 to 4 p.m. (6th-8th grades), Total Sports, 25023 E. Appleway Ave. Cost is \$25. For more: 922-1330

Oct. 19 | Spokane Chiefs HOCKtoberfest 4 p.m., Spokane Arena. Join with others before the 7 p.m. game against Victoria for a chance to win a weekend trip for two to Leavenworth. For more: www.spokanechiefs.com

Oct. 20 | HUB Hustle Basketball Tournament 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Boys and girls teams in 4th through 8th grade are invited to compete against other area teams. Cost is \$125 per team. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

Oct. 22/29, 24/28 | Liberty Select Volleyball Program 6 to 7:30 p.m., Total Sports, 25023 E. Appleway Ave. U12 clinic is Oct. 22 and 29; U14 clinic is Oct. 24 & 28. Cost is \$25. For more: 922-1330

Oct. 27 | Youth football fundraiser 3:30 p.m., Northern Quest Casino, Airway Heights. Cost is \$50 to play Texas Hold'em or \$20 to play Bunco with proceeds benefitting Liberty Lake Lions Pop Warner youth football. Only 120 spots available. To purchase tickets or for more: 869-6981

Oct. 31 | Life Line Screening Services 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lakeside Church, 23129 E. Mission. For more: 210-9779

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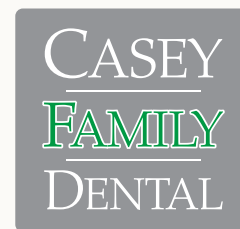
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POLICE

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ing the roundabout construction zone at North Harvard Road and East Mission Avenue. When officers arrived, the construction crew had already helped the truck, and officers made contact with him a short distance from the construction zone. It was reported he advised the flaggers he would not be able to manipulate his truck through the work zone, but they kept waving him through. He requested they assist him in backing up his truck.

Construction workers stopped and moved traffic so the truck could back up, and in the process the truck caught its front bumper on a newly constructed concrete curb and bent the bumper forward, additionally causing damage to the concrete curb.

• **Runaway 9-year-old** — At 6:37 p.m. Sept. 21, LLPD was dispatched to the 23000 block of East Sinto Avenue in response to a runaway juvenile. The complainant reported her 9-year-old son had run away after getting upset with her. The boy was later located at Albertsons and returned home.

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Trail users pitch in to build bridge

Span at county park results from significant investment of time and money

By Ken Carmichael
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN

At more than 3,000 acres, Liberty Lake County Park is one of the great places to ride horses. The Inland Empire Chapter of Back Country Horsemen (IEBCH) has been active for many years clearing trails in the park. Several years ago, IEBCH built an equestrian trailhead in order to separate the horses from off-road vehicles.

Over the past few years, the park's Edith Hansen trail has been flooded due to beaver dams raising the water level on wetlands near the trail. Several options were discussed, including boardwalks, and it was decided to move the trail to higher ground.

Spokane County Parks applied for a Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) grant and called on stakeholders to help remedy the situation. The Washington Trails Association (WTA) took the lead to reroute the trail, which required some blasting of rocks. The reroute required a bridge across a major stream. This is where IEBCH stepped in with labor, financing and expertise.

Ken Elliott, an IEBCH member, worked closely with county engineers to design a multi-use bridge capable of supporting horses. After a lengthy process of permitting and a culture resource survey, the bridge was started in 2012 with several IEBCH work parties preparing the trail approach and site, then pouring the concrete foundation. Because we were working around and over a stream, Ken had to design and build special equipment to pour the concrete.

He worked closely with Spokane County planners to purchase the bridge materials, some requiring custom design. Because of the terrain, a method was needed to get the two 26-foot beams to the bridge site. Ken designed and built a special trailer that could haul the beams and other materials over the trail to the site (it took two trips), then the trailer was disassembled and used to lift the beams across the stream using a large wheel loader rented by IEBCH.

The next day, a large IEBCH crew was assembled, with many skilled laborers, tools and equipment to do the final construction of the bridge. All told, more



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KEN CARMICHAEL (ABOVE) AND BILL CLARK (BELOW)

Volunteers led by Ken Elliott developed a method for getting a pair of 26-foot beams to the bridge site at Liberty Lake County Park. Pictured are Bill Clark and Ed Lynch. Below, Loren Melcher pauses on the finished bridge.



than 25 IEBCH members and guests contributed to the bridge construction.

The \$36,860 RCO grant was possible because of the large contributions by WTA and IEBCH. The SCOPE Mounted Patrol and Trail Markers made additional contributions. The IEBCH performed more than 660 hours of labor and contributed more than \$2,700 toward the cost of the bridge. Throughout the process, Spokane County provided excellent help with additional heavy

equipment, materials, design and administrative support.

The county plans call for interpretative signage about the beaver ecology and history of the wetlands. There will also be trail signage for directions and mileage and recognition for the support provided by the various groups.

Ken Carmichael is a board member of the Inland Empire Chapter of Back Country Horseman.

LETTERS

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cluding various projects in our local Liberty Lake community.

Mark your calendar for the fourth annual Rotary in Motion (RIM) Ride: Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014.

Mandy Desgrosellier
RIM Ride Organizer
Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary

Thanks for filling the boot

On behalf of Spokane Valley Firefighter's Local 876, I would like to thank all the residents of Liberty Lake for their generosity during Fill the Boot on Sept. 14.

For the second year in a row, Local 876 has been in the streets of Liberty Lake to raise money for local children battling muscular dystrophy. Donations received on the 14th reached more than \$6,800 dollars. One hundred percent of that money will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association to help these local children in the fight for their lives. The citizens of Liberty Lake and everyone who donated to Fill the Boot are greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Albertsons, Pizza Hut and Jimmy Johns for their food donations.

The firefighters of Local 876 always enjoy hitting the streets for a good cause as well as being able to see and meet the members of the community in which they serve. Thank you, Liberty Lake, for your generosity and hospitality!

Nick Zambryski
Firefighter, Spokane Valley Fire Department



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