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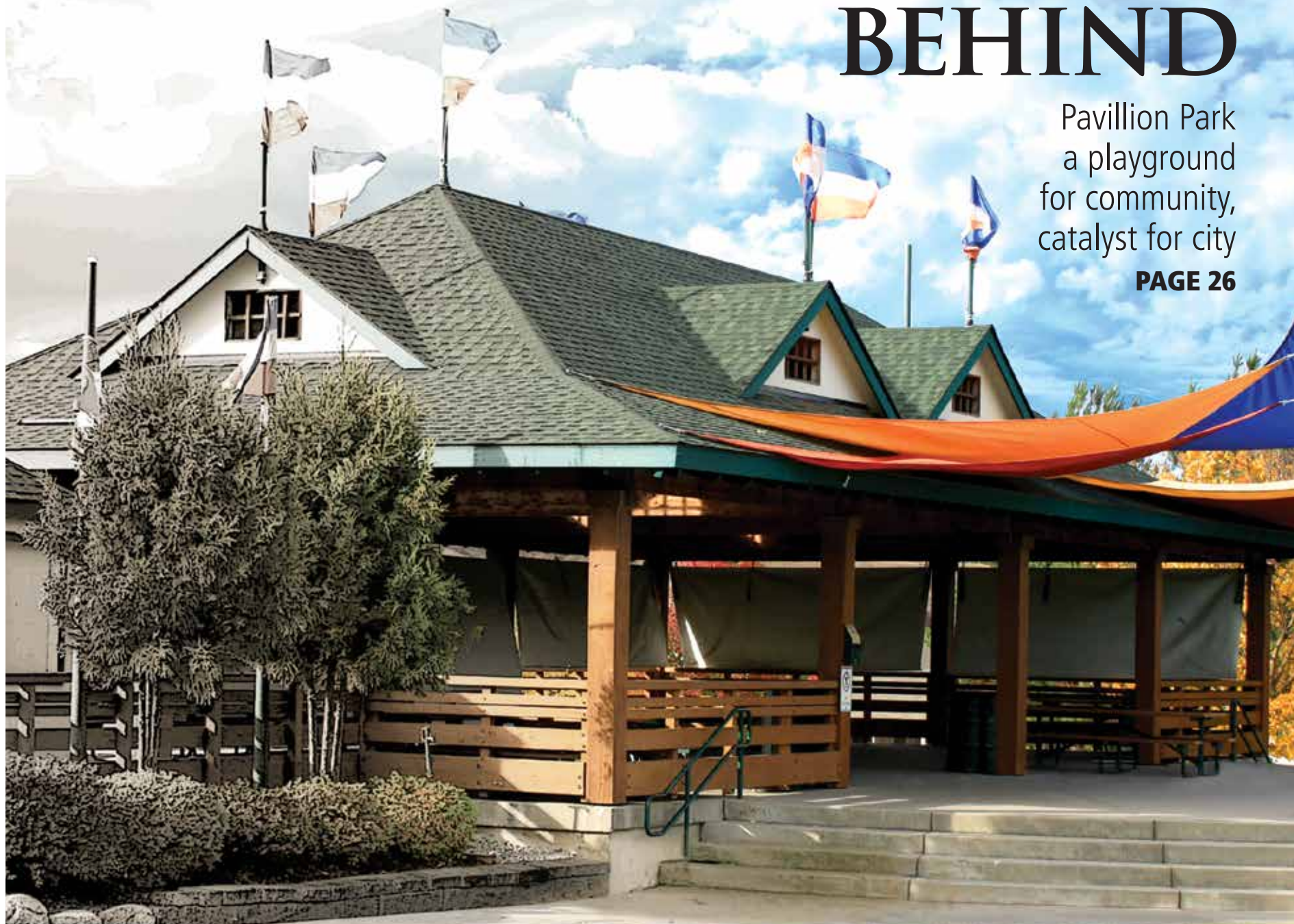
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Awareness patrol

LLPD's Thomas on front lines in battle against drugs, alcohol

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Mike Thomas was so impressed with the value of drug recognition training in the field of law enforcement that he sacrificed his vacation and sick time to put himself through classes while a member of the Moscow (Idaho) Police Department.

After attending courses in California and Idaho, Thomas eventually became the department's first certified drug recognition expert. Seeing the importance of the role, the Moscow force sent two officers through the training shortly afterward.

A native of Spokane and graduate of Shadle Park High School, Thomas returned to his roots after being hired by the Liberty Lake Police Department in 2003. Not long after joining LLPD, he became one of the few drug recognition instructors in Eastern Washington and later was named drug recognition expert allied coordinator for a region that includes Spokane County and six other counties.

Thomas has been a staple in the classroom, teaching throughout Washington and Idaho for the past 11 years. He is a reg-



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ular instructor at the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy and works closely with the Seattle Police Department and Department of Corrections training new drug recognition experts.

Thomas's first stop after high school was as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. After the military, he enrolled at Spokane Community College and later at the University of Idaho. Thomas was part of the police force in two Idaho jurisdictions, Pinehurst and Kellogg, before landing in Moscow.

As one of the area's recognized authorities on drug recognition, Thomas has appeared on programs such as "Health Matters" on KSPS-TV, shedding light on the

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Officer Mike Thomas has served with the Liberty Lake Police Department since 2003. As the force's designated drug recognition expert, Thomas works to prevent impaired driving and other issues involving substance abuse.

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dangers of driving while under the influence of marijuana, a topic that has drawn increased attention since the passage of I-502 in 2012.

The Splash caught up with Thomas recently to talk about his history with LLLPD and the task of generating community awareness in the fight against crime, drugs and alcohol.

Q: Like the population of Liberty Lake, the Liberty Lake Police Department has grown considerably since 2001, the year of incorporation, now patrolling a jurisdiction of nearly 8,700 residents. What are some of the changes you've seen on the force since you've been here?

A: I was hired by Liberty Lake Police Department in March of 2003. I was the sixth officer hired, which included the chief and the sergeant. We have come a long way from only six officers sharing three cars. Our cars were being driven 24 hours a day, seven days a week and we did not have nearly the equipment or technology we currently have in each of our assigned cars. We were working out of two offices in the leased space which was City Hall at the time to now having a police station which will allow us to grow and be successful. The city has grown not only in population but in actual area as we annexed a large section of area to the east since then. We have added several apartment complexes and several large businesses which draw large numbers of employees from all around the region. With this brings a large spectrum of demographics into the city of Liberty Lake. The police department has been able to hire several more officers since I was hired, but we are still one of the lowest staffed police departments per population for the size of our city in Washington state.

Q: Chief Brian Asmus is recognized by many as the foundation of LLLPD go-

ing back to the beginning of the force. Can you describe the importance of Chief Asmus to the success and stability of the department?

A: Chief Asmus has been the main reason our department has been able to achieve all the things we have since our inception. He is instrumental in ensuring this department has hired some of the most experienced and knowledgeable officers around the area. He is a forward thinking chief who is always willing to try newer and better ways to make things work more efficiently and more cost effectively. Chief Asmus has led our department to be well-respected, not only in our area, but across the state of Washington. Chief Asmus has the respect of all of our officers, and I'm always hearing how he is respected by other chiefs and sheriffs across the state. I know his good relationship with the city staff, City Council and our mayor has been instrumental in insuring we are progressive and heading in the right direction as a leading police agency.

Q: You recently appeared on a KSPS program called "Health Matters" that addressed many concerns surrounding substance abuse. Do you think the general public is becoming more aware of issues like addiction, prescription drug abuse and impaired driving?

A: I believe most people in our area, no matter the demographic, have been forced to deal with some kind of substance abuse either by family members, friends or by co-workers. These days, it's difficult to not have been affected by someone with an addiction. It has been my experience that most family members who are dealing with an addict don't like to discuss it and many times are ashamed by it as somehow they feel it may reflect on them. I believe this adds to the problem, but having the support of others and using all the resources available are what can help them. I believe the earlier people step in to help an addict the more successful the outcome for that person. Unfortunately, a DUI is many times the first real eye opener for an addict and/or

the family of an addict as they no longer can ignore what they have been suspecting or seeing.

Q: From the standpoint of impaired driving, what are some of the issues you are seeing with marijuana, particularly surrounding the passage and implementation of I-502?

A: When people consume alcohol, they lose their inhibitions or the ability to make good judgments, as that is one of the impairing parts of alcohol. This is why some people who say they would never drive intoxicated, after having several drinks, still believe they are fine to drive. This is why we have learned to try to educate people to pre-plan for not driving prior to drinking. This takes the decision out of their control after they are impaired.

With cannabis the same is not true. People who are impaired with cannabis do not lose their inhibitions. They simply know they are high and believe they can function because they know they are high and attempt to be careful to deal with it. This is why it is typical to see an impaired person on cannabis driving very slowly and attempting to be methodical. The fact is, though, they are still impaired, and their reaction times are delayed. They are still just as dangerous as a drunk driver. We are learning very quickly when you combine the two, alcohol with cannabis, which many are now doing, this is a recipe for disaster behind the wheel. People now have lowered, or no inhibitions, and they are high with slower reaction times. We have seen an increase in very high-speed collisions with these drivers for this reason, and many times it is deadly.

Q: The City Council recently passed an ordinance addressing minors in consumption of marijuana. While it was already an infraction for a minor to be in possession of marijuana, what will this new ordinance mean from a law enforcement standpoint?

A: First, let's be clear. It is still a criminal misdemeanor for a person under the age of 21 to be in possession of marijuana

less than 40 grams or to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. With the new I-502 law, there was nothing addressing our youth consuming or being under the influence of marijuana, as there is with alcohol. It's my understanding no other jurisdiction has dealt with this issue by enacting legislation until now in the state of Washington. Since I-502, we have seen a large increase in people under 21 years of age consuming marijuana as they believe "it is legal." Until now, law enforcement has not been able to do anything about it, if we do not find them in possession of it. Many parents may not know their children are using or abusing marijuana and just like with alcohol the first they learn of it is when the police contact them letting them know their son or daughter is drunk or high. This new ordinance now gives law enforcement a tool to use to help correct the behavior and for parents to be notified so they can help with changing the behavior before this leads to an addiction. I'm hopeful other jurisdictions follow our example by enacting the same type of ordinances. I'm hopeful the state of Washington will begin focusing their attention on protecting our youth as the people who passed I-502 did nothing to ensure our children did not consume marijuana even after making it more readily available and much more socially acceptable.

Q: What do you see as some of the most significant misperceptions about marijuana?

A: I hear marijuana users believe they drive better when using marijuana. This goes back to thinking they are more cautious because they know they are high and will take more precautions when driving. They have been doing studies in Europe with drivers who have been given doses of marijuana at different levels and, just like alcohol, the impairment is predictable and starts affecting their ability to operate a vehicle safely. It is also a misperception that marijuana is not addictive. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration,

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Police Report

The following incidents and arrests were among those reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department from Sept. 22 to Oct. 27. They are listed in chronological order.

Incidents and arrests

• **Burglary** — At 8:36 a.m. Sept. 23, LLPD responded to the 1800 block of North Willamette for a burglary. The complainant reported someone had used an unknown tool to pry the door of the vehicle parked in the driveway open and gain access to the garage opener. A total of \$5,345 in items was taken from the garage, as the complainant had recently moved to the location and had various belongings packed away.

• **Burglary** — At 9:47 a.m. Sept. 23, LLPD responded to the 19000 block of East Shannon Avenue for a residential burglary. The complainant reported leaving her garage door open through the night and waking to find a bicycle estimated at \$1,200 and parts and accessories estimated at \$400 missing from her garage.

• **Vehicle prowl** — At 5:34 a.m. Sept. 28, LLPD responded to the 1800 block of North Pepper Tree Lane for a vehicle prowl. The complainant reported that while staying at the location his vehicle had been entered sometime during the night and the ignition drilled out.

• **Burglary/vehicle prowl** — At 11:30 a.m. Sept. 30, LLPD responded to the 1900 block of North Meyers for a residential burglary/vehicle prowl. The complainant reported that sometime during the night, an unknown person had gained access to the garage, and two vehicles were entered. An iPod Touch was stolen from one vehicle with an estimated value of \$100.

• **Golf cart theft** — At 2:41 p.m. Sept. 30, LLPD responded to the 24000 block of East Olive Lane for theft and possession of stolen property. The complainant reported he had his golf cart stolen by a known person who then moved from the area. The subject apparently sold the golf cart to an individual on Craigslist. The complainant observed the distinctive cart being driven and contacted law enforcement. The incident was placed under investigation.

• **Legal marijuana grow** — At 2 p.m. Oct. 1, LLPD responded to a complaint of a marijuana grow at the 1700 block of North Cavalier Road. Officers made contact with the owner, who provided his grow information, which all appeared to be in order.

• **Burglary** — At 10 a.m. Oct. 1, LLPD responded to the 1600 block of North Cirque Lane for a burglary. The complainant reported she and her husband found several items were missing from their garage. Total loss is \$930.

• **Reckless driving** — A 16-year-old juvenile male was arrested at 10:10 p.m. Oct. 3 at North Bella Lago Lane and North Lakeside Road for reckless driving. The subject was traveling at speeds of over 100 mph in a posted 35 mph zone.

• **Burglary** — At 5:18 p.m. Oct. 6, LLPD responded to the 19000 block of East Cataldo Ave. for a burglary. The complainant reported that while her RV was at the location for repair work, an unknown person used force to break in and steal two televisions, a DVR, binoculars and an undetermined amount of money.

• **Wire theft** — At 3 p.m. Oct. 8, LLPD responded to the 1600 block of North Caufield Road for a theft. The victim reported that \$3,000 in wire was stolen from a home under construction.

• **Domestic violence** — At 3:51 p.m. Oct. 10, LLPD responded to the 1400 block of North Madson Lane for a domestic violence assault and theft. The complainant reported that her boyfriend arrived and was highly intoxicated. He began to fight with her, pushed her down and hit her several times. The complainant reported she was unable to contact law enforcement sooner about the incident as he would not let her use the phone. The complainant went to work, and upon coming home found he had taken \$2,000 in clothing from her home. A report was taken and charges forwarded to the prosecutor.

• **Welfare check** — At 3:12 p.m. Oct. 15, LLPD responded to a welfare check at the 1500 block of North Aladdin Road. Officers made contact with a family member after complaints regarding a property. It was found a resident in the home recently passed away, and the home, which

Calls for service

Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Sept. 22 to Oct. 27

Abandoned vehicle	4
Agency assist	1
Alarm	2
Animal problem	1
Burglary	7
Child abuse or neglect	1
Citizen assist	6
Criminal mischief	1
Custodial interference	2
Deceased person	2
Domestic violence	1
Drug sale/manufacturing	2
DUI	2
Family fight	1
Fraud	6
Fugitive	2
Harassment	2
Impounded vehicle	1
Lost or found property	8
Message delivered	1
Not classified	5
Property theft	11
Recovered stolen property	1

Suspicious person/circumstance	5
Threatening	1
Traffic accident	2
Traffic offense	16
Vehicle prowl	1
Vehicle theft	1
Welfare check	4

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Defective muffler	1
Driving without license with ID	1
DUI	2
DWLS	15
Expired registration	7
Failure to obey traffic control	3
Improper lane usage	1
Liability insurance	12
Licenses and plates required	1
Negligent driving	1
Parking no parking zone	1
Reckless driving	2
Speeding	6
Use of cell phone	1

is in poor condition, may be condemned.

• **Fraud** — At 11:08 a.m. Oct. 16, LLPD received a report of fraud from the 1200 block of North Liberty Lake Road. The complainant reported that someone had taken \$43,000 in funds from his bank account without his permission. The incident is currently under investigation.

• **Theft** — At 1:53 p.m. Oct. 16, LLPD responded to the 1400 block of North Meadowwood Lane for a theft. The complainant reported her bicycle was stolen, an estimated loss of \$1,800.

• **Injured deer** — At 5:12 p.m. Oct. 20, LLPD responded to the 600 block of North Dunbarton Oaks Lane for the report of an injured deer. The deer had been injured a couple days prior, according to a resident caller, and he asked it be put out of its misery. An officer located the deer and was able to dispatch it.

• **Burglary** — At 3:10 p.m. Oct. 21, LLPD responded to the 100 block of North Holiday Hills Drive for a burglary. The complainant reported that while

multiple contractors were working on his home, medication and \$1,100 in cash had been stolen.

• **Theft** — At 2 p.m. Oct. 22, LLPD responded to a theft at Holiday Hills and Simpson roads. The complainant called to report a saw had been stolen a few weeks prior from a building site, and someone had just tried to pawn it in Spokane. The pawn shop did not complete the transaction, and information was gathered on the suspect vehicle. The incident was placed under investigation.

• **Theft** — At 10:45 a.m. Oct. 23, LLPD received a report of theft at the 1400 block of North Liberty Lake Road. The complainant reported an iPad and cell phone were stolen from her vehicle while she was inside a store. The vehicle was thought to be locked when the items were taken.

• **Vehicle theft** — At 3:48 p.m. Oct. 24, LLPD responded to the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive for a vehicle theft.

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as of 2010, marijuana accounts for over 63 percent of the 7.1 million Americans who are abusing or dependent on illicit drugs.

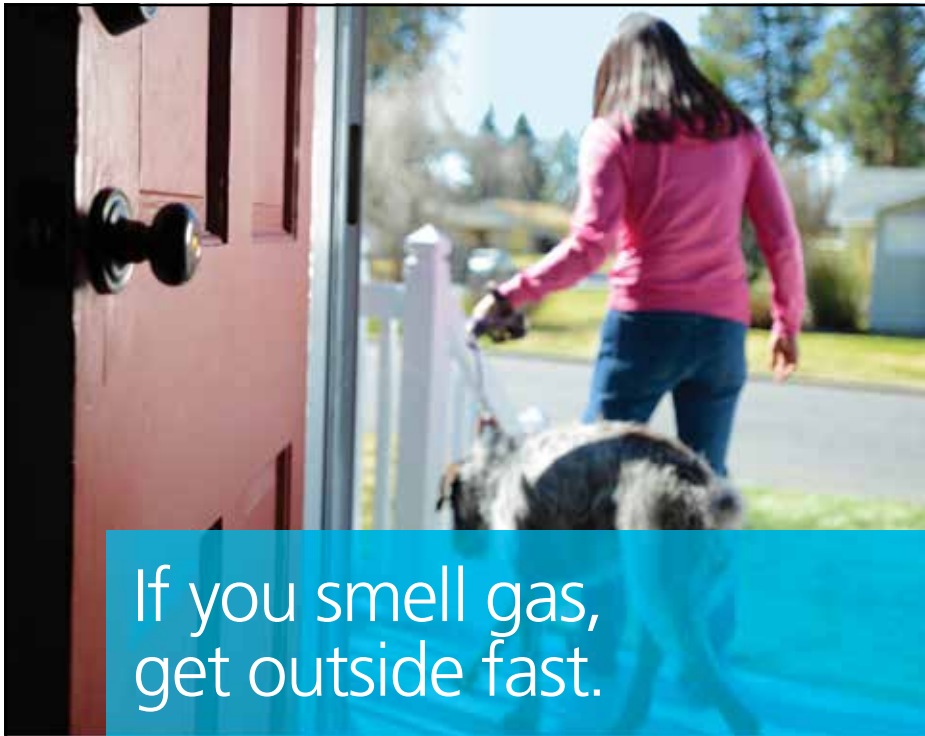
Q: What can the average citizen in Liberty Lake do to support local police and contribute to a safe community?

A: We count on the citizens and the community as a whole to be vigilant and to report crime when they see it. I often hear from people saying they saw something but did not want to call 911 because they thought it wasn't an emergency. We count on the community to call and report things as they are many and we are few. Even if you feel it may be something or someone out of place, or maybe you feel it is something your gut is telling you

is not right, please call and let us know. We would rather hear from the public on insignificant things than not hear from them when it ends up being something very significant.

Lastly, I would like to ask the community to make sure if they do plan on using any alcohol, medications or marijuana they do so responsibly by making sure they have pre-arranged transportation or are in a location where they do not need

to go anywhere. I would also encourage people to remember, like alcohol, if left in a location or not educated about the topic, our youth may begin using before they are legally able to. Unlike alcohol, marijuana smoke, if used in a close proximity, like in a car, can cause the drug to be ingested by those around them. If people choose to use marijuana they need to be cognizant of where they are doing it and who they are doing it around.



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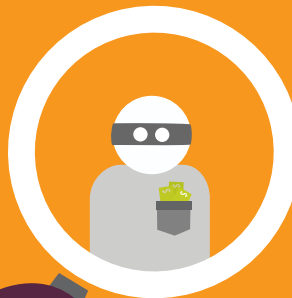
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LL set for tidy transition in waste services

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Despite a revolutionary shift in the regional structure of solid waste maintenance, residents of Liberty Lake should notice very little, if any, change in the way trash is collected and disposed of later this month.

Crews from Waste Management Inc. will still depart in the early morning hours each Monday from a building off Interstate-90 and the Pines Road exit. Between the collection of garbage and recyclables, the network of routes takes around nine hours to complete.

The conversion will be official on Nov. 17 when the tandem of Waste Management and Sunshine Disposal and Recycling become the facilitators of refuse and recycling in Spokane County's easternmost jurisdiction. Both Liberty Lake and the city of Spokane Valley opted to sign with Waste Management and Sunshine instead of aligning with Spokane County prior to the county taking over waste management services from the city of Spokane.

"Liberty Lake residents should not see any change in their weekly curbside services," said Robin Freedman, senior communications manager with Waste Management. "We will still offer a variety of sizes of garbage carts 35-, 64- and 96-gallon. Those that recycle more should consider using a smaller garbage cart."

The stout Waste Management collection trucks, with their signature green, have been a staple of garbage collection in the area for over a quarter century. The difference later this month involves the collaboration with Sunshine and the move away from a municipal model that has been the standard in towns and cities across Spokane County. The cost of waste management will remain the same, as will features like curbside single stream recycling every other week along with weekly yard debris pickup.

The main difference in the new setup will involve Liberty Lake residents having the option to self haul their trash, recycling and household hazardous waste to the Sunshine Disposal transfer station at 2405 N. University Road in Spokane Valley. Sunshine is currently expanding the facility to handle the increased volume and plans to have the upgrade complete before Nov. 17.

Up to this point, the majority of Liberty



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Above: The task of collecting garbage and recyclables in Liberty Lake begins early each Monday from the Waste Management facility in Spokane Valley. The routes take about nine hours to complete.

The expansion of the Sunshine Disposal and Recycling transfer station (at left) on University Road in Spokane Valley will add 6,000 square feet.

Lake residents have transported their garbage and recyclables to the transfer station on Sullivan Road. That site along with the north county transfer station will change hands from the city of Spokane to Spokane County this month and be operated by Waste Connections of Washington Inc. Liberty Lake City Administrator Katy Allen has indicated that county officials will not turn away residents of Liberty Lake or Spokane Valley from the county stations.

At the Oct. 21 City Council meeting, Allen said Waste Management customer account numbers would also be changing under the new format, meaning residents on auto pay will need to make sure the transition is recorded. She added that the city and Waste Management would be distributing information to customers shedding light on any changes

The Sunshine expansion broke ground

in late July and will add 6,000 square feet and feature two inbound scales and two outbound scales. The facility has previously seen only commercial waste and recycling customers. Sunshine will add 14 workers to handle the increase in volume. The company had completed the preliminary research, design and permitting of the site well before Spokane Valley and Liberty Lake reached their decisions to go with the private sector.

"The expansion of our facility is centered on being able to provide a full scope of waste and recycling services throughout the Inland Northwest," said Sunshine President Marc Torre.

Liberty Lake residents who subscribe to trash collection will be also be eligible to participate in a bulky waste cleanup day sponsored by Waste Management once a year. While the date is yet to be determined, Freedman said it will occur sometime in the spring and information will be sent directly to customers. She added that the recycle rebate under the new agreement with the city will be slightly less in order "to use a portion of the funds to provide for the bulky waste cleanup and education outreach services."

The first tremor in the regional garbage terrain occurred on June 3 when the Spokane Valley City Council voted to sign a contract with Waste Management and Sunshine. Liberty Lake City Administrator Katy

Allen attended the meeting and delivered the news to the Liberty Lake City Council at its gathering later that evening. By September, Liberty Lake followed suit, with the council voting unanimously in favor of the Waste Management/Sunshine deal, a contract that will run for 10 years with an optional six-year extension.

With the county out of the equation, the city will be responsible for the development and administration of a collection and disposal comprehensive plan. The contract includes a one-time payment of \$15,000 from Waste Management for those costs as well as 1 percent of the gross revenue to facilitate the plan.

"We are just changing regulatory systems and moving from Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission regulation to Liberty Lake city regulation," said Freedman. "We are working with city staff to ensure Liberty Lake residents are receiving world-class services. Finally, we are continuously improving our operations in an effort to keep service costs down for our customers."

In addition, Waste Management will not charge the city for trash collection at municipal facilities, a value of \$5,500 a year. The company will also contribute \$3,000 annually to the city to support community activities.

Sunshine has operated the site on University Road since 1979. The company provides waste management and recycling services throughout the region.

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NEWS

Mayor introduces 2015 budget

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

There were no marching bands, prancing mascots or municipal floats on hand when Mayor Steve Peterson introduced his preliminary budget for 2015 at the Oct. 21 City Council meeting.

Yet, just as he has for most of Liberty Lake's tenure as an incorporated city, Peterson paraded out a financial outline for the upcoming year that contained an abundance of positive projections and ambitious plans that now await council approval.

"We have done much to improve our service and bring community benefits to our residents," Peterson said. "Our commitment to being a safe, clean and green community with excellent facilities has not wavered."

The mayor went on to emphasize that the city will address a quintet of topics identified by council at its annual retreat, including a strategy to replace the aging facility at the Trailhead at Liberty Lake Golf Course and developing a vision for the remaining acreage in the center of the city that now features Town Square Park.

The remaining issues on the city's priority list include a long-term plan to add space to the library, potentially incorporating a senior center with the project, the possibility of a municipal swimming pool and investing more resources in transportation improvements, all efforts that will rely on citizen input, the mayor said.

Several major projects are on the docket for next year, including the reconstruction of Appleway Avenue and the design of new traffic signalization at Appleway and Liberty Lake Road. The city has also earmarked matching funds for the design portion of improvements to Liberty Lake Road from Country Vista north to Interstate 90. Peterson added that it would also behoove the city to strengthen a funding mechanism called the Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT) "and identify financing for long-term projects."

The mayor's draft budget features what he described as "conservative revenue projections and disciplined expenditures" addressing a list that includes the maintenance and facilitation of the recently constructed Liberty Lake Ballfields, the addition of new vehicles and equipment to sustain city services and increased compensation for city staff (a 2-percent step increase).

The expenditure game plan would mean hiring a full-time maintenance worker, an entry level employee at City Hall, a new police officer and several seasonal employees

in Parks and Recreation.

"To support these additional expenses, our budget revenue will grow with the inclusion of waste management contract dollars, local government shared dollars for weed enforcement and a standard 1 percent growth in our property tax levy," Peterson said.

Each year, the city has the option of increasing the property tax rate by 1 percent. Even if council approves the hike for 2015, the city's rate would hover around \$1.78 per assessed \$1,000 of property value, according to Finance Director RJ Stevenson, an amount that would still be lower than surrounding jurisdictions like Spokane Valley, Millwood and Spokane.

In his portion of the budget presentation, Stevenson showed council how the city's general fund as well as its emphasis on street improvements and park acreage has increased proportionately to Liberty Lake's growth in population.

Along with projects like the Appleway upgrade, improvements to Pavillon Park and the addition of a restroom at the Liberty Lake Ballfields, the city is looking at allocating \$125,000 for building contingency (to be spent in cases such as the library roof repair earlier this year), \$20,000 for improvements at the Rocky Hill barn, \$70,000 for a municipal comprehensive plan update, \$100,000 for pedestrian crossing safety and \$10,000 for an electric vehicle charging station.

The expenditures leave the city's ending general fund balance for 2015 at \$1,959,425, well above the state required minimum of \$531,000.

"Today, our community has unity, leadership and a vision to provide a city which citizens are proud and a place where businesses can grow and flourish," Peterson said.

Council representatives are being encouraged to send "mayor's budget questions" to Stevenson for inclusion in the budget planning process. The city has until the end of the year to approve its budget.

Results of parks survey in

For the first time since 2008, residents of Liberty Lake have been asked to weigh in on the future of parks and recreation. With an update to the municipal Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan required by the end of 2015, the city is gathering feedback on citizen priorities for existing facilities and programs as well as plans for the future.

On Oct. 21, Amanda Tainio, Planning and Building Services manager, walked the

IN THE BOOKS, ON THE DOCKET

A look back and ahead at news from City Hall

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

In the Books (October)

- Council heard a report from the Spokane Transit Authority on its 10-year draft plan to sustain and grow transit services. STA is in the last two months of gathering public input for "STA Moving Forward," which proposes a goal of increasing ridership by 30 percent while adding 75 shelters, new park-and-ride locations and high performance transit, among other components. The draft plan includes later Saturday evening routes from downtown to Liberty Lake, non-stop commuter service during peak weekday times and pilot service to Coeur d'Alene. There has also been discussion of adding 300 parking places to the Liberty Lake park-and-ride. To fund the plan, STA is gathering feedback on a potential 0.3 percent increase to sales tax that would not impact food or gas. The agency has retained a 0.6 percent rate on sales tax since 1981 but has the capacity to go up to 0.9 percent. Mayor Steve Peterson and Mayor Pro Tem Cris Kaminskis both brought up the need for increased STA service to the city's eastern section at the Oct. 7 council meeting.

- Council unanimously passed Ordinance No. 214, implementing a civil infraction for minors in consumption of marijuana. The initiative supplements regulations already in place that address possession of the drug. Police Chief Brian Asmus said law enforcement officials in Spokane Valley and Pullman have already inquired about Liberty Lake's ordinance.

- The Liberty Lake Police Department hosted the fourth annual Community Domestic Violence Symposium on Oct. 25 at the LLDPD precinct, 23127 E. Mission Ave.

- City Administrator Katy Allen told council that the draft of the waste management comprehensive plan is complete. Waste Management and Sunshine Disposal and Recycling will take over garbage collection and recycling duties in Liberty Lake on Nov. 17.

- Council approved the awarding of a contract for pedestrian improvements at Liberty Lake Elementary School.

- Council voted to approve a contract for a monument sign at Rocky Hill Park.

On the Docket (November)

- A public hearing on the waste management comprehensive plan is scheduled for the Nov. 4 council meeting.

- The city will present a certificate of appreciation to the family of Shirley Schoenberger during the Nov. 4 council meeting (see letters to the editor for more).

- Mayor Steve Peterson will sign a city proclamation observing November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month at the Nov. 4 meeting.

- A workshop on the property tax is scheduled for the Nov. 4 council meeting.

- Public hearings on the 2015 city budget will be held during the Nov. 4 and Nov. 18 council meetings.

- Council is expected to vote on a resolution amending the public improvement list connected to a funding mechanism known as the Local Infrastructure Financing Tool, or LIFT.

- Council is expected to vote on a resolution determining the property tax levy for 2015 at its Nov. 18 meeting.

governing board through the results of an extensive public survey that ran from April through August. The process also involved focus group meetings and a collaboration with Minapsys, a local company specializing in online, collaborative information gathering.

The main survey collected responses from 402 participants. When asked if the city currently has an adequate number of parks and recreation facilities, over 20 percent of respondents strongly agreed. Nearly 50 percent agreed.

Residents gave sparkling reviews to the overall quality and maintenance of city parks and facilities. When asked to rank the importance of existing facilities, multi-use trails topped the list while community events led the way in the favorite programming category. Nearly 70 percent said parks,

recreation, open space and trails are "extremely important" to Liberty Lake's quality of life.

"Overall, the public is happy," Tainio said. "Our parks are well-utilized, clean and safe."

Approximately 30 percent of respondents said they were opposed to an increase in fees or taxes to build and maintain new facilities while nearly the same percentage said they would support the city issuing a bond to pay for improvements. If city did access more funding and could expand current facilities, respondents ranked community gardens and exercise equipment as the top priorities.

As far as future projects, a community pool and aquatic programming ranked high in several categories.

See BUDGET, page 12

Wanted: Your feedback

The city's solid waste management plan is changing as Liberty Lake begins a partnership with Waste Management Inc. The city's draft plan for this change is in its review period, and your input is needed. View the plan at: wa-libertylake.civicplus.com. More details about how you can review this plan and provide feedback are below.



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF SEPA CHECKLIST
NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS THAT: the City of Liberty Lake Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Preliminary Draft is available for public review and comment. Community members are invited to review the preliminary draft of the SWMP and share their comments by November 14, 2014. The preliminary draft of the City's SWMP can be viewed online at <http://wa-libertylake.civicplus.com/>. Hard copies of the draft are also available for review at the City Clerk's office located at 22710 E. Country Vista Drive or at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library located at 23123 E. Mission Avenue. Comments can be made by email to: aswenson@libertylakewa.gov, or may be sent to the City of Liberty Lake, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, Liberty Lake, WA 99019. Comments will also be accepted by phone at (509) 755-6700.

In accordance with WAC 197-11, notice is hereby given that a SEPA Checklist has been completed on the proposed City of Liberty Lake Solid Waste Management Plan. The City of Liberty Lake has determined that the proposed plan will have no significant adverse

environmental impacts and has issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS). **Copies of the SEPA Checklist and the DNS Threshold Determination will be available for review beginning on Tuesday, October 14, 2014.** Comments on the SEPA Checklist and Threshold Determination should be sent to the contact person below, no later than 4 p.m., October 28, 2014. An appeal of the Threshold Determination, after it becomes final, may be made to the City of Liberty Lake Planning & Building Services at 22710 E. Country Vista, Liberty Lake, WA 99019. The appeal deadline to request an 'open record' appeal to the Hearing Examiner is fourteen (14) calendar days after the comment period closes. A notice of appeal must be delivered to the City by mail or personal delivery and the appeal must be received by 4:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period (November 11, 2014). Appeal requests shall contain all information and items required in the City Development Code Section 10-4B-4, subsection H and shall follow the procedures outlined in City Development Code Section 10-6A-7, Subsection C for SEPA Appeals and Section 10-4G-2, subsection H for Appeals of Administrative Interpretations by the Director. For more information or to receive copies of the SEPA Checklist, Threshold Determination, or the proposed draft preliminary plan, please contact: Katy Allen, City Administrator, 22710 E. Country Vista Dr., Liberty Lake, WA 99019. Phone: 509-755-6700, Fax: 509-755-6713, Email: kallen@libertylakewa.gov. Information is also available on the City website at <http://www.libertylakewa.gov/196/Public-Notices>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THAT: the Liberty Lake Mayor & City Council will hold a public hearing **Tuesday, November 4, 2014, beginning at 7 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practical, in the Liberty Lake City Hall Council Chambers, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, Liberty Lake, WA.** The purpose for the public hearing is to accept public comments regarding the Solid Waste Management Preliminary Draft Plan. Individuals planning to attend the meeting who require special assistance to accommodate physical, hearing, or other impairments, please contact the City Clerk at (509) 755-6729 as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made.

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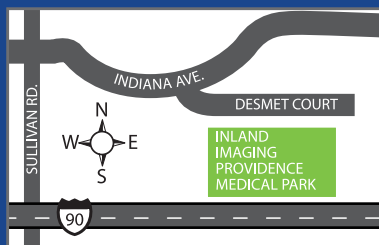
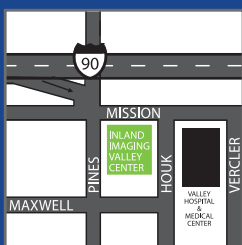
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NEWS

Lake gets new water filters

Water district, county work to keep Liberty Lake clean

By **Eli Francovich**
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The city's water district and Spokane County recently took measures to ensure that Liberty Lake stays clean.

The project, which included the replacement of three direct storm water outflows on Shoreline Drive, was completed this fall as part of an ongoing effort to keep pollution at bay. The project, which was outside city limits, cost more than \$440,000, but the county received a \$332,131 grant from the Department of Ecology to make the replacement possible. The remaining amount was covered by Spokane County Stormwater Utility funds.

"We have, over the years, developed a pretty strong storm water management policy to keep the lake clean because of the historical issues we've had with septic drainage and excess nutrients," said Jeremy Jenkins, lake protection manager at the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District.

Filterra units, which replaced the outflows, were installed to filter out various toxins, including phosphorus, nitrogen, oils and grease. They also catch larger debris, like garbage, said Bijay Adams, general manager of the sewer and water district. The debris collects in a catchment basin that is cleaned occasionally.

Using bioengineered material, the non-solid debris is essentially composted, Jenkins said.

The technology of the Filterra units is relatively new, and it meets both state and federal regulations, Adams said. Additionally the units are specially designed to handle storm and excess runoff.

One of the biggest selling points for Adams was the system's compactness, he said. Normally the city would use grassy swales to utilize a depression to collect and filter road and storm runoff. However, because of how close the houses are to the road, constructing a swale wasn't possible.

In addition to installing the Filterra units, the county removed asphalt pavement, installed precast concrete drywells and rehabilitated current drywells. The work closed roads in the area for much of July and August.

While the city has plenty of ecological data about Liberty Lake, Jenkins said he didn't know if the reduction of oil-based products would be noticeable because they don't test for petroleum-based products.

The project was one of many steps taken by the city's water district and the county to reduce pollution in the lake. While the three outflows were on the district's radar, when compared to other local lakes, it was a mild pollution source, water district officials said.

Jenkins said residents of the neighborhood were happy with the new system and its aesthetics.

BUDGET

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Tax talk on Oct. 7

At its first meeting in October, the City Council once again addressed the utilitarian value of the long-debated utility tax.

The municipal toll on gas, cable, phone, garbage and electric bills was installed at the beginning of 2010 at a rate of 6 percent and lowered to 3 percent in 2012. All revenue from the utility tax goes to the city's street fund.

If all remained the same on the expenditure side, the city would have faced a deficit of \$401,364 this year without the tax, according to Finance Director RJ Stevenson. The shortfall would hit \$549,134 in 2015 and rise to \$768,668 by 2018.

At the Oct. 7 City Council meeting, Stevenson provided an update on future projects slated to benefit from utility tax funds, including next year's renovation of Appleway Avenue. While the Transportation Improvement Board will cover well over half the cost of the \$2 million project, the city's match of \$840,000 is expected to come from

the utility tax.

In 2016, a \$1.8 million upgrade of Liberty Lake Road is projected to include a contribution of \$400,000 from the utility tax as the city's match. Funds from the tax also support ongoing street maintenance, snow removal and projects identified in the Transportations Improvement Program and the Streets Maintenance Program.

The only dissenting perspective on the utility tax came in the form of a letter from Brandon Hunt of Liberty Lake-based Huntwood Custom Cabinets, which was read into the public record on Oct. 7. Hunt, who has been critical of the tax in the past, urged council to "do away with this tax that is putting a burden on our company and the rest of the community."

Hunt reminded city leaders that the tax had been instituted as "a short-term solution to cover the expense to run the city in the emergency they were in."

"Let's please stop this never ending cycle now and take away the utility tax, reduce our spending to match a sustainable level and not add services and projects that will only drain the community's budget," Hunt wrote.

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New youth programs on tap for November

Fall lineup includes crafts, storytimes and S.T.E.M. series

By Sarah Robertson
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The weather is cooling down, night is falling earlier and people are wondering what to do now that we can't spend all of our free time outdoors.

No need to worry. The Liberty Lake Municipal Library has it covered. November is full of fun and educational programs for children and youth.

Create Space

4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays (canceled Nov. 11 and 27)

This program helps first through fifth graders spend time learning a new skill and creating something along the way. According to Melanie Boerner, youth services librarian, the Create Space program has become so popular that it will now be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays to accommodate twice as many crafty kids.

The projects are hands-on along a monthly theme. November's theme is sewing where kids will learn sewing basics and

eventually create a pillow pet during the last session. Interested participants must register and attend all three classes in November because the skills build upon each other.

Pajama Storytime

7 p.m. Thursdays (canceled Nov. 27)

After a brief hiatus, pajama storytime is back on Thursday evenings. All ages are encouraged to attend—in their PJs of course—this family-friendly evening of fun.

Each night will have a different theme. Teddy Bear Sleepover is the theme Nov. 6. Bring your teddy or other cuddly creature for stories, and leave them at the library for their own sleepover. Pick them up the next day, and there will be a special treat waiting for you!

Nov. 13 will feature Frozen-themed activities and a special story. And who doesn't love a good scavenger hunt? Bring your flashlight and join other kids and families for a hunt through the library on Nov. 20.

Hunger Games

4 p.m. Nov. 19

In anticipation of the latest Hunger Games movie, the library will host a Hunger Games party for the older crowd. Open to students in grades 6 through 12, the afternoon will include Hunger Games-themed games and food plus button and jewelry making.

STEM-tacular Saturdays

2:30 to 4 p.m. Nov. 1: Dig and Play Dinosaur World

2:30 to 4 p.m. Nov. 15: Solar Robots

The library and Liberty Lake Parks and Recreation Department are partnering for a very special STEM (science technology engineering and mathematics) series.

"Each class will focus on one of the STEM

Book Review

Must-have books for young children



By Melanie Boerner
LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Check out the following titles for little ones. They would make great Christmas presents!

Toddlers: "Tuck Me In"

By Dean Hacothen with illustrations by Sherry Scharschmidt

The moon is up, the stars are out. There are animals that need to be tucked in bed

tonight. From pig to zebra, each animal has a special blanket that your little one can fold over to tuck them in. And who is the last little one to be tucked in? It's you!

The baby animal illustrations are vibrant and cute, and each blanket has a different design to fit each animal's qualities. "Tuck Me In" is a sturdy book with thick pages that would be difficult to rip, and the half pages made for the blankets will stand up to a child's need to pull at them.

Preschoolers: "Trashy Town"

By Andrea Zimmerman and David Clem-
esha with illustrations by Dan Yaccarino

Mr. Gilly is the trash man, and he loves cleaning up Trashy Town. He makes stops at the school, doctor's office, fire station and other community buildings. Accompanied by two rat friends, he collects, dumps and smashes the trash to help clean up.

With repetitive text and questioning dialogue, "Trashy Town" promotes interaction. Children will enjoy responding if the trash

DON'T FORGET!

The library will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day as well as Nov. 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

categories and will include fun lessons and hands on activities for kids," said Michelle Griffin, parks and recreation coordinator. "The classes will be taught by city staff, librarians and a reading and math tutoring instructor."

Classes will be held twice a month on Saturdays through April. The material is designed for children ages eight and older. Registration is required through the parks and recreation department, and each class has a small fee that covers the cost of materials. Fees range from \$3 to \$15 depending on the activity.

According to library director Pamela Mogen, "I expect it will be a lot of fun. We're looking for things out of the ordinary. We're encouraging kids to be makers."

Saturday Crafts

1:30 p.m. most Saturdays

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For further details on the library's November schedule, visit www.libertylakewa.gov/library.

truck is full and delight in seeing all the fun places Mr. Gilly travels to around town. The retro style illustrations are easy to understand which makes it a joy to read to a single child or a large group.

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Melanie Boerner is children's and youth services librarian at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library.

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Calendar of Events

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Nov. 1 & 15 | S.T.E.M.-tacular Saturdays

2:30 to 4 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. These science, technology, engineering and mathematics projects are for kids eight and older. The Nov. 1 project "Dig and Play Dinosaur's World" costs \$14 and the Nov. 15 project "Green Science Solar Robot" costs \$15. To register or for more: www.parksrec.libertylakewa.gov or 755-6726

Nov. 2 | Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m.

Nov. 3 | Candy buyback 4 to 8 p.m., KiDDS Dental, 1327 N. Stanford Lane, suite B. Candy can be brought and exchanged for \$1 per pound during this event. Candy must be unopened; children must be accompanied by an adult. For more: www.growupsmiling.com

Nov. 4 | Election Day

Nov. 4-5 | Fall Book Sale Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. The Friends of the Library will have thousands of books of all genres, CDs, movies and more. Admission is \$10 for the presale 3 to 5 p.m. Friday; there is no charge for the Saturday sale from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Nov. 11 | Veterans Day

Nov. 12 | Coffee and conversation with Senator Padden 5 to 6 p.m., Rocket Bakery, 3315 N. Argonne Rd., Millwood. Residents of the 4th legislative district are invited to meet one-on-one with Sen. Mike Padden. Please call his office to arrange a meeting time. For more: 921-2460

Nov. 13 & 20 | Mobile Basics for Adults 10 a.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Christine McManus will share how to use phones and gadgets. Apple products will be discussed on Nov. 13 and Android products on Nov. 20. For more: 232-2510

Nov. 14 | Special Olympics Project Unify 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. This project aims to inspire students to make a difference within their schools and communities in fostering respect and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities. Registration is free. For more: www.specialolympics.org/projectunify.aspx

Nov. 15 | Leaf and beach cleanup 8 a.m. to dusk. The Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District and city of Liberty Lake are co-sponsoring this event for residences within the LLSWD boundaries. Leaf, beach and yard waste must be bagged or contained for easy loading (no rocks, stumps, sod, shrubs, etc.). For more: 922-5443

Nov. 15 | The Heritage of Felts Field 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Opportunity Presbyterian Church, 202 N. Pines. The Spokane Valley Heritage Museum's 10th annual program and luncheon will include a presentation and silent auction. Admission is \$20. For more: 922-4570

Nov. 18 | Prevent Fraud & Identity Theft Noon to 1 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. This free workshop, along with a light meal, will be provided by STCU. To register or for more: www.stcu.org

Nov. 27 | Thanksgiving Day

Recurring

Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal

Library 4 p.m. the last Tuesday of every month, Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays, Liberty Lake City Hall, 22510 E. Country Vista Drive. For more: www.libertylakekiwanis.org

Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club Noon Thursdays, Meadowwood Technology Campus Liberty Room, 2100 N. Molter Road. For more: 922-4422

Liberty Lake Lions Club Noon on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, Barlow's Restaurant, 1428 N. Liberty Lake Road. For more: 869-7657

Liberty Lake Municipal Library 23123 E. Mission Avenue. 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, toddler story time; 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Create space for kids; 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, preschool play; Noon Thursdays, Baby lap-sit story time; 4 p.m. Thursdays, Teen makers; 7 p.m. Thursdays, pajama story time; 10:30 a.m. Fridays, preschool story time; 4 p.m. Fridays, Lego club; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Knitting Club; 1:20 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

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. For more: www.pancan.org

Senior Lunch 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 6:45 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month, Lakeside Church, 23129 E. Mission. This supportive critique group welcomes adult writers. For more: 570-4440

MUSIC & THE ARTS

Oct. 30, Nov. 1-2 | "This Old Haunted House" Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. Tickets are \$12 for this comedy appropriate for all ages. For show times and more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

Oct. 30-31, Nov. 1, 5-8 | "The Haunting of Hill House" 7:30 p.m., Central Valley High School Theatre, 821 S. Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley. Tickets are \$10 for this PG-13 play. For tickets and more: www.cvtheatre.com

Nov. 8-9 | Central Valley High School Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., CVHS, 821 S. Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley. Sponsored by CVHS Band Boosters, crafts and baked goods will be available. Admission is \$2. For more: cvmbpublicity@hotmail.com

Nov. 15 | Holiday Craft Show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., MeadowWood Golf Course Clubhouse, 24501 E. Valleyway Ave. Proceeds from craft items will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. An end-of-the-season sale in the pro shop will be occurring during this event as well. For more: renebbc@hotmail.com

Nov. 15 | This, That or the Other 8 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E.



Veterans Day invitations

Members of the public are invited to the following events in recognition of Veterans Day.

CV Kindergarten Center flag raising ceremony

9:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Nov. 7

This outside event will also include singing around the flagpole. For more: 228-5380

Greenacres Elementary school assembly

2 p.m. Nov. 7

All veterans welcome to attend. For more: 228-4200

Liberty Lake Elementary school assembly

1:30 p.m. Nov. 10

All veterans in attendance will receive a small gift. For more: 228-4300

Fallen Heroes Circuit Course dedication

4 p.m. Nov. 11

Liberty Lake Town Square Park
 The third installation of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course will honor Gregory P. Vercurysse of the U.S. Navy. For more: www.llfhcc.org

"Bravo! Common Men, Uncommon Valor"

5:30 p.m. Nov. 11

Meadowwood Technology Campus

The Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club is hosting a free movie screening (donations welcome). Parental discretion is advised.

Appleway Ave. This performance by LLCT's comedy improv troupe is for ages 21 and older. Tickets are \$7. For more: libertylaketheatre.com

Nov. 21-23 | Custer Christmas Arts & Crafts Show

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Friday), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Saturday), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Sunday); Spokane County Fair and Expo Center, 404 N. Havana St. This show includes pottery, paintings, jewelry, woodworking, photography, holiday décor and more. Admission is \$7 (good all weekend); kids 12 and under are free. For more: www.custershows.com

Nov. 21-22 | "Twain's Tales" 7:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. This Reader's Theater production includes five short stories by Mark Twain. Admission is \$5. For more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

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COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

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Recurring

Spokane Valley Camera Club 7:30 p.m., third and fourth Monday of the month (September through April), Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District building, 22510 E. Mission Ave. Those with an interest in photography are invited to arrive at 7 p.m. for socializing. For more: 951-1446 or www.sv-cc.org

• *Digital night is Nov. 17; print night is Nov. 24.*

CIVIC & BUSINESS

Nov. 6 | Dimensions Salon Open House 2 to 9:30 p.m., Dimensions Salon, 14109 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane Valley. Enjoy door prizes, new services and products, live music, beverages and hors d'oeuvres during this celebration. To RSVP or for more: 927-2287

Nov. 13 | Salon Capello Girls Night Out 4 to 8 p.m., Salon Capello, 21950 E. Country Vista Dr., suite 300. Appetizers, product drawings, vendors and a botox party are all part of this event. For more: 924-2204

Nov. 14 | Women Executives of Liberty Lake (WELL) 12:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., Liberty Lake Portal, Mica Peak room, 23403 E. Mission Ave. Input of members is wanted for the annual membership meeting. For more: www.womenexecutivesoflibertylake.com

Nov. 21 | Chamber annual meeting 7 to 9 a.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan,

Spokane Valley. Rick Steltenphol, Hoopfest co-founder and former executive director, will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce. Price is \$25 for members and guests; \$35 for non-members. For more: spokanevalleychamber.org

Recurring

Central Valley School board 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, CVSD administration building, 19307 E. Cataldo, Spokane Valley.

Liberty Lake City Council 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive.

Liberty Lake Library Foundation Noon the first Wednesday of each month, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

Liberty Lake Merchants Association 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Liberty Lake Portal, 23403 E. Mission Ave., Suite 120. For more: 999-4935

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

Liberty Lake Planning Commission 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive.

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

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

HEALTH & RECREATION

Nov. 1-2 | AAU Basketball Tournament 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Cost is \$295 per team. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

Nov. 8 | Sugar Rush Spokane 9 a.m., Gonzaga University, McCarthy Athletic Center, Spokane. There are 5K and 10K run/walk options for this race to benefit Inland Northwest Baby. Registration is \$35. For more: www.inlandnwbaby.org

Nov. 9 & 16 | Evergreen Region Club Volleyball tryouts HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. The Nov. 9 tryouts are for U12-14, while Nov. 16 tryouts are for ages U15-18. For more: www.evergreenregion.org

Nov. 27 | Turkey Trot 8 a.m., Twisp Café & Coffee House, 23505 E. Appleway. Join the Liberty Lake Running Club for a 3-mile run on Thanksgiving morning. The group will be collecting items for Blessings Under the Bridge. For more: 954-9806

Nov. 29-30 | Turkey Shoot-out Futsal Tournament HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Registration for this 5-v-5 futsal tournament is \$275 per team and must be received by Nov. 14. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

Nov. 29 | Warrior Camp MMA event 6 to 10:30 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Tickets for the live MMA cage fights are \$20 and can be purchased at Warrior Camp, 5027 E. Trent, Spokane. For more: www.warriorcampfitness.com

Recurring

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

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

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

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

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PINT-SIZED princess

Local girl to represent WA at national pageant

By Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

First time is a charm, right?

That's what it seemed like for 7-year-old Hailey Stroh when she charmed the judges to earn the title of Miss Washington Princess during the first pageant she ever competed in.

"When it was the last part (before the winner was announced), my tummy started to tickle," Hailey said. "I was so excited. At the final moment, I was surprised it was me."

This win qualified her to compete against other state winners for the title of 2014 National Princess the week of Thanksgiving in Anaheim, Calif.

But she won't be traveling alone. Although the pageant circuit is a new thing Hailey's family has dived into, several family members have taken on supporting roles.

Hailey's mom, Theresia Stroh, said she learned about the National American Miss Pageant through an invitation in the mail. She was impressed with the family-focused approach the pageant displayed as well as how it helped to develop confidence, public speaking and service to the community.

After talking with Hailey's older sister, Natalie, last spring about entering the pageant, Hailey expressed interest in doing it as well.

"I thought it would be a good thing to help them gain poise and make a difference in the community," Theresia said.

In addition to picking out their dresses, both girls worked with their cheerleading



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Hailey Stroh, left, and her sister Natalie competed in the National American Miss Pageant last summer. Hailey won the title of Miss Washington Princess in her age division, which has led to her meeting influential people like Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (lower left).



coach to alter a routine for the talent portions of their age divisions. Their parents also helped them practice for the introduction and interview parts by asking them questions while traveling in the car or picking raspberries in their yard.

The whole family also pitched in to help with raising funds, with 9-year-old brother Preston going around the neighborhood

selling cookies alongside them. Hailey's dad, Jim, served as her escort for the pageant, while Preston escorted Natalie.

Their effort paid off when Hailey was named 2014 National American Miss Washington Princess during a summer, statewide pageant. Natalie did well in her age group as well, and Hailey said her sister was genuinely excited that she won.

Age

7

Grade

2nd

Parents

Jim and Theresia Stroh

Siblings

2 brothers, 2 sisters

Favorite book

"Whatever After" series by Sarah Mlynowski

Interests

Dance, especially ballet; playing games with my family; jumping on the trampoline

Best thing about fall

Two things — Halloween and throwing leaves everywhere and jumping in them

"Natalie was in her interview when my name was announced," Hailey said. "But when my brother held up the trophy, she just hugged me and said congratulations."

In addition to being named Miss Washington Princess, Hailey was named first runner up in the art contest and second runner up in the talent competition, among other awards.

Theresia said she can see the benefits of both Natalie and Hailey being involved with the pageants, giving them increased confidence and more avenues to serve the needs of the community. Natalie has started a couple nonprofits, Snug as a Bug Blanket and A Modest Moment, and Hailey is working with Make a Wish Foundation.

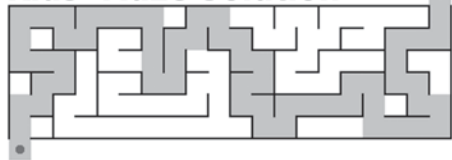
Hailey admitted that she wanted to win mainly for the trip to Disneyland. She said she's excited to spend time with her family on the trip and is especially looking forward to enjoying some Dole Whip served at Disneyland's Tiki Room.

If she were to win the national pageant, she would receive scholarship money, photo shoots, beauty consultations along with a trophy bigger than her. Plus she would be featured in promotion of future pageants and travel to represent the pageant.

A lover of princesses and the color pink, Theresia said Hailey was born with princess-like qualities and serves as the family's peace-maker.

"She's a natural in pretty much every area," Theresia said. "The amazing thing is that she is just as beautiful and sweet on the inside as she is on the outside."

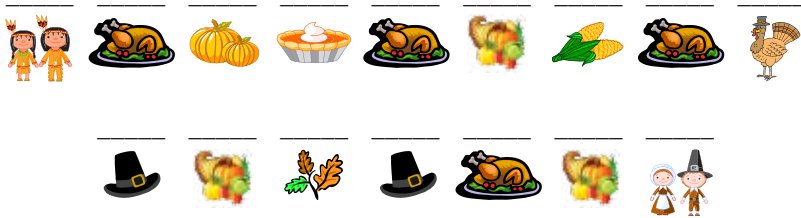
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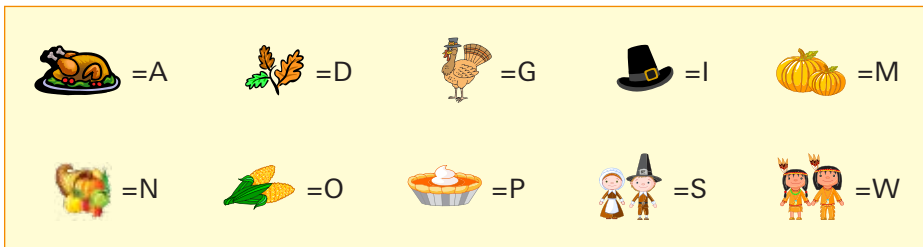
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Uncover a hidden fact about Thanksgiving

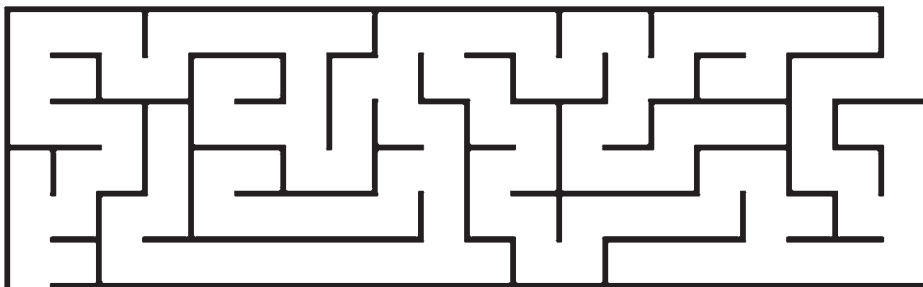
In honor of National Game and Puzzle week Nov. 23-29, uncover the secret message in the puzzle. Simply write in the letter for the symbols (see key below) to discover the answer to this question: Who did the early settlers celebrate the first Thanksgiving with? The answer is listed at the bottom of the page.



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Kids' Maze



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Feline gets ready for frightful holiday



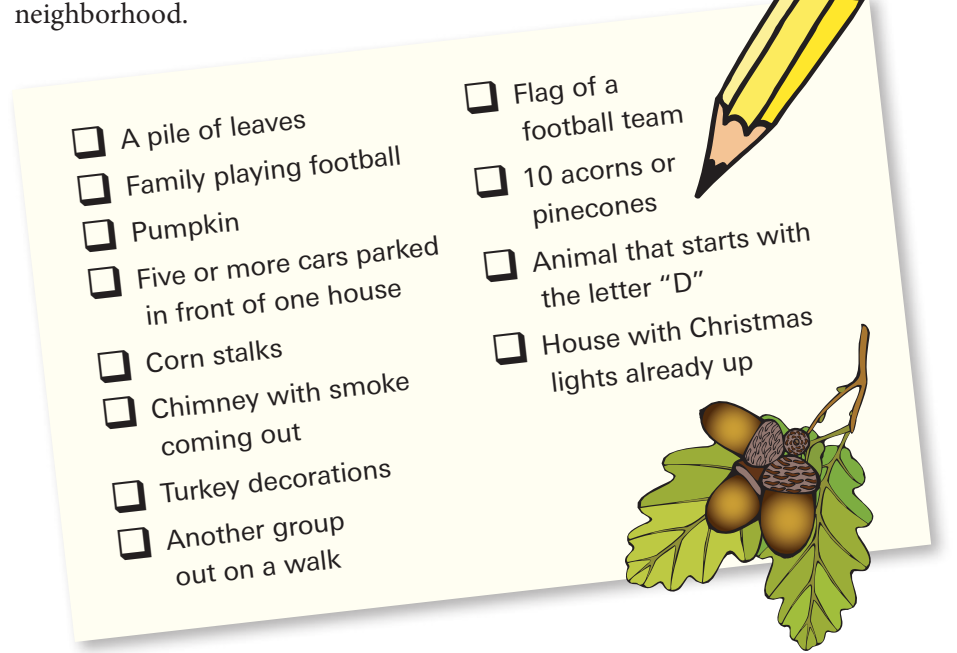
Amber Englehardt shared this photo of her cat Jasper getting ready for Halloween.

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Answer to secret message: Wampanoag Indians

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Living a life of compassion

Carpenter leaves positive impact on those in need

By Sarah Robertson
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Leona DeMonnin Carpenter has spent much of her life helping women, children and families when they need it the most. She insists it's just her "calling."

The Eastern Washington Association of Young Children has called her "educator of the year." Support Care and Networking called her "volunteer of the year." And she has even been called "woman of the year" by Junior Colleges.

But her friend, and former supervisor at Head Start, Kris Miller, says, "She's just one of these people that is genuinely good."

Carpenter, 76, spent much of her career with the Head Start program at the Community Colleges of Spokane. Her first job involved working on the women's helpline for the colleges. That's when she decided to become a social worker.

Her job entailed everything from teaching parents about budgeting and parenting as well as showing the little ones how to brush their teeth.

"I enjoyed the parenting piece and working with the parents and helping them discover who they were and what they wanted to do," the Liberty Lake resident said. "It was always a job I loved."

Carpenter said she's proud of her role as author of the COAP (Children of Alcoholic Parents) program. She wrote a preschool curriculum for teachers to discuss alcoholism in the home with students.

"I realized one of the major issues doing home visits was alcoholism, and I asked teachers what they were doing about it. I wanted to let kids know it wasn't their fault," she said.

She received a grant from the federal Department of Health and Human Services to write the curriculum, and the Community Colleges of Spokane published it. It is still used today and has been translated into Spanish.

Carpenter also had the chance to work with Hmong and Russian families at Head Start. "When refugees first came, I helped them know what was in a can of food. I helped with grocery shopping and driving



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Helping others has been a life mission for Leona DeMonnin Carpenter, starting with her large family and extending to a variety of community causes.

rules," she said.

While Carpenter is rather modest about her accomplishments, Miller, her former supervisor, praises Carpenter's impact on the Head Start families.

"She was probably one of the most caring social workers," Miller said. "She always went out of her way to assist clients. She did it through a lot of methods, but I think the most impactful was breaking through the barriers and helping them get more education to help their families."

Miller recalls Carpenter and her late husband often spending weekends picking up furniture and delivering it to Head Start families — or anyone — that needed some help.

But Miller especially remembers Carpenter helping women overcome their fear of math.

"She would help women get their GEDs and get into college. Math was a big stumbling block. It kept a lot of people back," Miller said. "She was ahead of her time to support women in math."

Much of the compassion Carpenter showed (and continues to show) to others stems from her upbringing. Carpenter

lost her mother in a drunken-driving crash. It was the same crash where her father lost his arm. Her father was always looking to start over, Carpenter said. She and her sister spent much of their childhood with their grandmother in South Dakota as well as with foster families.

But rather than focusing on the instability of her childhood, Carpenter seems to see only the positive impact of those around her.

"There were some important people in my life. My grandmother taught me the value of hard work. Work never hurt anybody," Carpenter said. "My teacher in seventh grade taught me unconditional love. She never gave me a good grade but always a hug. And my foster parents, Grace and Jerry Wolfe. They wanted a baby and got a teenager. They were both teachers. They stuck by me."

Carpenter went on to have a very large family as well. She has 12 children, including a foster daughter one of her kids brought home. She was only meant to stay a few weeks, but "we convinced her to stay and finish high school," Carpenter said.

Carpenter loves having a large family.

"The value of the big family is that they all learn to work and cooperate, share, and you always have a mediator in the family," Carpenter said. "I think there is a real quality that comes from large families."

It also gave the recent newlywed something in common with her current husband. Carpenter recalls that in filling out a form for a senior dating website, she could only list 10 children. Bob, her husband, had the same problem and the same number of children.

Carpenter feels quite fortunate that most of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are in the area or scattered around the West. But what she really treasures is her sister living across the street from her after so many years apart.

Often separated when they were young, Carpenter's sister, Phyllis Varney, says they have been "practically inseparable" since they were in their 40s. Both say their favorite moments are "sister days," where they spend the whole day together. They especially enjoy grabbing Taco Bell and pic-

Fountain profiles:

LEONA CARPENTER

Age
76

Favorite Liberty Lake restaurant
Barlows

Favorite spot in Liberty Lake
Pavillion Park

Favorite Liberty Lake activity
"I love the Farmers Market!"

Favorite trip
Alaskan cruise she took with her husband, Bob

nicking by the lake. Through all the years of separation, Varney says, "we always knew we were there for each other."

"Sister days" are just one way that Carpenter is keeping busy since retiring in 2003. She spent a year working with incarcerated women at Pine Lodge. She taught parenting, budgeting and self-esteem.

"Most of the women did not have their children, but there was the expectation that they would get them when they were released," she said. "I really felt like I was leaving a positive impact."

For the past 11 years, Carpenter has been organizing a baby shower at her church (St. Joseph's) to benefit Catholic Charities. The event started as a challenge from St. Mary's in Spokane Valley.

"The wonderful thing that keeps me doing it is the generosity of the people of the community. It's overwhelming to know how generous people's hearts are. Even in a down economy people are so generous," she said.

Carpenter shows no signs of slowing down. As Miller says, "she is just the kind of person that is filled with joy and always shares that joy with others."

— King Crossword — Answers

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Trivia Test

1. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Greek prefix “chrono” mean?
2. **MOVIES:** What kind of encounter is experienced in the movie “Close Encounters of the Third Kind”?
3. **LITERATURE:** Who was the author of “The Optimist’s Daughter”?
4. **SCIENCE:** Who developed the Uncertainty Principle in quantum mechanics?
5. **ASTRONOMY:** How many days does it take for the planet Mercury to orbit the Sun?

6. **AD SLOGANS:** What product’s sales slogan was, “Tastes so good cats ask for it by name”?
7. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the adjective used to describe bees?
8. **MAGAZINES:** In what year did the magazine National Lampoon launch?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Hungary?
10. **ENTERTAINERS:** Which silent movie actress was known as “The Vamp”?

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Pricing out sewing machine, model railroad cars

‘Collecting’ by Larry Cox
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Q: I have inherited a Priscilla sewing machine, model 14A314. Can you tell me more about it and, perhaps, its value? — Susan, Surprise, Ariz.

A: The Priscilla sewing machine was manufactured by the New Home Sewing Machine Company and sold mostly through department stores. Your machine was produced in about 1919. I contacted several collectors, who seem to agree that your machine would retail in the \$150 to \$250 range.

Q: I have a collection of model railroad cars, G grade, which originally belonged to my husband. I am breaking up my home and would like to sell them. —Joan, Lombard, Ill.

A: The first thing that you should do is determine the value of your model railroad cars. Even though there are several excellent price guides, I especially like “O’Briens Collecting Toy Trains: Identification and Value,” edited by David Doyle and published by Krause Books. This reference has more than 6,000 listings, including locomotives, cars, rolling stock and accessories. Since it

is updated frequently, the prices seem to reflect the marketplace. To sell, you might want to post your collection on eBay to attract a national pool of buyers.

Q: I have a Tom and Jerry comic, No. 65, which was published in about 1949. Does it have any value? — Tom, Des Moines, Iowa

A: I found your comic referenced in “The Standard Guide to Golden Age Comics,” by Alex G. Malloy and Stuart W. Wells III. According to this guide, your comic was issued in July 1949 and is worth about \$100. As with most collectibles, condition is extremely important. For example, if your comic shows a great deal of wear, it could only be worth only \$20 or so.

Q: I have a “Re-Elect Ike” poster from the 1956 campaign. I bought it for \$50 at a flea market, and I think I got a good deal. What is your opinion? — Steve, West Palm Beach, Fla.

A: You paid about what the poster is worth. I found it referenced in “Warman’s Political Collectibles: Identification and Price Guide,” by Dr. Enoch L. Nappen and published by Krause Books. According to Dr. Nappen, your poster is valued in the \$35 to \$50 range.

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ACROSS

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- 4 Mast
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- 12 Altar affirmative
- 13 Godly Greek cupbearer
- 14 Winged
- 15 Produced as by magic
- 17 Anger
- 18 Perch
- 19 Countdown followup
- 21 Hawaiian garment
- 24 Homer’s interjection
- 25 Shade tree
- 26 Omega preceder
- 28 Right-hand page
- 32 Freshly
- 34 Elev.
- 36 Part of speech
- 37 Low point
- 39 Tease
- 41 Peacock network
- 42 Drunkard
- 44 Morning brew
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MOVE-IN SPECIALS

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LL part of Cougars' renowned season

By AJ Knudsen

FOR THE LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Sept. 6, 1915, young men who had spent the summer working in fields or on farms were bussed into the rather young community of Liberty Lake. This assembled group that would be remembered in history books forever was the 1915 Washington State College football team (now known as Washington State University). The team was led by Carlisle Indian Industrial School standout Coach William "Lonestar" Dietz, who was known as an ever-exquisite dresser (for the nature of his profession) and an incredible tactician of the game. With the dreams of reaching Pasadena in January, the team's road first began in Liberty Lake.

Coach Dietz wanted a training camp to be held away from the W.S.C. campus, so he sent one of his colleagues, Captain-elect Clark, to scout out lake resorts suitable to host a two-week training camp a month before the official season began. Looking for a good field and the necessary accommodations, Clark's search led him to Liberty Lake Park which he deemed more than exceptional for what the head coach desired. Clark recommended the 35-acre resort on Liberty Lake's west side to the trainer, Fred Bohler, who then relayed the findings to Coach Dietz. Dietz was pleased with his staff's recommendation, and the team set out for Liberty Lake to begin their preseason training.

The team rented out 10 cottages at the park and hired a special cook to make healthy meals for the team each day to produce maximum ability from the players. The focus of the two-week camp according to Coach Dietz was, "...to perfect the basic rudiments of the game. I will be

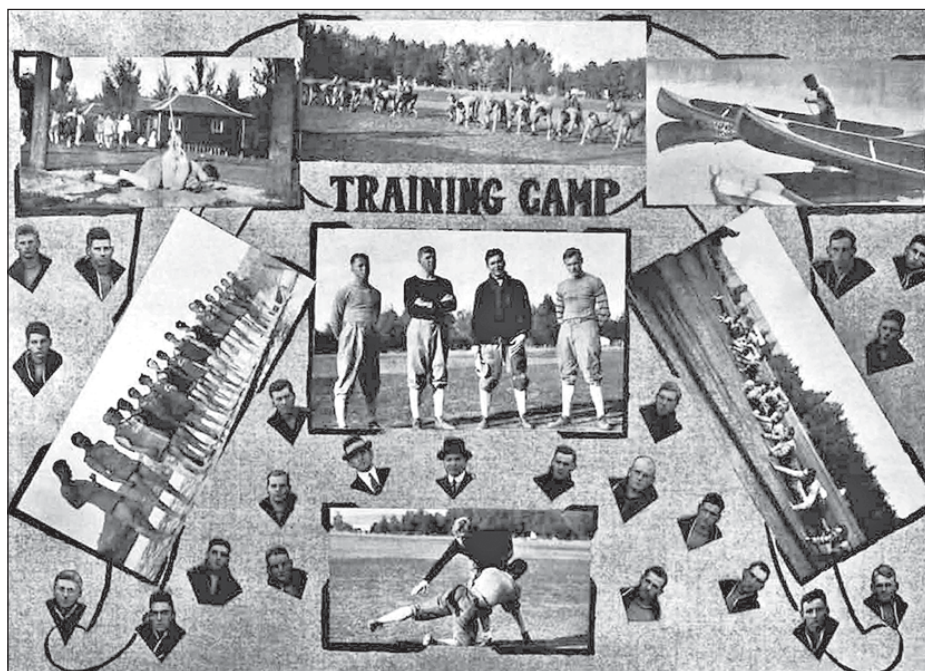


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This photo collage of the 1915 Washington State College football training camp held at Liberty Lake Park was included in the 1917 W.S.C. annual, even though it was from the 1915-1916 season.

giving special attention to body-blocking and charging." The team had a little over a month before the Oct. 9 season opener at home against Oregon. The preseason training was of the utmost importance, so the team knew it was time to get to work in Liberty Lake if they wished to achieve something worth remembering years from then.

Coach Dietz made a strict training regimen for the players to go through during their time in Liberty Lake. Although the focus was football, Dietz made sure to include a plentiful amount of cross-training to ensure the players were fit in all aspects. The activities outside of football that players were required to do included tennis, rowing, swimming, hiking, etc. Any concern of overexertion is quickly dismissed when one looks back in the records and finds that through the intense training and the daily scrimmages that ended practices, not one player suffered an injury while in Liberty Lake. Considering the nature of the sport and the lack of safety equipment back in those days, this was a very impressive thing to

accomplish. The training staff, headed by Fred Bohler, was on-hand every day during the camp to take care of the players. His job was obviously well done then and over the years since Fred Bohler was later inducted into the Washington State University Athletic Hall of Fame, in part for his duties with the football team. After the camp had concluded, Dietz announced that the result of the camp in Liberty Lake produced "...as good material as I ever saw." That statement would later prove to sum up the Cougars' magical season.

The Cougar football team consisted of mostly young farmers who lived and worked in the fields surrounding the Pullman area. The average height of the offensive and defensive lines was 6'0 with the average weight being between 190 to 200 pounds. The heaviest lineman was 210 lbs. This gives you an idea of how tough these boys were not only for their size, but also simply as football players. In that 1915-16 season, only 10 points were scored on the Cougar defense (a statistic that we could probably use these days).

The only touchdown scored on them in the whole season occurred in a bizarre play when they had blocked a field goal and the offense caught the rebound in the back of the end zone. Meanwhile, on the other side of the ball, the offense kept up the pressure by putting up 204 points that season. With those sorts of statistics, the team from Pullman was bound to go beyond what was expected from them.

With an undefeated record throughout the season (most wins were shutouts), the W.S.C. team rolled into Pasadena on Jan. 1, 1916, ready to win the "granddaddy of them all." Their opponent was the powerhouse, Brown University. The Cougar team doused any power that Brown had planned on bringing into the Rose Bowl by holding the Brown offense to only 99 yards in the game while successfully converting two touchdowns and 329 yards of offense on the ground. The Cougars won the Rose Bowl in an impressive shutout over Brown with a final score of 14-0. The game was not televised, nor was it on the radio, as neither existed at the time. Instead, game updates were sent to the Pullman campus through telegrams that were five minutes delayed from actual game time. Nonetheless, students were ecstatic with their team's accomplishment.

That incredible 1915-16 season that began in Liberty Lake for preseason training produced a team that accomplished something every college football team dreams of. From that team, three players were later inducted into the WSU Athletics Hall of Fame along with the trainer, Fred Bohler. Also inducted was none other than the eccentric head coach, William Dietz. The College Football Hall of Fame also recognized Dietz, though Dietz was not inducted until 2012 nearly 48 years after he passed away. There is no doubt, however, that Dietz is smiling down proudly upon the Cougars and all their fans. Who would have thought that a small team from Pullman would come to Liberty Lake to get in their training that would later produce a Rose Bowl victory in Pasadena?

AJ Knudsen is a 5th generation member of the Liberty Lake community. He is currently attending Spokane Community College.

EVENTS, COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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- JANUARY: Ice Skating
- FEBRUARY: Parade of Mermaid Competitions
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- APRIL: Dancing
- MAY: Water Competitions
- JUNE: Liberty Lake Amateur
- JULY: All-Valley Picnics
- AUGUST: Dutch Jake Picnics
- SEPTEMBER: Hydroplane Races
- OCTOBER: Baseball Games
- NOVEMBER: Liberty Lake and Football
- DECEMBER: A.R.T.'s Christmas in July

DID YOU KNOW?

- The 1916 Rose Bowl is considered the first annual Rose Bowl with that explicit name.
- Coach William Dietz was a teammate of the immortal Jim Thorpe at the Carlisle School and a protégé of legendary coach

Glenn S. "Pop" Warner.

- While in Pasadena for the Rose Bowl, the 1915-16 Cougar squad and its head coach served as extras in the football film "Tom Brown of Harvard" each morning and then practiced for the bowl game in the afternoon. They were paid \$100 for the movie work.

- In 1941, the Helms Athletic Foundation retroactively selected Cornell University as 1915 National Champions. In March of this year, the Washington State Senate passed a resolution honoring the 1915 Washington State College Football team and naming them the 1915 National Champions.

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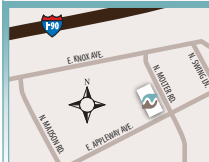
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Chinese teen gives back to homeland

One year after adoption, Kaitlyn Pegram returns to help others

By Treva Lind
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

A year after being adopted from China by a Liberty Lake family, 14-year-old Kaitlyn Pegram found a way to give back to her home country and its people.

Last June, Kaitlyn and her father joined 14 others from Spokane to assist the poor and disabled in north China, as well as visit kids at two orphanages near the Beijing area.

“For Kaitlyn, the thing I saw in her is she is this young girl a year away from being adopted, and she found a way to give back,” said Steve Allen, a former pastor and current high school teacher who organized the China trip. “She did this by loving kids, by translating for 15 straight days nonstop and finding a way to help build bridges between Americans and Chinese.”

Allen, who has adopted three children from China with his wife, praised Kaitlyn for her care of others in China during the journey.

“As a young girl with every excuse to have a hard heart and to reject the culture from which she came, I think she’s realized that’s just part of her story,” Allen said, “and the story continues through her ability now to return and be able to love people.”

When Kaitlyn moved here 14 months ago, she joined a sister, Allison, 9 (also adopted from China), two brothers (Colton, 17, and Nathan, 16) and her parents Dennis and Kathy Pegram. Before her adoption date of July 1, 2013, Kaitlyn had lived at a large orphanage in Yantai.

Now an avid reader and student at Greenacres Middle School, Kaitlyn already pulls straight “A” grades, and she has come far in learning to speak English.

The Pegrams stay in touch with other families here with children adopted from China. One connection is Allen, a former pastor at Liberty Lake Community Church who is now a Central Valley High School English teacher.

Last summer, Kaitlyn and her dad joined a team from Spokane; three other Central Valley students were in the group, but Kait-



lyn was one of only two teens who had been adopted from China.

“We go to the orphanages to see the other kids, and then we do home visits,” said Kaitlyn, in describing the trip. “And we teach the Chinese kids how to speak English. It was like just a class.”

Dennis Pegram credited Allen for putting together a trip that focused on including students, mainly as an outreach to visit the disabled and children who are fatherless. In Anshan, the group went on home visits with Dr. Zhang Xu, who works to support the disabled in his country.

A former orthopedic surgeon, Xu became quadriplegic after being injured in a diving accident. He now advocates for disabled children to remain in their own homes, and generally for disabled people who often are shut-ins because handicap access is very limited in China, Dennis Pegram said.

While on the trip, the U.S. travelers presented funds to purchase three wheelchairs for people in China. After their return, additional funds were raised to purchase up to eight wheelchairs, Allen said. The group also pitched in for orphaned children to go

to summer camps, through the Bring Me Hope program.

In Anshan, the Americans also took a group of people with disabilities to visit the ocean, something those people had never done before, Dennis Pegram said.

Kathy Pegram said a special part of the trip for Kaitlyn came as a surprise. She said her husband helped arrange a visit from Kaitlyn’s friend, Anna Xing, a woman in her 20s who lives in Yantai and served as her advocate while Kaitlyn was in the orphanage.

“Kaitlyn got to spend her adoption day with Anna,” Kathy Pegram said. “Anna is affiliated with the group, Bring Me Hope, and they take groups of people over to China to provide a camp, like a VBS, to different orphanages.”

Kaitlyn described good memories from her times at Bring Me Hope camps. “They have American people come to play with us. I go to the camp like three times. They teach you English, you swim and go shopping with them,” she said.

Dennis Pegram said Allen’s family and their story of adoption helped them pursue



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SPLASH PHOTO BY TREVA LIND (LEFT)

Kaitlyn Pegram has spent just a little more than one of her 14 years of life in America, adopted in July 2013 by a Liberty Lake family from an orphanage in Yantai, China. This past June, she returned with a local team to the country of her birth, assisting the poor and disabled in North China.



profiles:

KAITLYN PEGRAM

Age
14

Favorite books

Harry Potter series in Chinese, the Narnia series and The Secret Garden

Possible future career

“I wanted to be a teacher but now I don’t know.”

Favorite school subject

Math

Best family activity

“I like to go to the ocean (Cannon Beach).”

First impression of U.S.

“It looks different here. For Chinese, their houses are really, really high and they’re really small.”

the decision to welcome their two daughters from China. Allen’s daughter gave a heartfelt testimony at church about “what the love of family can give.” Family can have a powerful impact, he said.

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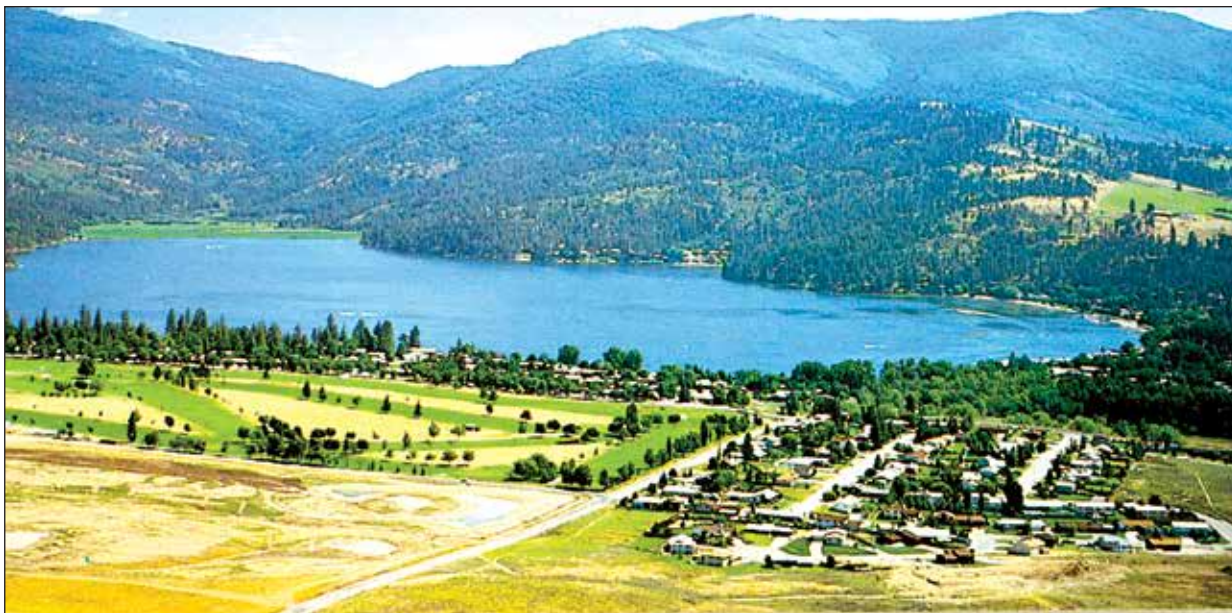



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The photo at the far left shows Molter Road extend north from the lake at a time when there was no MeadowWood Golf Course (opened 1988) or Pavillion Park (phase 1 began in 1995). The pavilion was modeled after the historical Dance Pavilion at Liberty Lake Park.

'PLAYFIELD FOR THE COMMUNITY'

Pavillion Park highlights rich historical background

By Valerie Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Known as the Inland Empire's Inland Seashore in the early 1900s, Liberty Lake at the time was a popular vacation destination. The area's several resorts and large pavilion dance hall drew visitors for fun and amusement.

As time progressed, Liberty Lake's attractions for families disappeared as it evolved from a vacation destination into a quiet bedroom community.

Ross Schneidmiller, a local historian who grew up in Liberty Lake, watched natural play areas for the local children slowly evaporate. Vacant lots became new houses as resorts closed. While open space was disappearing, Central Valley School District was unable to pass a bond issue to construct a new school with a playfield.

"By 1992, Liberty Lake was very much in need of a community park," Schneidmiller said. "There were different groups in Liberty Lake trying to form a 'playfield for the community.'"

In 1999, after seven years, hundreds of volunteer hours, an estimated \$1.5 million in grants and donations and more than 800 community helpers pitching in, phase 1 of Pavillion Park opened on 14.1 acres in the heart of Liberty Lake. It not only offered a playground for residents, city officials say, it likely served as a catalyst for the formation of the city's trail system — and the formation of the city itself.

"It started off as a way to have a local playfield for community children," Schneidmiller said. "But it grew into so much more than that."

At the start, residents approached Spokane County Parks Department, but the

county lacked funds to purchase land for developing a park.

"Spokane County did not have an interest in a park at Liberty Lake," said Jim Frank, CEO of Greenstone Corp. "The community would not take 'no' for an answer and sought other funding sources."

In fall 1992, former Spokane County Parks Director Sam Angove approached Schneidmiller's late father, Elmer, about land he and his family had farmed since 1949. Elmer Schneidmiller presented the idea to his 14 family members, who unanimously voted to donate the 14.1 acres to Spokane County.

"He had a vision," Ross Schneidmiller said of Angove. "The state had a program. If successful, you could get dollar-for-dollar matches (to) what the community puts up."

To develop the park, Angove proposed using the land donation as the required local match, valued at \$300,000. He also proposed a historical theme for the park, depicting the community's rich background, which included the popular Liberty Lake Park that was located where the Alpine Shore neighborhood is today.

"The thing that really separates Liberty Lake from the other lakes in the area was the 35-acre regional park, and the main feature within the park was the dance pavilion that went out over the water," said Schneidmiller, who was charged with coming up with the park's name. "It seemed to be a natural fit to name it Pavillion Park."

In 1993, Schneidmiller, along with nine community volunteers, formed the Pavillion Park Association. The grassroots group collected volunteer labor pledges by

going to special events and door-to-door, receiving commitments from hundreds of residents to assist in developing the park.

"People came together willing to put in the time and effort," Mayor Steve Peterson said. "Pavillion Park was built by the people, for their community, kids and the future. What a legacy to leave behind."

Former Spokane County Assistant Park Director Wyn Birkenthal worked on the grant application. In June, Schneidmiller and Birkenthal traveled to Olympia to present the proposal.

"We were there on the third day," Schneidmiller recalls. "We were 64th of 65 presentations. By the time we got there, the committee was tired and they had heard a lot of things."

Birkenthal approached the podium and dropped down a three-ring binder filled with the community labor pledges.

"The thud of the book on the podium wakes up this group," Schneidmiller said. "From that point on, they were very interested."

After the presentation, members of the committee approached the pair with accolades.

"We hadn't seen that with other presentations," Schneidmiller said. "They said, 'We really like what you're doing here.' We felt good about that."

Four months after the presentation, the group received approval. In addition to the \$300,000 Spokane County received

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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR PAVILLION PARK IN 2015

- Concession/storage building: Roughly 1,000 square feet of space is planned to be added to the restroom building. Estimated cost for the project is \$50,000.
- Monument sign and new kiosk
- Additional seasonal staff hired to maintain the park system in Liberty Lake
- Additional lawn equipment
- Beautification projects

Sources: Liberty Lake Mayor Steve Peterson and Planning and Building Service Manager Amanda Tainio

DID YOU KNOW?

- Pavillion Park was created by a community-led grassroots effort that began in the early 1990s. Pavillion Park is unique in the fact it was created by a community and is still being served by community support.
- The Pavillion Park Committee decided to spell the park's name with two "Ls" after finding a ticket stub to an event held at the original "pavillion." Newspapers had to alter their spellchecker when publishing articles about the park.
- The flag pole in Pavillion Park was the result of an Eagle Scout project in 2004. Brayden Crump, a member of Boy Scout Troop 408, was in charge of the project, earning him the Eagle Scout rank.

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- Original members of the Pavillion Park Association included Ross Schneidmiller, Scott Bernhard, Jim Frank, Jan Harris, Mary Jo Foss, Bob Gamble, Betty Johnson, Chris Bowers, Margaret Barnes and Tom Specht.
- The name changed from Pavillion Park Association to Friends of Pavillion Park in 1997 when the organization received its nonprofit designation.
- FOPP annually awards scholarships to local students seeking to pursue higher education. Candidates are judged on community involvement, academic and vocational aptitude and desire to develop skills to serve the community, country and society.
- FOPP receives funding for events through donations, the annual Holiday Ball and an allotment from the Liberty Lake's hotel/motel tax.
- The Friends of Pavillion Park is currently looking for volunteers. Anyone wishing to volunteer can visit www.pavillionpark.org.

FOPP HOLIDAY BALL

What: 16th annual Friends of Pavillion Park Holiday Ball

When: 5 p.m. to midnight on Dec. 6

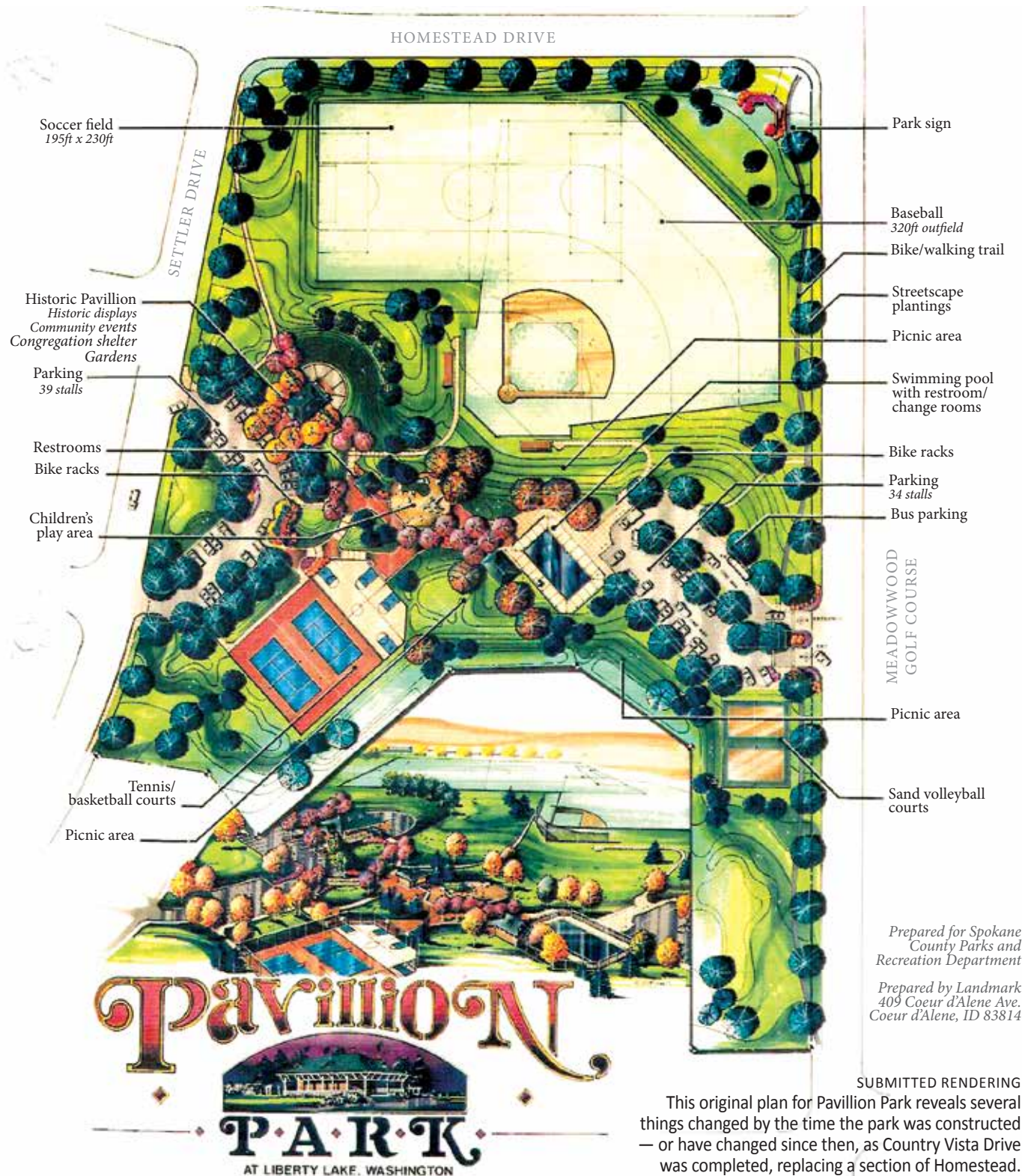
Where: Davenport Hotel

Event: Champagne reception with hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions and dinner followed by live music and dancing. Music is provided by Liberty Lake resident Jimi Finn and his band. KREM-TV weatherman Tom Sherry is the emcee for the event. Guests can enter a raffle for a trip to Mexico.

Auction items: Week vacation in Maui, Mexico vacation, iPad, brewery tour and more.

Tickets: \$75 per person; can be purchased at www.pavillionpark.org or by mailing a check to Friends of Pavillion Park, P.O. Box 325, Liberty Lake, WA 99019. All of the money raised goes directly back into the Liberty Lake community, sponsoring the Summer Festival, including the free movie and concert series.

Interesting fact: The event started at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in the late 1990s but moved to the Davenport in 2001. The event has been held every year with the exception of 2006. Laura Frank, FOPP board member and Holiday Ball committee chair, said in 2006 the committee moved the event to a different venue in October with a masquerade theme. "Unfortunately, there were not enough ticket sales, and the event was canceled," Frank said. "It was moved back to the Davenport in December 2007 and has been there ever since."



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toward phase one (of the three-phase project), the group received funds from Washington State for each of the remaining two phases, using other local donations as the community's match.

Greenstone's donation of construction services was used to help fund the second phase.

Frank recalls donating park road frontage improvements estimated at \$175,000, park design services for approximately \$10,000 and approximately \$200,000 in park construction costs. The Spokane East Rotary club raised

an estimated \$10,000 for playground equipment by selling corn.

The U.S. Small Business Administration donated \$42,000 to buy 223 trees of more than 20 varieties. Residents volunteered to help plant trees.

Construction began in 1995 and was completed during the summer of 1999, with a dedication held at the end of July that year. The park was constructed using more than 800 volunteers, \$500,000 in grants, \$300,000 in free services and more than \$700,000 in donations from area businesses and residents, according to the original park grand opening flier.

"I was pleased that we accomplished what we set out to do," said Margaret

Barnes, former president of the Pavillion Park Association, which later became Friends of Pavillion Park. "We had tremendous support."

Phase I created the parks infrastructure. Phase II expanded the park to provide amenities such as the children's playground equipment, tennis courts, interactive water spray pool and landscaping. Phase III constructed the pavilion and the stage, with the main funding of \$100,000 coming from the Comstock Corporation.

The pavilion was designed by Liberty Lake resident Gary Johnson, who patterned it after the original dance pavilion.

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ion of the early 1900s using historic photographs. Johnson's restroom design was based on the original concession stand that was located across the street from the dance pavilion at the original Liberty Lake Park.

In 1997, the Pavillion Park Association became a nonprofit in order to accept charitable gifts. The group changed the name to Friends of Pavillion Park (FOPP).

"The one thing that surprised Spokane County was that Friends of Pavillion Park didn't go away," Schneidmiller said. "The county's experience was once the initial need was met ... those groups dissolved. The community had a substantial vested interest in the park and wanted to continue to support it."

The group began holding fundraisers to support the park. The first annual auction fundraiser was "A Picnic in the Park," held May 1997 at the former Red Lion Hotel on Sullivan Road.

"We raised approximately over \$50,000," said Schneidmiller, whose wife Kelli organized the event, which drew 350 people.

The group organized several successful fundraisers over the years, such as quilt raffles, sales of Liberty Lake memory books and community cookbooks, garden tours, the annual Liberty Lake Loop fun run and the popular Holiday Ball — an annual event that has lasted through the years.

"It was great; there wasn't anything here so when we went out fundraising, they were very enthused about it," Barnes said.

Frank and Greenstone also were instrumental in starting the summer concert series and outdoor cinema.

"It was run and funded by Greenstone for five or six years before the funding and operation was turned over to FOPP," Frank said in an email message. "We saw the concert series and outdoor cinema as a way of strengthening the sense of community in Liberty Lake."

The first summer concert series began in summer 1997 on a temporary stage. Since then, FOPP has organized numerous concerts, including the Nelson Brothers, Robert Cray and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

"You can't go anywhere else and find the quality of entertainment, especially for free, as you can here," said Chris Apted, FOPP board member and concert organizer. "It's pretty special."

When Liberty Lake incorporated into a city in 2001, negotiations began with Spokane County to take ownership of Pavillion Park. The county had been maintaining the park and wanted the ownership to be transferred. However, the city didn't have the infrastructure to maintain a park.

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Twenty-two years ago, Pavillion Park was nothing but donated farmland and a vision. Today, it is the hub of community activity in Liberty Lake.



PAVILLION PARK HISTORICAL TIMELINE

- **EARLY 1992:** Community considers options for park. Early efforts focus on using Central Valley School District's property on Molter Road.
- **SEPTEMBER 1992:** The Schneidmiller family agrees to donate 14.1 acres of farmland to county for a park.
- **EARLY 1993:** Ross Schneidmiller organizes community support. Pavillion Park Association is formed. Former Spokane County Assistant Park Director Wyn Birkenthal spearheads county grant application.
- **JUNE 1993:** Birkenthal and Schneidmiller present grant proposal to Washington Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for \$300,000 to develop Pavillion Park. The land donation is used as the required local matching funds.
- **APRIL 1994:** State approves county applications for \$311,000. The Pavillion Park Committee is formally established.
- **SUMMER 1994:** Spokane County retains ALSC Architects to prepare design for phase 1 of park development.
- **FALL 1994:** Greenstone Corporation donates site grading, sidewalks and street improvements. Spokane East Rotary Club donates \$10,000 for playground equipment.
- **SPRING 1995:** ALSC completes initial site plans.
- **JUNE 1995:** Phase 1 construction begins. Pavillion Park Committee begins fundraising to make up shortfall in phase I budget.
- **FALL 1995:** Phase 1 improvements installed and seeded with grass. Community fundraising reaches goal of \$10,000. Community volunteers plant trees, acquired through the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- **MARCH 1996:** Pavillion Park Committee seeks county support for phase II grant application.
- **FALL 1996:** Liberty Lake Community cookbook published as fundraiser.
- **MARCH 1997:** Approval for establishment of Friends of Pavillion Park as 501(c)3 nonprofit.
- **APRIL 1997:** Published first issue of "The Pavillion" newsletter.
- **MAY 1997:** First annual auction, A Picnic in the Park, held at former Red Lion Hotel. Raised about \$50,000 with more than 350 in attendance.
- **JULY 1997:** Liberty Lake Memory Book republished and underwritten by Jim Frank of Greenstone Corp.
- **JULY/AUGUST 1997:** First annual Summer Concert Series featuring the Nelson Brothers.
- **AUGUST 1997:** Dedication of park. Birkenthal presents a check for \$200,000 to FOPP President Margaret Barnes from the state matching grant for phase II.
- **AUGUST 1997:** First annual Liberty Lake Loop fun run.
- **OCT/NOV 1997:** Playground equipment installed by community volunteers organized by Scott Bernhard and Jim Frank.
- **MAY 1998:** Concept drawings presented for phase III pavilion structure; design was based on the original pavilion that stretched out to the lake.
- **JUNE 1998:** Second annual auction held at the Red Lion Hotel. FOPP reached \$80,000 in donations.
- **OCTOBER 1998:** Tennis courts, inline hockey court and the sandlot volleyball courts in process. Trail Committee received approval from National Park Service for trail system.
- **DECEMBER 1998:** Comstock Foundation donates \$100,000 for phase III construction projects.
- **JANUARY 1999:** Architect Gary Johnson submitted drawings for the stage and pavilion structure based on historical photos.
- **APRIL 1999:** Trails Charette, organized by Tom Specht and the late Lud Kramer.
- **JULY 1999:** Park grand opening celebration and dedication of Pavillion Park, new stage and pavilion building.
- **JULY 1999:** First annual Garden Tour, organized and planned by Jan Harris.
- **2003:** City of Liberty Lake purchased Pavillion Park from the County for \$5.
- **2004:** Flag pole installed by Brayden Crump for Eagle Scout Project.
- **2009:** Skate park opens.
- **2013:** Lighting in parking lot and along pathways added; canvas sails mounted on stage to provide shading.
- **2014:** Fallen Heroes circuit course installed and dedicated.

Source: Margaret Barnes, past president of Friends of Pavillion Park.

Note: Copies of the cookbook and memory book used in past fundraisers are available for purchase at \$10 and \$5, respectively. For more info, contact Barnes at 255-9310.

COVER STORY

10 OF THE BIGGEST FOPP CONCERTS

10. Nelson Brothers — 2001
9. Peter Rivera/Oli Brown — 2009
8. Marcia Ball — 2007
7. Spokane Symphony — 2001-Present
6. War — 2008
5. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy (Estimated crowd 5,500 attendees) — 2004
4. Big Head Todd and the Monsters — 2010
3. Xtango — 2001
2. Charlie Musselwhite — 2002
1. Robert Cray — 2013

Pavillion Park can accommodate 4,000 people during special events. A few events have exceeded the maximum number of attendees, said Chris Apted, FOPP board member and concert organizer, noting the 10 concerts above.

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According to Peterson, acquiring Trailhead Golf Course in 2002 gave the city the ability to form the City Parks Department. Before purchasing the golf course, the city didn't even own a lawnmower.

Another issue the city had to overcome was finding a water source to maintain the green space of the park. Peterson said the city located 40 acres of water rights from an Avista substation that the city eventually purchased.

Once those hurdles were overcome, the Liberty Lake City Council approved in March 2003 taking ownership of the park for a ceremonial fee. During the meeting Peterson took out \$5 from his own pocket and paid a county commissioner, who attended the meeting.

"That was fun," Peterson said about the acquisition.

Peterson believes the community's effort to build the park was the catalyst for the creation of the city.

"The leadership developed in the original park board created the local governance," Peterson said.

Schneidmiller also noted that FOPP served as the catalyst for another community-led effort, spearheaded by Tom Specht, to build an extensive trail system throughout Liberty Lake.

The result of the substantial community effort is that Pavillion Park now is a destination spot that draws thousands of people each year, much as the original dance pavilion did in the early 1900s.

Community Briefs

Prior receives SCOPE award

The Spokane County Sheriff's office recently announced the 2014 volunteers of the year for each SCOPE station. Tom Prior of the Liberty Lake station received the award.

Prior does school and night patrol and flagging for community events, a press release said, along with assisting the Liberty Lake Police Department.

Ballots due Nov. 4

Ballots for the 2014 General Election were mailed mid-October by the Spokane County Elections office. Voters have until 8 p.m. Nov. 4 to return their ballots either by mail or via drop boxes, such as the one at Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

Any registered voter who did not receive a ballot can contact the Elections office at 477-2320. For information on local candidates, visit www.spokane-county.org/elections.

City to host Winter Festival

The city of Liberty Lake will be holding the annual Winter Festival along with a tree lighting event on Dec. 5 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Activities include hayrides, turkey bowling, arts and crafts, live music, prizes, photos with Santa and nighttime snow mini golf called Snowgusta.

In addition, the city's annual canned food drive for 2nd Harvest Food Bank runs Dec. 1-31. Items can be brought to the Dec. 5 tree lighting or dropped off at City Hall, Liberty Lake Municipal Library or Trailhead Golf Course.

There are also contests for holiday pet photos and home decorating. For a complete schedule and more information, go to www.libertylakewa.gov/253/Winter-Festival.

Education Briefs

Flerchinger accepted into honors program

Dana Flerchinger, a first-year student at the University of San Diego, was chosen this fall for the university's prestigious Honors Program.

According to a press release, high-achieving students were invited to apply for the program after being accepted to the university. A Liberty Lake resident and 2014 graduate of Gonzaga Preparatory High School, Flerchinger plans to major in biology and marine science.

James graduates from EWU

Liberty Lake resident Cj Marie James was a 2014 summer graduate of Eastern Washington State University. According to a press release, James graduated magna cum laude and received a bachelor of arts in business administration.

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Entrepreneurs gather at Startup Weekend

By Valerie Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

What if you had 54 hours to launch a startup business?

That's the premise behind Startup Weekend Spokane that runs Nov. 7-9 at Gonzaga University Jepson Center, 502 E. Boone Ave. The event is a weekend competition for entrepreneurs to pitch their business ideas and collaborate with others to create a viable product.

"Job creation is the cornerstone of what we are trying to do," said local organizer Connor Simpson, whose idea of Barter's Closet won the first Spokane event. "We want to inspire more people to create more businesses."

The event supplies entrepreneurs with the experience, resources and contacts to start a business.

"This is the garage where everything gets going," said event volunteer and past participant June Swatzell of Liberty Lake. "We're putting together a startup talent pool."

The event is open to entrepreneurs with new business ideas. It also invites individuals who want to get involved with a winning team and help build on the idea.

"The weekend is centered on action, innovation and education," Simpson said. "A lot of people that come to Startup Weekend have a very unique skill set."

The event begins Friday night with open microphone, allowing contestants a 60-second pitch to sell the idea to a crowd of peers, family and friends. The crowd selects who goes onto the next phase.

"It's really tense," Swatzell said about the voting. "You have three choices to make."

Winning entrepreneurs recruit teams of

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For more: www.up.co/communities/usa/spokane/startup-weekend/4440.

the talent they need to transform their vision into reality. Local mentors are available to join a group or consult through the process.

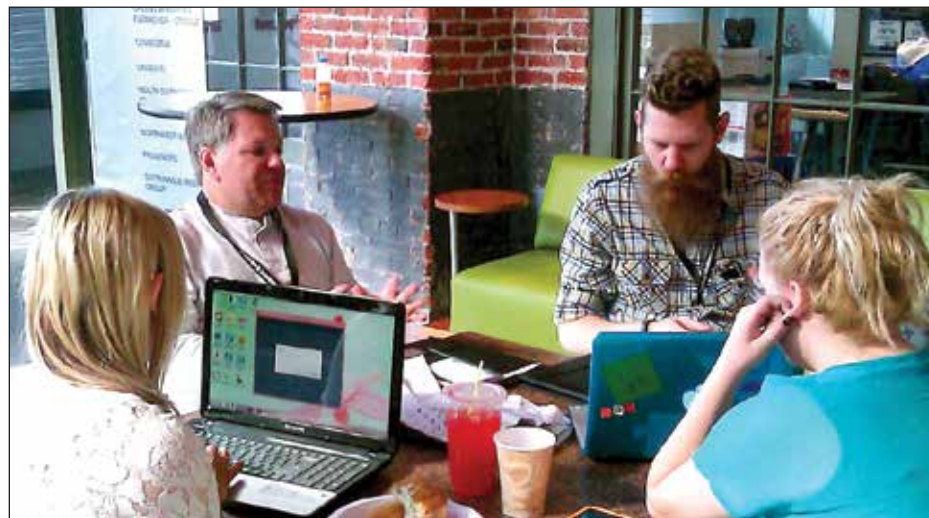
The team spends the remaining weekend developing a business model, creating a prototype and validating their idea.

"You try and validate your concept with little capital or as little resources as possible," Simpson said. "Do everything yourself. Cash is the last resource."

On Sunday evening, the teams present their prototypes in front of a panel of six local judges. The winning team will have the opportunity to present their idea to Spokane Angel Alliance, a local organization of investors.

"Our hope is that by providing these resources to the winner, they will be in a position to be successful with their startup long after the weekend is over," Simpson said.

The event's main sponsor, Limelyte Technology Group, Inc., is donating 40 hours of development and consultation time to the



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Startup Weekend Spokane is a local competition aimed at creating new businesses.

winner.

"It's about empowerment," Simpson said. "You can do this. You can start this, and we provide the tools to do it."

The event is open to all ages. During Spokane's first Startup Weekend, a 13-year-old girl's idea won. Brooke Martin, then a student at North Central, developed IC Pooch. This internet-enabled device allows dog owners to video chat with their animals and dispense dog treats from afar.

"She is one of the most successful," Simpson said. "She is doing real well."

Other ideas presented during previous weekend events include a sprinkler that sprays out different colored water, a text translator that turns a person's voice into pirate speak, and a successful spice selling ecommerce site Spiceologist.

"There is no bad idea," Simpson said.

According to an article written by UP Global and Startup Weekend CEO Marc Nager, Startup weekend began as an LLC in 2007 by three guys working out of a condo. The Seattle-based company reorganized into a non-profit in 2009.

The first Startup Spokane event was in April 2012. There have been more than 1,000 events worldwide since the inception.

"It's a total community effort," Swatzell said. "We've seen such good results with it."

Another benefit of the weekend is developing a social network, which can be a resource long after the weekend is over.

"I've been really lucky with Startup Weekend support," Simpson said. "I was able to meet a lot of like minded people. I wouldn't be where I'm at today if I hadn't gone through the original Startup Weekend."

In Biz

Shiplot purchases Intelligent Balance practice

Dr. Kim Shiplot purchased Intelligent Balance Spinal Care, 2310 N. Molter Road. Originally from Maryland, Shiplot graduated in 2012 from Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City and previously practiced for two years in Issaquah.

Shiplot took over the company Sept. 15 from Dr. Ryan Yates, who moved out of the area. For more information, visit www.dr-kimshiplot.com or call 924-4443.

WELL announces new board

Women Executives of Liberty Lake (WELL) recently announced new board members. Shaun Johnson will be serving as president; Susan Baldwin, vice president; Cheloye Penwell, treasurer; Jennifer Baer, communications director; Devin Kienbaun,

webmaster; and Kirsten Lankford, membership director. Retiring board members include Lisa McHaffie, Cindy Vanhoff, Alicia Burgett and Betsy Pozzangra.

For more information, go to www.womenexecutivesoflibertylake.com.

Pilgrim's Market wins award

Pilgrim's Market was named Retailer of the Year in the innovation category at the September natural foods industry's expo, Natural Foods Merchandiser.

Owned by Liberty Lake residents Joe and Sarah Hamilton, the store located at 1316 N. 4th Street in Coeur d'Alene was selected out of 19,059 other national, independent and chain natural food stores. Judges awarded the site for three distinctive innovations: tapping into medical knowledge, full-service integrative clinic and health education center.

"At times customers need attention beyond the scope of a store clerk," Hamilton said. "Patients have many of the foods and resources nearby to make diet changes much easier."

Opened in 1999, the store has undergone five expansions and one move across the street. Currently 24,000 square feet, Pilgrim's offers shoppers produce, bulk, deli, fresh meat, beer and wine, bakery, frozen and chill, supplement and gift departments.

STCU board member retires

An STCU board member since 1979, Georgia Miller retired from her position on Sept. 30. Originally from Seattle, Miller taught business for 32 years, including 24 years in Spokane Public Schools from 1978 to 2002.

STCU is currently seeking qualified can-

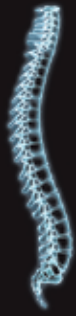
didates to fill three positions on its volunteer Board of Directors as well as one position on the Supervisory Committee. A maximum of eight people will be nominated to the ballot for a vote by STCU members during the month of February 2015.

For eligibility requirements or applications, contact Annette Bick at 344-2147 or annetteb@stcu.org. The deadline to turn in applications is Nov. 3.

Telect adds sales directors

Telect recently announced the addition of five new Regional Sales Directors. They are Michael Crook in Northern California, Russ Evans in Southern California, Chris Scirpoli in Maryland, Kevin Stevens in Connecticut and Blaine Walton in Texas.

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Stocker stoppers up CV soccer defense

LL resident, senior hopes to repeat state win

By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Media typically favors the offense in sporting events. Football passes, catches and runs and double figures —scoring, thunder-dunking hoopsters fill TV highlight reels. Baseball sabermetrics tell you anything you want to know about a hitter.

Why then would Central Valley High School senior McKenna Stocker choose the seemingly unglamorous role of soccer defender when she could bask in the glory of scoring goals?

Because, as sports aficionados can tell you, defense wins games. And if any sport revels in the value of defense, it's soccer. Central Valley won the State 4A championship last year and would like to repeat.

McKenna, a Liberty Lake resident, is smack in the middle of it as a returning All-Greater Spokane League defender and second team All-State performer.

"We put a lot of effort and time on defense," Coach Andres Monrroy said. "Many teams don't score on us because we're so solid. McKenna is our best defender."

Last year the Bears shut out 10 foes and allowed just 15 goals

during an 18-1 season. Monrroy has said this year's defense could be better as a group than last year's. The Bears are on pace, having allowed seven goals during their 10-1 start.

The attack usually begins with defenders. Playing the middle defender, McKenna, 18, is CV's vocal leader, directing traffic and providing moral encouragement to her teammates.

"I think when we're able to stop a play by another team, win the ball back and start our attack from back there, it's kind of rewarding," she said.

Athletics is in her genes. Everyone in the family from parents, uncles, aunts and brothers played or plays sports. Her father, Kevin, is an ex-Major League shortstop. But, she says she was never forced to compete. "My parents have always been supportive of us being active. I honestly don't remember a day when I didn't play a sport. I couldn't imagine my life without it," she said.

Like most youngsters, McKenna dabbled in a variety of youth sports and even throws javelin during spring track and field "for fun." She became one of the GSL's best and is still considering whether to throw on the side in college. But soccer always drew her back because, as Kevin said, "I think she was just bored with the other(s)."

She explained that she likes the team concept and "I love the ac-

tion. You're very involved all the time and it's fast-paced. It keeps you on your toes."

Initially, McKenna played up front. She was fast, said her dad, who coached her until she was 10 when, "at that point it was beyond me."

She played midfield as a freshman at CV, but preferred passing to scoring and the next year switched positions. "I figured why not? I'll try out for defense this year," she said.

Monrroy figures it was because she could get more varsity playing time.

"I didn't ask her to. She pretty much switched (on her own) and became a starter," he said. Now, Monrroy says, she's welcome to join the attack and has scored two goals this year.

McKenna was looking at Ivy League schools Princeton University and Dartmouth College before deciding she wanted to continue playing soccer beyond high school. She's decided on Concordia in Portland, Ore., that last year won the NAIA national title and this year moves up to NCAA Division II in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

Reminiscing about last year's dream season, she called it a crazy weekend in which the team won state.

"The team chemistry we had was amazing," she said. "Everyone was so supportive and loving of each other. I think that's ultimately why we were able to



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McKenna Stocker, a senior defender for the defending state champion Central Valley High School soccer team, lives in Liberty Lake. The All-Greater Spokane League standout plans to take her skills to Concordia University next year.

win. We depended on each other, trusted each other and worked together all the way to the end."

As for being named All-State, her first reaction was "Are you sure? I was taken aback."

This is a new season, but CV's goal is the same step-by-step process that includes winning league and district titles, then a run deep into the post-season — with McKenna helping hold the fort.

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SPORTS

CV softball lands league championship



By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Never was such a convincing victory so rewarding for Central Valley's slowpitch softball team.

"We won our first league championship (this year) and our second district championship in nine years," coach **Joe Stanton** said. "This is pretty special. Today we put the exclamation point on it."

His Bears had just throttled rival University 15-2 in five innings, something he

couldn't envision since the Titans shared its ninth GSL title and had won seven district championships.

Shayla Vegas hit two home runs and a double to drive in six runs. **Makenna Wastenev** smacked three doubles and pitched the victory. Ten of CV's 16 hits went for extra bases. Eight of the 10 starters had hits in the stunning rout.

Vegas, a star on the fastpitch team last spring after transferring from Texas, had to adapt in her first try at slowpitch.

"I think the hardest part was the ball coming in a lot slower. It was really hard to hit," she said.

Right. Her first three games she was batting .970 with 19 runs batted in, Stanton said. "It was just ridiculous."

He said she "slumped" after that and ended up hitting .650 with 10 home runs and 41 RBI. During post-season, Vegas added four more hits and three more home runs.

Overall, the CV juggernaut hit 34 home runs — Vegas with 13, Wastenev, 7, **Ceylenna Cobbs**, 5, and **Kelsey Gumm**, 4. The team averaged 15 runs and 17 hits per game and totaled some 92 extra base hits.

"We've got so much speed in the outfield and our infield is rock solid," Stanton said.

"That's the name of the game."

Other than the potent bats, that is.

New offense fits QB, receivers

Tanner Sloan is in his first starting season as Central Valley quarterback, but the Bears junior already benefited from the Bears' new-look offense.

Traditionally a run-first team, CV put most of its eggs in the passing basket as Sloan had the second most yards in the Greater Spokane League with 1,248 and nine touchdowns heading into the season's final two games. Receivers **Tucker Stout**,

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CCA team runs strong



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Classical Christian Academy reports that their cross country teams are doing well this season, which two members — Corbin Shults and Liberty Lake residents **Branden Zurfluh** — qualifying for Idaho district championships. Pictured are high school team members (back) **Josiah Coad**, **Corbin Shults**, **Branden Zurfluh**; (front) **Taylor Burke** and **Logan Shults**.

A recent 'HUB' of activity



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Clockwise from top: Around 375 people attended the HUB All-Star Breakfast fundraiser at Mirabeau Park Hotel on Sept. 25. Over \$40,000 was raised to support the HUB 360 afterschool program and the HUB scholarship program. BubbleBall Jam was introduced at the HUB on Sept. 28, and pickleball players took over the courts for the Slamma Jamma Tournament Sept. 20-21. Several area mascots made an appearance at the Sept. 27 Family Fun Festival hosted by the HUB.



KidFIT class



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A cheerleading class is taught by **Pam Chalpin** at the HUB Sports Center.

Shirts and skirts



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Natalie Urbiha, **Angela Wiese**, **Stacey Roessler** and **Kathy Whybrew** enjoy the Happy Girls Run Expo at The Davenport Hotel, where Whybrew was a vendor selling Sweet Spot Skirts.

At left, the Harris family earned their sixth-run shirts at the end of September.



SPORTS

A Kimberley Thanksgiving



By **Chad Kimberley**
SPLASH COLUMN

Two years ago my family had Thanksgiving with some local family and friends. We watched football, hung out, gave thanks and felt slightly nauseated as the day came to an end. Last year we switched locations but primarily participated in a similar schedule. This year the party moves to my house.

I. Am. Excited.

I am not necessarily excited for the deeper cleaning of the house my wife will want to do in preparation for our guests. I am not necessarily excited about having to help out with a lot of the food preparation — I am much more of an eat-the-food type of guy. And I am not excited about the inevitable cleaning of the house post-festivities that needs to happen despite the desire to engage in a couch coma.

But I am extremely excited to lay out the plans for the day because this party, unlike the belief of Hans in the movie “Father of the Bride” that “every party has a pooper,” this day of family, friends and feasting will not include a pooper — at least of the party variety.

First Quarter

Our Thanksgiving festivities will kick off with, for my family, our second Turkey Trot with the Liberty Lake Running Club. I have a strong belief that the 350 calories I burn off on my brisk morning slog (slow jog) will clearly balance out the 3,500 calories I will consume the rest of the day (or by lunch). I also love the fact that the LLRC collects donations for Blessings Under the Bridge. Thanksgiving is a phenomenal time to share the blessings we celebrate with those who may need a special blessing this season.

Sports Brief

Nania hosts fishing show

Joey Nania and Miles Burghoff are in the process of filming a series of TV episodes about a new concept in freshwater fishing. The program, called Sweetwater Fishing TV, is scheduled to premiere January 2015 on NBC Sports and the Outdoor Channel.

Formerly a Liberty Lake resident, Nania now lives in Cropwell, Alabama. For more information, check out Sweetwater Fishing TV on Facebook.

Second Quarter

The Bears kick off at 9:30 a.m. Being a Midwest guy, the Bears are my football team. A few years ago I met Jay and his family. Jay was a Midwest guy as well. Jay is a Bears fan. Jay and I became quick friends. The Bears game has the possibility of being the highlight of our day. Now traditionally, I eat during the NFL games, but with such an early start out here on the West Coast, it is hard to imagine carving the turkey at 9:30 in the morning, so this season I will start a new tradition.

Bear Brunch.

I already have my Bears plates and napkins purchased. I will have my Bears gear represented and my kids dressed appropriately. And we will kick off the food portion of the day with a couple of food items: Bear Claws and Deep Dish Breakfast Pizza. For drinks we will need to have some orange juice and maybe some blue Hawaiian punch.

Just for the record, as of right now, I have no idea how to make either of those two food dishes.

Halftime

This might be a good time to go throw around the football or perhaps do other “throwing” types of activities based on either the outcome of the Bears game or the outcome of the Bear Brunch dishes I am going to attempt to create.

Third Quarter

The Eagles and Cowboys kick off the next game at 1:30 p.m. and I believe this will be about the right time to have the traditional Thanksgiving meal. We, of course, will have some of the main components, such as turkey, ham and multiple types of potato dishes. We will have some rolls, veggies and I would imagine some stuffing. But at the same time, as the host of Thanksgiving this year, I feel we need to add a couple of new traditions to our meal.

Venison and lobster.

No, I am not crazy, but the history teacher side of me wants to use this opportunity of hosting to introduce a couple of dishes that were probably served at the traditional first

Thanksgiving between the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians. I am not a hunter, but I am hoping to acquire some venison jerky before Thanksgiving while also finding a way to add some lobster to our meal. Being near the coast and forest areas would have allowed the early settlers to have access to both of these food sources. Being near a grocery store should help me have access.

Fourth Quarter

The final game starts at 5:30 p.m. and features the local favorite: the Seattle Seahawks. By this time of the day, we will have eaten tons of food. We will probably have played some, including partaking in the obsession of our guests who love to play Ticket to Ride. Naps might have been taken. Kids will probably have destroyed the basement. So really there is only one option left to complete the perfect hosting of Thanksgiving: dessert.

I love dessert. Several years ago my family and I headed down to the Liberty Lake Farmers Market for Pie Day and had a horrible jingle placed into our heads, “Oooohhh pies, pies, pies ...” And yes, that little jingle was sung as loudly as my kids’ little vocal chords would allow the rest of the day.

That actually seems like a good idea for



dessert. Pies, pies, pies will work quite well. We can eat pies with pumpkin, banana cream, chocolate, apple and perhaps a solid peanut butter variety if any of our guests have special abilities in the kitchen. I am already excited for the fourth quarter.

Two-Minute Warning

We will have a literal two-minute warning in which everything sitting out must be consumed within two minutes before it all gets placed in the gallon storage bags to be distributed evenly among the families for leftover lunches for the next two weeks.

I am so excited for Thanksgiving. Now after I submit this column, I should go ask my wife about some of these ideas I am planning on doing. You know what they say, easier to ask for forgiveness than permission. Bring on the lobster!

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

Scoreboard

COMMUNITY GOLF

9/23 Liberty Lake Women's Club

Liberty Cup playoff

Overall winner: Net, Gloria Cash, 67

Medal Play

A and B Flights: Net, Gloria Cash, 67 and Nancy Walker, 69

C and D Flights: Net, Kathleen McGaugh, 71; Jean Hatcher, 73; Margie Tibbits, 73

9/24 MeadowWood Women's Club

Game: Throw out worst nine, less half handicap

Gross: Michele Knowles, 33; Patsy Lynn, 35; Jackie Babin, 36

Net: Jean Hatcher, 25.5; Lee Sonderman, 28; Sue Meyer, 28

9/25 Liberty Lake 9 Hole

1st Flight: Low gross, Robin McKee, 45; Low net, Kathy

Camryn, 32

2nd Flight: Low gross, Judee Fowler, 54; Low net, Denee'

Levineau, 38; Lorraine Martin, 38; Sadie Rueckert, 38 and

Chip-in #7

3rd Flight: Low gross, Emma Long, 65; Low net, Luana

Hager, 46

9/30 Liberty Lake Women's Club

Game: Lagging "Putting" Game

All Flights: Joyce Skidmore, 41 points; Gisue Peters, 39

points; Patsy Lynn, 37 points; Lee Sonderman, 37 points;

Elise Bozzo, 37 points

10/1 MeadowWood Women's Club

Game: T's and F's

Gross: Suzi Stone, 44; Jackie Babin, 45; Michelle Knowles, 47

Net: Paula Heimbigner, 37.5; Patsy Lynn, 39.5; Leslie

Sevigny, 39.5

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What citizenship means to me

By Addie Ford

SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



Citizenship has a big part in life; I would say I've always done my best to show good citizenship. I believe good citizenship means being a part in your community, standing up for others and always doing the right thing first!

I feel like I have grown as a citizen in the past two years at Spokane Valley High School (SVHS). As Vice President of the Associated Student Body, I have a role in coordinating school activities with other students and staff members. As a member of the Leadership Team at SVHS, I have helped plan school dances, create activities that promote good leaders and helped raise money for those in need of food through Generation Alive.

On the wall in the main gathering room at SVHS, we have this saying "What is my personal impact as a citizen." I use the quote to remind me that I do have an impact on others. I choose to have a positive impact on my school and community. I believe that being a good citizen is one of the most important choices an individual can make and something that no one can take away from you.

By Ellie Roibal

SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



Being a good citizen is not something small. It's working hard to leave a place better than it was before. It's putting others before yourself. When someone is getting picked on, you don't do the same just to fit in. You stand up for that person.

Good citizenship affects the people around you greatly. By trying to set a good example, others will be influenced. Maybe they will try to do the same. Many people say that they don't know how to set a good example, but that's because they haven't really tried. It's amazing how one person can make such a positive difference to the society.

Even the smallest things can make life better for you and for others. Like helping an old lady with her groceries or inviting a new kid to sit with you at lunch. You will know that you did something good for someone, and they truly will appreciate it. If you're afraid to do something just because no one else is doing it, stop and think: what would you do if someone else did it first? You would probably join in with them.

Starting a fundraiser is a great example of good citizenship. Maybe you want to raise money for homeless people or children in need of food, clothing and shelter. Maybe you want to help abandoned or unwanted animals. Whatever you do, it's most likely going to pay off.

So be that person who stands up to bullies or tries to set a good example. Be the one who makes friends with a new kid or starts a fundraiser. Because once you put your mind to something, you can achieve anything.

Adaleah "Addie" Ford is a sophomore at Spokane Valley High School in the West Valley School District. She is active in school government and is known for her caring heart toward others. Ellie Roibal is a sixth grade student at Freeman Middle School. A member of the Math is Cool team, Ellie has served as a student leader and is continuously encouraging and mentoring her fellow students. The students were both 2014 PACE Awards recipients and submitted these pieces as part of a series highlighting the PACE character trait of the month. The trait for November is citizenship.

Editorial Cartoon



Letters to the Editor

Bench honors trails supporter

The city is issuing a proclamation honoring Shirley Schoenberger at the council meeting on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. In 1995 I first met Shirley when she came to a meeting at my house when a group of Liberty Lake citizens started a committee to find a way to connect the community with trails. Our dream was to provide user-friendly trails within Liberty Lake. From the start, Shirley had one priority. She wanted a trail extending east down from the Liberty Lake Golf Course to help people coming up the hill. We were able to add many trails and a pedestrian overpass, but we were not able at first to add the trail down east of the golf course.

Shirley was an active walker and a member of the Striders Volkswalking club. I often would meet her walking past my house, or I walked past her house and we would talk. She would often talk of the need for the trail east of the golf course. In 2013 the city of Liberty Lake installed the new trail with the money we had left over from the Transportation Benefit District that was established to build Liberty Lake trails. Whenever I go down that part of the trail, I always think of it as Shirley's trail.

Shirley passed away last August. Her passion was her well-landscaped garden with a bench to enjoy it. Ron, her husband, has donated the bench to the city of Liberty Lake. They are placing the bench on the trail so one can see the

treed-lined trail from the golf course and Shirley's garden. As Ron said, "it will give the weary traveler a chance to stop, take a seat, rest, and appreciate the wonderful scenery we have in our beautiful little world."

Tom Specht

Liberty Lake Trails Chairperson

FOPP flourishes thanks to community support

On behalf of the Friends of Pavilion Board of Directors and volunteers, I would like to say thanks for the great support we received from the Liberty Lake community for our 2014 summer series. We started with the movie "Frozen" on July 3 and continued through the 4th of July concert, Shakespeare in the Park by the Montana Shakespeare Company and culminated with the Spokane Symphony on August 30. It seems every year the movies, play and concerts draw more people, and for that we are grateful. The movie "Frozen" was by far the largest audience ever for a Pavillion Park movie.

The Friends of Pavillion Park Holiday Ball at the Davenport Hotel is coming up on Dec. 6. As the ball is our single fundraising event, we need support from the community in order to continue to offer great entertainment for 2015 and beyond. There are several ways you can

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Bob Schneidmiller

President, Pavillion Park Board of Directors

Chase has proven record as treasurer

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Bonnie Mager

Former Spokane County Commissioner

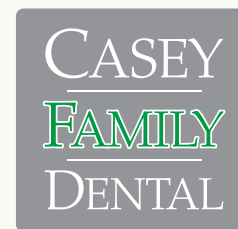
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SPORTS

NOTEBOOK

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P.J. Bowden and **Rhett Foley** ranked third, fifth and sixth in receptions yards with 366, 307 and 290, respectively. Bowden was averaging nearly 44 yards per catch, with four touchdowns on seven catches.

Depending upon the outcome of its final two games, including a Greasy Pig rivalry game with University, the Bears were still in the postseason mix at press time. Early victories came over Lewis and Clark and Mead.

Overall the Bears were 3-4 entering its last two games, a record that might have been expected given they'd started as many as 10 sophomores plus an untested junior.

"We're improving all the time," coach **Rick Giampietri** said, prior to the team's last three Greater Spokane League games. "We'll know how we're doing by the end of the year."

Volleyball after title

Central Valley played for the GSL championship when it hosted rival University on Oct. 28, a game that took place after press time.

The Bears reached the final match undefeated in league at 8-0, including pivotal wins over Mead early in the season and a five-set thriller over Gonzaga Prep in the third-to-last contest.

CV had dominated the Bullpups in the first two sets and appeared on its way to a rout. The visitors, however, stormed back to tie that contest at 2-2 before the Bears took the 15-9 decider.

Season-long scoring leader, outside hitter **Kazlyn Roullier**, pounded Prep with 18 kills, which was par for the course. She

had as many as 21 in a match during what could be a league MVP season.

Postseason is up for grabs among the four teams when they begin tournament play beginning with district Nov. 11. All four had five-set outcomes against each other at some point during the regular season.

CV scoring machine

There was no stopping **Kelsey Turnbow** in GSL soccer this year. The CV sophomore and national U-17 team member scored 16 goals and added four assists.

The Bears got other major contributions from **Megan Dimmler** and **Kasey Ames**, who each scored three goals, **Alaina Bates** with six assists and **Kaelyn Barnes** with five.

The 12-1 Bears haven't lost since the league season opener against Mt. Spokane, and with a victory over Mead would share the GSL title, the first goal met as they seek to defend their state title.

Wounded Bears champs

Central Valley's girls cross country team never raced with its full team. Injuries to a trio that were part of last year's state fourth-placers, left the Bears a tad short-handed. What did they do? Go undefeated in the GSL anyway.

Their top two state finishers a year ago, **Sarah White** and **Briegan Bester**, plus fifth runner **Kayla Bower** missed most of the league season.

Newcomer **Gabrielle Ford**, a sophomore track find, was the No. 1 runner all season, ahead of state veterans **Kearan Nelson** and **Brielle Crump**.

The boys didn't have the year they envisioned, suffering three losses, including by a point to rival University, in their quest for a third state trophy, Nov. 8 in Pasco.



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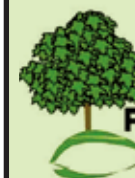
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Latest Fallen Heroes station honors Vietnam War corpsman

By Craig Howard
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Each year, around late May or early June, Hazel Vercruysse receives a bouquet of flowers from an address in New York.

The delivery arrives courtesy of John Kerr, a Vietnam veteran, who served alongside Hazel's late son, Greg, in the summer of 1967. The correlation on the calendar relates to Greg's birthday of May 29, 1947, and the day he was fatally wounded at the Siege of Khe Sahn on June 7, 1967. The gift also falls near the annual observance of Memorial Day.

Kerr was with Vercruysse and other members of Bravo Company, second platoon, during the ambush in which 41 of 47 American soldiers on the hill were killed or wounded. Trained as a corpsman in the Navy and later the Marines, Vercruysse was tending to an injured Marine when he fell under enemy fire.

"Greg was still conscious and, like a good corpsman, knew he was seriously wounded," Kerr recalls. "I still felt once he got to a field hospital he would be OK."

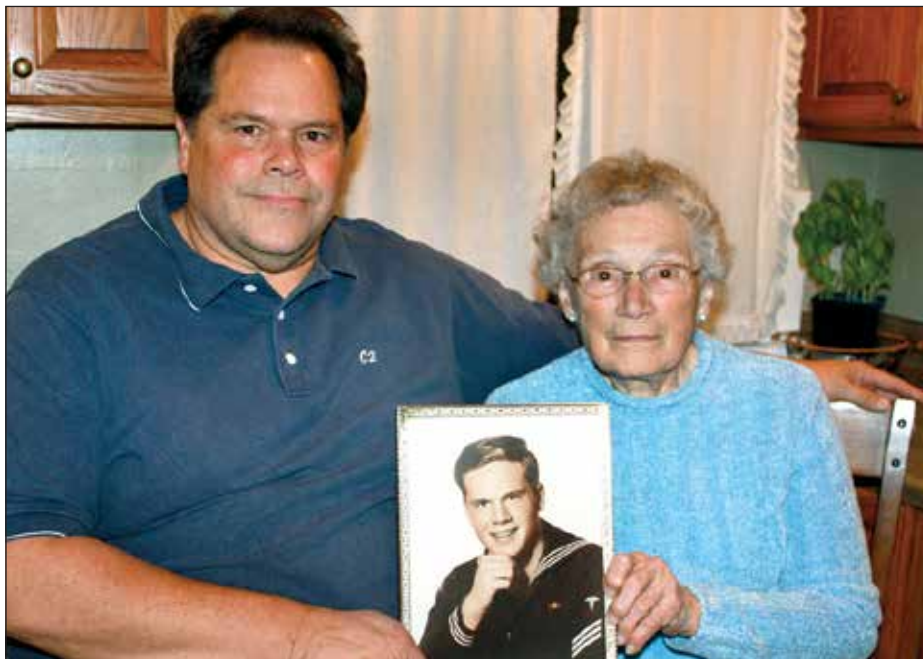
Kerr and his fellow soldiers worked to get Vercruysse stabilized for evacuation by helicopter. Later that day, a military chaplain held a memorial service for those who had lost their lives in the attack. When Greg's name came up, Kerr was left reeling.

"I went to my bunker and felt desperate to do something for Greg," he said. "I found a few letters that he had gotten from home and knew I needed to write to his parents. That was the day I grew up. I thought I would never see home again. I would just do the best I could and not worry about life as it was before Nam."

Kerr first met Vercruysse at Camp Pendleton in California, when both were making the transition from Navy corpsman to Marine field corpsman. Vercruysse, a native of Spokane who graduated from Rogers High School in 1965, finished his training before Kerr and shipped off to Vietnam the first week of May in 1967. Kerr followed two weeks later, joining the platoon at Khe Sahn, where Vercruysse was stationed.

"Greg had got himself well established with the platoon," Kerr said. "He loved being a part of the Marines, and I could see the Marines respected and loved having him as their medic. Greg was a guy who attracted people to him. You wanted to be around him because of his positive nature."

After the death of his friend, Kerr exchanged letters with Greg's parents, George and Hazel Vercruysse, longtime residents of Spokane. George served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.



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Greg Vercruysse, the latest honoree in the Fallen Heroes series, lost his life during the Siege of Khe Sahn on June 7, 1967. The Spokane native and Rogers High School graduate had arrived in Vietnam only a month earlier to serve as a combat corpsman. Above, Dean Vercruysse, Greg's brother, and Hazel Vercruysse, Greg's mom, hold a picture of Greg in his Navy uniform.

"I don't remember what I wrote to the Vercruysse family shortly after dealing with their son's loss, but both Hazel and George wrote separate letters to me," Kerr said. "They gave me a reason to care about myself. I read those letters over and over. I held on to them for almost 30 years before sending them back to Hazel. I felt their pain and they felt mine."

Kerr will visit with the Vercruysse family in person this month as he arrives in Spokane to attend the Veterans Day dedication of the Fallen Heroes station at Town Square Park in Liberty Lake on Nov. 11 at 4 p.m. The installment — the third in a series of five — will honor Greg as a Navy Fallen Hero.

"This project is such a great way to honor Greg," Kerr said. "I feel so privileged to be a part of this dedication. Greg would've loved all the attention but at the same time been humbled by it all."

Liberty Lake resident Bob Wiese, a former Marine, spearheaded the idea to honor local military heroes in each branch of the military by installing outdoor exercise circuit courses. The city of Liberty Lake has committed a major portion of the funding for all five projects. The Fallen Heroes committee is doing its part by raising funds for the signs and affixed bronze memorial plaques at each site.

"We're thoroughly impressed and grateful for the overwhelming positive feedback

we've received about this project," Wiese said. "We hear so many stories of people who are impressed with the equipment and touched by the memorial plaques. We believe the city has set a high standard and good example for other communities to follow."

Wiese and the committee put in extensive research before deciding on the honoree at each station. Wiese described Vercruysse as "a natural leader whose first priority was to take care of the Marines in his unit."

"Marines owe a lot to the Navy corpsmen who serve with them, especially in combat," Wiese said. "A sharp, well prepared corpsman often gives combat wounded Marines their only chance for survival. When we found out that Greg served as a combat corpsman at one of the most notorious battlegrounds of the Vietnam War, the committee voted unanimously on the selection."

When a Navy commander arrived at the doorstep of Greg's parents in June 1967, Hazel and George knew it was not good news. Hazel, who has kept every letter Greg sent home during his enlistment, recalls "feeling numb" but forging ahead with her husband on behalf of their two younger children, Diane and Dean.

"It was very tough, but we had two more kids to raise," Hazel said. "You can't just quit."

Dean Vercruysse now lives in the Garland neighborhood of north Spokane. He was in



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Greg Vercruysse graduated from Rogers High School in 1965 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy shortly after.

IF YOU GO ...

Fallen Heroes installment honoring Greg Vercruysse

4 p.m. Nov. 11 at Town Square Park

The event will be followed by a screening of a documentary film, "Bravo! Common Men, Uncommon Valor," produced by Ken Rodgers, a former Marine who served with Greg in Bravo Company. The film includes interviews with many of the American soldiers who fought during the 77-day siege at Khe Sahn. The film will be hosted by the FHCC and the Centennial Rotary Club of Liberty Lake and shown at the Meadowood Technology Campus at 5:30 p.m. following the dedication ceremony.

the second grade when Greg passed away.

"I remember my brother as a fun guy," Dean said. "I think now that it would be great just to hang out with him."

When he heard about the tribute to his brother at the latest Fallen Heroes installment, Dean said he felt "a little overwhelmed."

"It's a huge honor," he said. "Bob has done amazing work on this. He's a real dynamo."

The first Fallen Heroes site was dedicated in September 2013 in Rocky Hill Park, followed by the Pavillion Park dedication in May on Memorial Day.

Installation of the Navy Fallen Heroes equipment began on Oct. 17. The site will include several features that are not part of the first two courses, such as a cardio walker, balance board and leg extension machine. The ground cover will also represent a departure, consisting of tiles made from recycled rubber. Wiese said the surface "will be attractive and functional while boasting a very low maintenance cost."

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