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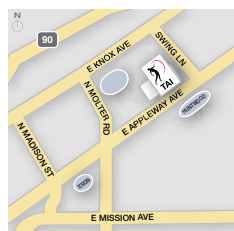


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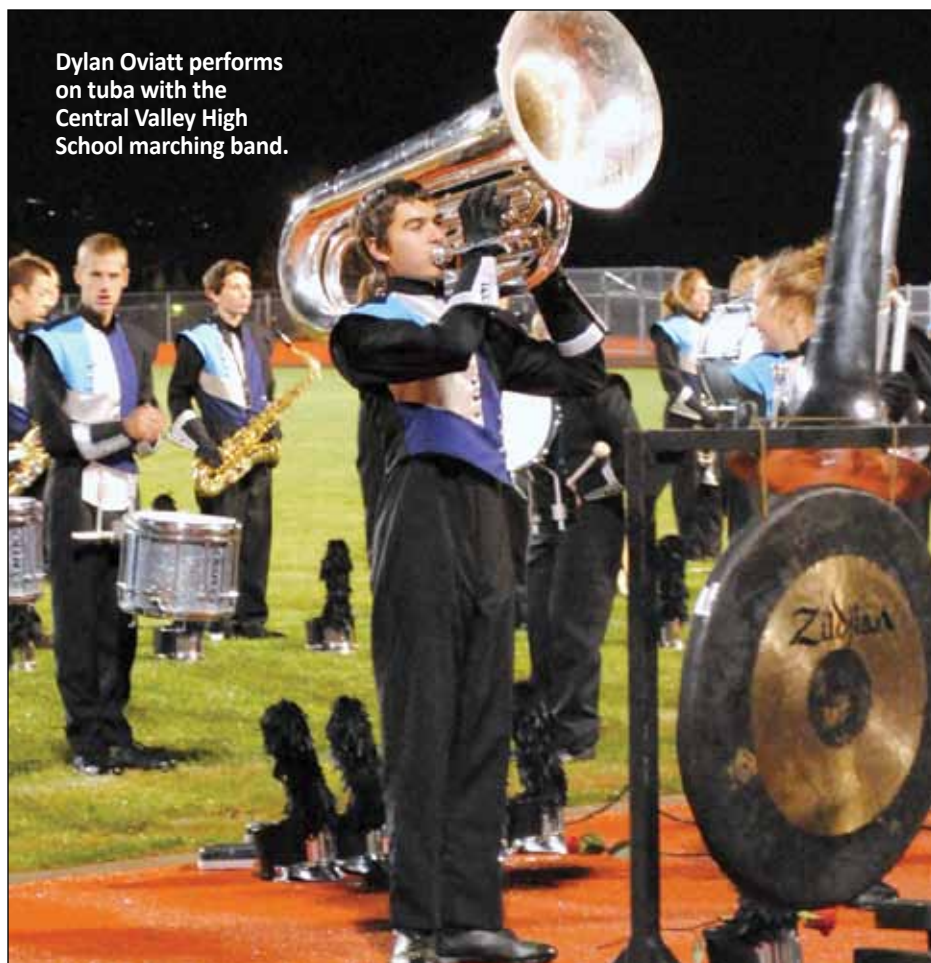
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Dylan Oviatt performs on tuba with the Central Valley High School marching band.

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Band member four-peats

Originally dwarfed by a tuba, CV senior again honored as band's outstanding member for his class

By Jim Ryan
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

When a student receives the top honor for any accomplishment, whether for sports, academics or community service, people consider it an admirable feat. Dylan Oviatt's Central Valley High School marching band career multiplies the effect by four.

Oviatt, a senior and Liberty Lake resident, was voted by his fellow band members as the outstanding member of his class for the fourth straight year this fall. At the end of each marching band season, all the students in the band vote for the best freshman, sophomore, junior and senior member.

Oviatt attributes the accomplishment in large part to a difficult choice he made his freshman year: to play the tuba.

"The first year I signed up to play the tuba, which is 30 pounds and you have to

profiles:

DYLAN OVIATT

Age
17

Family
Parents, Corie and Barb; brother, Jasen, 13; sister, Lizzy, 6

Favorite hobby
Music

Favorite holiday
Thanksgiving — because of the food



OVIATT

hold it out in front of you; it's demanding," he explained. "So I think that was part of the reason I was chosen."

Oviatt said he chose the tuba during band camp going into his freshman year because he felt it was something he would enjoy playing.

"At the time, I was five feet tall, literally," he laughed. "It was the first day at band camp, and I had never seen a tuba before — had never touched it. I literally learned the tuba at band camp."

He again laughed thinking about that first year and the trials and tribulations of learning to play the instrument.

"The first year it was awful," he said. "I remember a couple of days I would come


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Calendar of events

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Dec. 8 | Liberty Lake Holiday Ball 5 p.m. to midnight, Davenport Hotel, 10 S. Post Street, Spokane. Elegant evening with champagne reception, three-course dinner, silent and live auctions and live music with dancing. The event is the sole fundraiser for Friends of Pavillion Park. Tickets can be purchased for \$100 per person or \$1,000 for a table of 10 at the Friends of Pavillion Park website, www.pavillionpark.org. The Davenport also offers special room rates.

Dec. 10 | Free kids concert 6:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Free kids concert given by Bob McCaslin, kindergarten teacher at CVKC. All ages welcome!

Dec. 13 | Harvard Road Gateway Roundabout Open House 6 to 8 p.m., Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive. For more: 755-6700

Dec. 18 | Music Together demonstration 9:30 a.m., Guardian Angel, 23102 E. Mission Ave. Holy Names Music Center will host this free class to introduce new families to an early childhood music experience shared by an adult and children ages six months to 6 years. Reserve your space by calling 464-1595. For more: www.hnmc.org

Dec. 28 | Holiday Heroes Blood Drive 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., John L. Scott Real Estate, 1338 N. Liberty Lake Road. For more: 924-4200 or www.inbcaves.org, sponsor code libertylakerealtor

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Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of every month, 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

Liberty Lake Lions Club Noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, Barlow's Restaurant, 1400 N. Meadowwood Lane. For more: 927-2193 or cheshierl@aol.com

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

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

Senior Lunch programs 11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, and 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Talon Hills Senior Complex, 24950 E. Hawkstone Loop. Seniors age 60 and older invited; recommended donation \$3.50.

CIVIC & BUSINESS

Dec. 6 | Valley Chamber Holiday Social 4:30 to 7 p.m., Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, lower level. Light refreshments provided and Santa showcase tables available for \$50. For more: 924-4994

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Dec. 15 | Family Jingle Bell run/walk 9 a.m., Palenque Mexican Restaurant parking lot, 1102 N. Liberty Lake Road. Liberty Lake Running Club and Just Chillin' Frozen Yogurt are sponsoring this free fun run which includes a 3-mile route with stops at Liberty Lake Athletic Club for candy canes and Just Chillin' for hot chocolates. No registration necessary. For more: kathyawhybrew@msn.com

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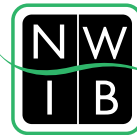
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The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Nov. 26 to Dec. 3.

Incidents and arrests

• **Harassment** — At 10 a.m. Nov. 27, LLPD was dispatched to the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive for phone harassment. The complainant stated an unknown caller asked for him by name and then made a threat of violence against him.

• **Reckless driving** — A 20-year-old Post Falls man was arrested at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Liberty Lake ORV park for reckless driving. Officers were dispatched to the park for a suspicious vehicle call, and while in route were advised that a subject in a blue compact car was driving in the area designated for off-road vehicles and horses and was also attempting to enter a locked gate. Upon arrival, the officer located a blue vehicle driving at a high rate of speed and spinning in circles in the trailer parking area. When contacted, the driver stated he was told by friends that it was ok to drive his vehicle in the ORV park. The man was issued a criminal citation for the driving offense and trespassed from the park, and the park ranger was also advised.

• **Warrant arrest** — A 28-year-old Liberty Lake man was arrested at 7:45 p.m. Nov. 27 at the 1200 block of North Liberty Lake Road on an outstanding arrest warrant for DUI and driving without a valid license. The man had called law enforcement due to the fact his vehicle was being repossessed, and officers learned this was being done in accordance with the law. They also learned of the outstanding warrants. The car was taken by the recovery agent, and the man was transported to jail.

• **Litter** — At 1:10 p.m. Nov. 27, LLPD received a littering complaint at the 19000 block of East Broadway. The complainant stated littering on the property is an ongoing issue.

• **Accident** — At 1:30 a.m. Nov. 30, LLPD assisted the Spokane County Sheriff's Office and Washington State Patrol with a one-car injury collision at Trent and Wellesley in Otis Orchards. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the hospital, and WSP conducted a DUI investigation.

• **Fighting child** — At 7:10 p.m. Nov. 29, LLPD was dispatched to the 25000 block of East Hawkstone Loop, where an 11-year-old child was fighting with his brother and mother. When officers were talking with the child, he made suicidal threats. The child was taken into protective custody and transported to the hospital.

• **Assault** — At 10:50 a.m. Nov. 28, LLPD received a report of a Nov. 27 assault between two subjects who work at a Liberty Lake business. During the investigation, it was determined the assault occurred in Spokane Valley. The case was referred to that department.

• **Reckless driver** — At 5:50 p.m. Nov. 27, LLPD was dispatched to a reckless driver/road rage incident at I-90 and Liberty Lake. Officers checked the area and could not locate the suspect vehicle.

• **Identity theft** — At 10:35 a.m. Nov. 29, LLPD was dispatched to a fraud/identity theft at the 22800 block of East Country Vista Drive. The complainant stated he recently learned that a subject had opened a mobile phone account in his name in December 2008. The complainant learned about the incident while applying for a refinance for a vehicle.

• **Accident** — At 5:40 a.m. Nov. 26, LLPD was dispatched to a two-car collision at Molter and Mission. While a vehicle was stopped at the stop sign, a second vehicle rear-ended the vehicle that was stopped. The at-fault driver was issued an infraction for following too close.

• **Vehicle prowl** — At 11:50 a.m. Nov. 30, LLPD was dispatched to a vehicle prowl in progress at the 23000 block of East

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Appleway Avenue. The complainant told police he went out to his vehicle at lunch and found a man lying on the seat of the vehicle going through the complainant's wallet. The complainant detained the subject and called police. When questioned, the suspect, a 57-year-old Spokane man, told police he was told by a friend on Facebook that he could come to Liberty Lake and find a blue pickup truck with the keys in it that he could use for the purpose of driving around Liberty Lake to look for a job. The suspect could not provide information on which friend was on Facebook and stated he did not know who the vehicle belonged to. He was booked into the Spokane County Jail for the vehicle prowling.

• **Attempted burglary** — At 11:55 a.m. Nov. 28, LLPD received a report of an attempted burglary at the 2200 block of North Molter Road. The complainant advised that sometime within the past few days, some of the screws from the hasp that holds the lock to a storage shed located near the business were removed, but entry was not gained.

• **Malicious mischief** — Four teenage boys from the Liberty Lake/Spokane Valley area were arrested at 9:50 p.m. Nov. 30 at the 1200 block of North Ormond for malicious mischief. Officers were dispatched to a report that someone was in the basement window well of a residence trying to get in. When the homeowner went to investigate, he heard what sounded like several subjects running south from the front of his home. Officers did not locate anyone, but within a few minutes received another call from a man living at the 23000 block of East Boone stating he just chased after several juvenile males after they threw something at his house. The officers contacted one subject in the area of Boone and Molter, which led them to another hiding nearby. It was determined the teenagers were all staying the night at a house on Ormond, where the other two subjects were located. Damage was caused to the window well, and all are being charged. Parents of the teenagers were contacted.

• **Agency assist** — At 4:50 a.m. Dec. 2, LLPD was requested to assist the Spokane County Sheriff's Office on a drug evaluation at Broadway and Mullan.

• **Theft complaint** — At 5 a.m. Dec. 2, LLPD was dispatched to the 22800 block of East Country Vista Drive for a theft. The complainant stated he believes his ex-roommate removed his Sony Playstation and \$120 in cash when he moved out during the night to return to Utah. The officers contacted the roommate by telephone and asked about the theft of the items. The subject denied any involvement in the theft.

• **Warrant arrest** — A 43-year-old Spokane man was arrested at 10:15 p.m. Nov. 26 at Appleway and Liberty Lake Road for outstanding arrest warrants for theft and assault. He was also driving with a suspended license. His vehicle was initially stopped for expired vehicle registration. He was booked into jail.

• **DWLS** — In addition to the above arrest, LLPD officers made four other arrests for driving with a suspended license during the reporting period, including:

- A 25-year-old Post Falls man at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 27 at Appleway Avenue and Signal Road;
- A 21-year-old Newman Lake woman at 7:40 a.m. Nov. 28 at Appleway and Meadowwood Lane;
- A 39-year-old Coeur d'Alene man at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 29 at Country Vista Drive and Whitman Lane;
- A 25-year-old Spokane man at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 29 at Indiana and Barker.

Calls for service

Agency assist	3
Assault	1
Burglary	1
Failure to appear	2
Fraud	1
Littering	1
Malicious mischief	1
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Traffic offense	5
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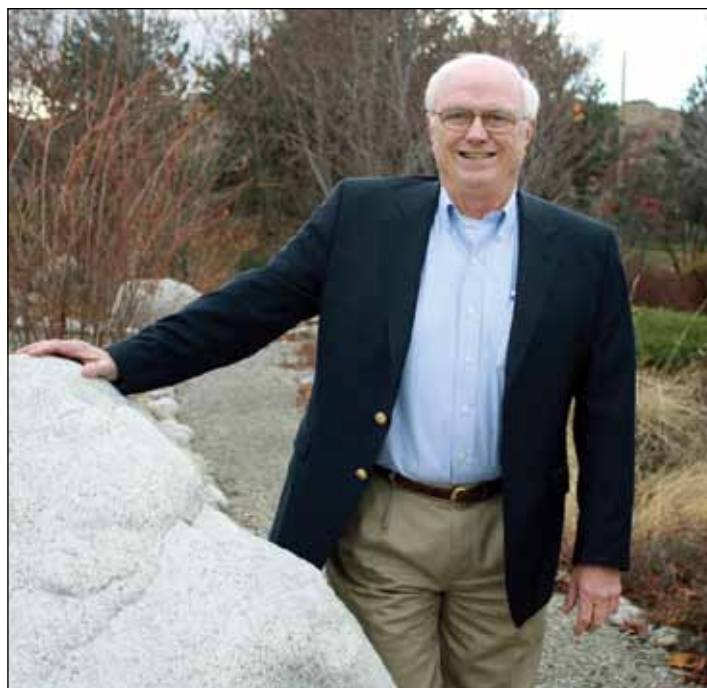
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Lee Mellish, general manager of the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District since 1993, recently announced he will be stepping aside in March. Mellish has been a catalyst for a number of the utility's successes over the past two decades, including the construction of district headquarters and a major upgrade of the treatment plant.

Mellish to cast ashore after 20 years as LLSWD skipper

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Before he became general manager of the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, Lee Mellish consulted with a president of the United States on the subject of volcanic ash.

The year was 1980 and Mellish, then serving as Spokane Regional Health District administrator, was part of a group called upon to evaluate health hazards following the eruption of Mount St. Helens. Not long after the natural disaster on May 18, President Jimmy Carter arrived at the Spokane Airport to hear an update from Mellish and other area health officials.

"We met him and gave him a report," Mellish said. "All that dust was creating breathing problems. We were distributing masks."

While at the health district, Mellish coordinated a range of duties, from getting the word out about communicable diseases to the eradication of septic tanks. He also helped launch a senior nutrition program and rallied efforts to build new district headquarters, an achievement he would replicate years later with LLSWD.

After 27 years with the health district and a brief attempt at retirement, Mellish moved on to LLSWD in March 1993. Dan Grogg, LLSWD chief treatment facility operator, recalls Mellish and his management approach having a unifying effect on the utility.

"Lee arrived at a turbulent time," said Grogg, who has worked with the district since 1983. "He is an excellent facilitator and mediator. His philosophy is to hire

people to do a job, and then let them do their job."

While he may have joined LLSWD during a stormy phase, it appears Mellish will leave at a relatively peaceful juncture. Last week, Mellish announced he would step away from his role for the past two decades, effective next March.

"I bought a new fishing boat, and I have some projects around the house," Mellish said. "I'm not going anywhere, though. I'll be around to answer questions."

Mellish's institutional knowledge will be a challenge to replace, according to LLSWD Commissioner Steve Skipworth.

"Lee has always been a true professional," Skipworth said. "He brings a lot of caring and ownership to the district and how it's represented in the community."

Mellish's tenure has included a number of honors for the district, including consistent recognition from the Washington Department of Ecology. The trophy case at LLSWD central includes a collection of "Outstanding Treatment Plant" awards that is beginning to rival the display of conference championship banners at Gonzaga's home gym. Still, Mellish is quick to deflect kudos away from the general manager's office and toward district employees.

"Everyone here is not only professional, they're experts in what they do," Mellish said. "It's a lot of work to keep all that stuff running. They deserve the credit."

Mellish also acknowledged the triumvirate of LLSWD commissioners whom he described as "very supportive, not only of

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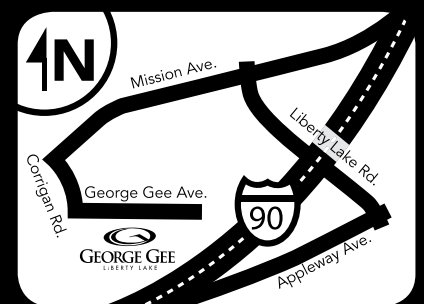
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me, but of the district and the staff.”

Tom Agnew, a commissioner for the past 13 years, described Mellish as “one of the district’s invaluable, priceless commodities we are now challenged to replace.”

“He’ll take 20 years of experience with him,” Agnew said. “It’s difficult to express what he’s meant to the district, and it’s not without some trepidation that we’ll try to replace him.”

Requests for applications went out this month for a new general manager. Prospective hires will have until Dec. 24 to apply. The district anticipates having Mellish’s replacement on board by mid-February 2013.

Mellish, 71, was a catalyst in the construction of LLSWD headquarters at East Mission Avenue, named after the late Denny Ashlock, one of the pioneers in the district’s formation in 1973. Before the site became a reality, district administrators were housed in a cramped office on the grounds of the treatment plant. The building remains one of Liberty Lake’s few community gathering places.

Other capital improvements under Mellish’s tenure include a major upgrade of the treatment plant in 2006. The year prior, LLSWD set a new standard in addressing the problem of dwindling oxygen for aquatic life, banning the use of phosphorous-based dishwashing detergents. Years earlier, the district introduced a similar declaration against phosphorous-based laundry detergent. High levels of phosphorous accelerate

algae growth, robbing fish of vital oxygen.

Mellish paid tribute to residents of the area for a history of advocacy that goes back to the launch of the district and a campaign that salvaged a severely deteriorating Liberty Lake plagued by toxic algae growth.

“The community is concerned about the lake and the environment,” he said.

When Mellish arrived in Liberty Lake 20 years ago, the area featured one blinking yellow traffic light, a Zip Trip and a single pay phone. He said the district has kept pace with growth through an effective collaboration with Greenstone Homes and its CEO, Jim Frank. The district and the development company have worked together to distribute phosphorous-free fertilizer at no cost to property owners around the lake.

Over the years, Mellish has made sure the district has set a consistent example in areas such as water conservation. LLSWD headquarters include a xeriscaped demo-garden emphasizing landscape elements beyond turf and a water sensor that has reduced irrigation by 40 percent. The district provides similar sensors to property owners within LLSWD boundaries.

The district has also continued its legacy of lake protection under Mellish’s direction, helping to initiate a yearly meeting known as the Eastern Washington Lakes Conference. The annual discussion of lake health and awareness began with representatives

of half-a-dozen lakes, including Liberty Lake, and now hosts around 130 delegates in Spokane each year.

While Mellish acknowledges the district and the city of Liberty Lake have had their differences over the years — including a failed attempt by the city to take over the utility following incorporation — he says the working relationship with City Hall “may be as strong as it’s ever been.” The two entities collaborate on a pair of community clean-up events each year, with this autumn’s leaf pickup producing 7,000 bags of fall debris.

A native of Oregon, Mellish initially thought of pursuing veterinary medicine after graduating from Oregon State University with a bachelor’s degree in general science. He went on to earn his master’s and doctorate degrees in public health from the University of Oklahoma.

While his first try at retirement lasted only half a year, Mellish says he is serious about devoting more time to hobbies like genealogy and fishing this time around. As for the challenges faced by the district while he is angling on a nearby lake — including another upgrade of the plant due by 2018 — Mellish said he is confident in the capabilities of a utility known for setting the watermark.

“We’ll figure it out,” he said. “We always have.”



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Council hones in on infrastructure funding, leans toward SCRAPS renewal

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

You could say that Tuesday night's Liberty Lake City Council meeting involved some heavy LIFTing — though by the end of the discussion, not much had changed regarding the recognized value of a mechanism used to fund infrastructure upgrades and spur economic development.

The LIFT — Local Infrastructure Financing Tool — has been in place in Liberty Lake since 2006, when the community was selected along with Vancouver and Bellingham as the inaugural municipal trio in Washington state to benefit from a funding source that reimburses developers for improvements to roads, sewer and other baseline amenities. The LIFT branched off from something called the TIF — Tax Increment Financing — in which a percentage of property tax revenue is utilized to finance community development.

Mayor Steve Peterson, a proponent of TIF/LIFT from the start, has continually reminded skeptics that the city benefits from a state grant format that matches Liberty Lake's contribution dollar for dollar. On Tuesday, the mayor illustrated the LIFT advantage with the visual aid of a \$10 bill. Applying the city's normal interest rate of 0.125, Peterson emerged with a sum of \$10.01. He then contrasted the return with the combination of the state LIFT match and interest, resulting in a tally of \$20.02.

"It's an opportunity to provide the city with a return on its investment," Peterson said. "It's a good value."

While Peterson made his case, at least two council representatives — Josh Beckett and Lori Olander — expressed concern over the LIFT agenda. Beckett issued a reminder that Spokane County still served as the ultimate facilitator of LIFT funds, a point confirmed by City Attorney Sean Boutz, who stated that the county acts as the "sponsoring jurisdiction" for LIFT dollars based on required statutes.

Along with a decision to dedicate \$321,000 from the city's general fund as a LIFT match for this year, council was asked to vote on a resolution updating the city's list of projects earmarked for LIFT funding from 2013 to 2015.

"If we approve \$321,000 this year, they're going to ask for \$700,000 next year," Beckett said. "This is not the best use of city dollars."

Olander raised a red flag on the outline of projects, questioning the value of improvements to Indiana Avenue within the context of economic development. Ultimately, Olander's amendment to remove Indiana from the list failed 5-2 with Beckett offering the only additional dissenting vote.

The LIFT match from the general fund was approved by a 6-1 margin, with Olander standing alone in the minority.

Finance Director R.J. Stevenson said the list of capital improvement projects tied to LIFT "communicated the city's expectations to the county."

"This is our seat at the table," he said.

Many of the seats in council chambers on Tuesday were occupied by supporters of the county's animal protection agency, which finds itself at the center of a debate over the renewal of the city contract for 2013. Nearly a dozen backers of Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service testified at the meeting, with many critical of the city of Spokane's animal control provider, SpokAnimal, mentioned by Liberty Lake officials as a possible alternative to SCRAPS.

Police Chief Brian Asmus gave an update on the matter Tuesday, indicating that the city was leaning toward a contract renewal with SCRAPS based on approval from Spokane County commissioners on Dec. 11. The contract would then go back to the City Council for a vote.

"We're trying to secure the best service for the best value," Asmus said.

Asmus said the city's most recent stance was based in part on reports that the city of Spokane is supportive of a regional approach to animal protection, a scenario that would likely put SCRAPS as the lead agency. Spokane's contract with SpokAnimal concludes at the end of 2013.

Asmus said SCRAPS has acknowledged the importance of an increased emphasis on licensing dogs and cats, an issue brought up often by Peterson. He referenced the success of the animal control agency in Calgary, Alberta, that served as the impetus of SCRAPS' formation. The organization is funded solely through licensing fees and fines, with an overall license compliance rate of 95 percent.

Applause filled the room when Asmus announced the city's decision regarding SCRAPS, though the contract still hinges on council ratification later this month. Beckett reminded those in attendance that improved licensing numbers would be "the responsibility of SCRAPS and the entire community."

The third major topic of the evening — passage of the 2013 city budget along with the future status of the embattled utility tax — never materialized as Stevenson's presentation broached the 10 p.m. meeting deadline. Council will tackle the financial game plan for next year on the Dec. 18 agenda, no doubt considering some of the comments offered by citizens Tuesday night.

The first came from Brandon Hunt of

Huntwood, a custom cabinet manufacturer and one of the companies most critical of the utility tax since it was introduced two years ago. Hunt reminded council members that the tax began as a way to cover an anticipated budget shortfall, but instead "has been used to pay off debts and fund other items."

Hunt said the tax will cost Huntwood around \$50,000 this year, a total representing one-third of the overall taxes the company pays to the city. He called on council to place the tax on the ballot for a public vote.

Nancy Holmes of Avista also addressed council on behalf of a utility tax task force organized by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce. Holmes gave credit to the city and particularly Stevenson for providing a clearer perspective on the tax and the municipal budget. She also applauded the decision to decrease the tax from its original rate of 6 percent to the current level of 3 percent.

Holmes said the task force has indicated concern in the past "over where revenue from the utility tax goes." She said the decision to dedicate funds in 2013 to road maintenance and upgrades "is an improvement."

"Now we understand it's going to a street fund," she said.

Holmes encouraged the city to "continue with a comprehensive review of the utility tax and all taxes" remaining open to the utility tax being eliminated, decreased or reformatted in a way that lightens the burden on manufacturing companies by lessening the rate on electricity and natural gas.

Liberty Lake resident Pat Dockrey spoke out in support of the utility tax, noting that it acts as a stable revenue source when sales and property tax income can fluctuate depending on the strength of the economy.

"If you're going to cut the utility tax, you're going to have to cut your budget," Dockrey said. "It's not going to work otherwise."

Council Member Shane Brickner, a member of the city's finance committee, noted after the meeting that while public testimony and emails on animal protection have been considerable over the past month or so, he has yet to receive an email from any citizen regarding next year's budget. Council has until Dec. 31 to approve the document.

"The budget is online at the city's website," Brickner said. "We want to hear people's ideas and concerns."

Along with the Dec. 18 City Council meeting, City Hall will host two workshops this month. The first — on the municipal development code — will take place at 5 p.m. today (Thursday). A workshop on the proposed roundabout at Harvard, Mission and Interstate 90 will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 13.

PROFILES

BAND

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home crying and just knowing I was the weakest link in the chain of the band. So that was something I needed to rise to the occasion and not let everyone else in the band down. I felt like I was holding everyone back."

By his junior and senior years, he was named the section leader for the tubas.

According to Eric Parker, Central Valley High School director of bands, Oviatt worked very hard and is seen by his peers as an example of what it takes to be an excellent band member. His background to joining the high school band played a part in that.

"He was not a traditional band student in middle school," Parker said. "He was an electric bass player who had no specific role in the high school band as an incoming freshman. I told him he could learn tuba. I could tell this kid had the attitude we needed in our band, and he would learn whatever we put in his hands. He asked questions about the tuba with a little sparkle of fear in the eye."

The challenges of placing the tuba in the freshman's hands remain fresh in Parker's memory as well.

"Dylan was 'undersized' — to be nice," he said. "The tuba is heavy, large, awkward and

cumbersome — not something you'd give to a little short-stack like him. But I knew he'd be too stubborn to reject the offer; I figured he'd get bigger and grow into it. Plus, we really needed a fourth tuba player."

Parker continued that he was "so wrong."

"Dylan did not grow into it," he said. "It was too heavy, too large, too awkward and too cumbersome for him. I kid you not, every student in the band felt sorry for him — every kid. Several members came to me saying they would trade spots with the poor freshman. I'm certain they all thought we were going to break him in half. Kids started calling him 'beast.' ... He wouldn't quit and he wasn't going to be a poster child for group sympathy or pity. To just be average, Dylan worked harder that first year than most kids work to be great at anything. It was inspiring to the whole marching band — maybe even more so to his teachers."

Parker said that kids respect and have empathy for true overachievers. Everything Oviatt has accomplished he has worked for, and in some cases he's had to work harder to just keep up.

"Today, he is a wonderful tuba player, great bass player and also a jazz trombonist," Parker said. "But those first years were the battleground for him, to lay the brickwork for a legacy that he will be able to look back on to say that he gave to the program more than he ever took. I could never pay a higher compliment to a band member than

that — to give more than you take."

Oviatt explained that the marching band puts in as much time practicing for their season as the football team. He said the band begins in mid-August and practices every day from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. until school starts. Then they practice every Tuesday and Thursday until 6 p.m.

With all the time the practices and performances take from his life as a teenager, Oviatt said he truly enjoys the "sense of family" with the other members of the marching band.

"We go on these long trips to competitions together, and we spend lots and lots of time together," he said. "That translates back into school and other activities. ... It's just a lot of really good friends working together."

For many fans who watch a marching band on television or in person at a fall football game, it seems almost impossible that the performers can keep in perfect harmony while synchronizing each step and turn. Oviatt explained that with the Central Valley squad, it all starts at band camp, where the first few days are dedicated to learning the music so that it is memorized and internalized.

He said the Central Valley marching band does more of a story-based show instead of performing pop tunes or a contemporary show. This year, the marching band chose to perform a couple of classic symphony pieces

and arranged them based on the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

This year's marching band season wrapped up at the end of October. In that time, Oviatt and his colleagues not only performed at two home football games, but also participated in four competitions around the Northwest: Pasco, Spokane, Everett and at the University of Oregon in Eugene. The band took first place or won the Grand Sweepstakes in three of the four competitions. The band took second in the fourth competition.

He said the competition days have a great deal of stress associated with them.

"You have to be at the gate ready to go at a certain time," he explained. "We need this much time to warm up musically and this much time to warm up visually. It's a very big coordination effort and a lot of it falls on our director, Mr. Parker."

Members of the Central Valley High School Band and Color Guard will be heading to Washington, D.C., in January to participate in the Inauguration Music Festival and hopefully be selected to represent the state of Washington in the Inaugural Parade.

Once his student days are over at Central Valley, Oviatt hopes to attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He plans to study either pre-med or pre-dental.

"And they have a fun marching band program down there, too," he said.

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Weekend meal program sends backpack of food home with kids in need

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Jocelynn Yandle's second backpack is decorated with red, pink and blue hearts. It's identified with a number — not her name — and is packed each Friday not with homework and school supplies, but with two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, six drinks and six snacks.

The Progress Elementary School third-grader, age 8, is one of the newer participants in the Food for Thought program that serves the school. A change in her family situation caused the financial picture for Jocelynn and her mother to tighten. A school counselor learned of the troubles after Jocelynn couldn't have a friend over for a sleepover, causing tension between the girls. The reason: There wasn't food available at Jocelynn's home for breakfast.

The counselor contacted Jocelynn's mother, and the girl was added to the program.

"It's helping me a lot," Jocelynn said of the weekend meals. "My mom really appreciates it. She says, 'At least I have something to cook,' and we don't have to have more Thanksgiving leftovers."

Jocelynn enjoys learning cursive and her times tables and has a love of Caesar salad. She wants to get a scholarship to play basketball for the Gonzaga women's team some day. She said she appreciates the program because the backpack makes the donation inconspicuous. She said she doesn't get teased, and the few times kids ask her why she has a second backpack, she tells them, "I don't have to tell you."

Spotting a need

The foundation of the Food for Thought program really was laid three years ago, when Pat Dockrey and the Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club helped put together food baskets for the winter break from school for students at Barker High School in Spokane Valley. He was the club's representative to the school's Key Club, and a comment from a teacher really caught him off guard.

"She asked, 'Have you thought about what we do with these kids after Christmas?'" Dockrey recalled. "I said, 'Well, what's the problem?' She said, 'Well, some of them don't have anything to eat on the weekends.'"

Dockrey said the reality of the situation of many of the students caught him off



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guard. While needy students qualify for a free lunch and breakfast program during the school week, these same students were out of luck on the weekends, meaning they would arrive Monday morning ready to eat as opposed to ready to learn.

Dockrey launched into some Internet research to see what he and the club could do. Eventually, a small backpack-style program was founded using funding from the Kiwanis for the food. There were three students served initially, and as now everything went through school counselors so the identity of program beneficiaries remained confidential.

After months of research and coordination with officials from the Spokane Valley Partners food bank and the Central Valley School District, Dockrey was able to get the pieces in place to enable an expansion. The food bank now provides the food, and the district has worked with Dockrey and other volunteers to expand the program into eight schools. Last week, 79 students were served, including a few at Liberty Lake Elementary School and the Central Valley Kindergarten Center.

"For us in the school system, one of the things that we know is we have to provide quality instruction in a safe learning environment," CVSD Superintendent Ben Small said. "... And we can get really good at that, but if we are not able to partner with our community to help break down barriers to learning — barriers like hunger — we are not going to be able to maximize all we can do in a school setting."

Small applauded Dockrey and his wife, Linda, by name, as well as other community volunteers like those from the club and Advent Lutheran Church, which also helps with the program.



Students from the Barker High School Key Club break down boxes after preparing 79 packs of weekend meals for distribution to fellow Central Valley School District students. From left, Jacob Dunning, Calynn Moore, Zach Chichester, Cody Dorn and Caden Brown were among seven students who worked alongside a handful of adult volunteers to prepare for the feed last week.

The food for the program is provided by the Spokane Valley Partners food bank. In the photo at left taken this spring, SVP CEO Ken Briggs stands with boxes that were separated out for the Food for Thought program. Individual-sized meals are a staple of the program, which provides six weekend meals, including six drinks and six additional snacks, for needy students in the Central Valley School District. The program currently serves about 80 students in eight schools.

ON THE COVER

SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

Barker High School Key Club member Lindsey Dahl, 17, packs food into bags for the Food for Thought program.

"We have great partners in our community," he said.

Liberty Lake participates

One Liberty Lake single mom learned firsthand how much the program could mean for her and her son, a student at Liberty Lake Elementary School. She agreed to share her story on the condition her name not be used.

Her financial hardships began with an injury that meant she could no longer

work full-time. When the program started being offered at Liberty Lake Elementary School, it made an immediate difference for the family of two.

"It's very healthy food, you know, and it's things that I would normally purchase myself, but we can't seem to make things stretch that far," she said. "The fact we've all benefited from being able to have the additional sandwich spreads and snacks I can send with him to school has greatly

See FOOD, page 23

Be a part of The 12 Meals of Christmas Drive!

Through the month of December, The Splash is partnering with Food for Thought to raise funds and support to provide weekend meals for Central Valley School District students who may otherwise go without. Your \$12 donation provides two weekends of food for a needy student – a total of 12 complete meals plus snacks.

With your donation, please feel free to share a note of gratitude, inspiration or blessing through a special "Food for Thought" section that will run in The Splash each week in December in connection with the fundraiser. This is an outlet to share reflections of gratitude and inspiration that are often particularly present and poignant during the holiday season. Some members of The Splash staff have shared thoughts this week on this page. Community-submitted "thoughts" will be shared beginning in the Dec. 13 issue.

Here's how you can donate:

1. Mail in the form below with your check made out to Food for Thought OR place a classified under the "Food for Thought" category at www.libertylakesplash.com (your credit card will be charged by "Peridot Publishing," but all proceeds will be passed directly on to Food for Thought).
2. When you make your donation, take time to share a few words to honor those who have blessed your life or any other words of inspiration (be sure to sign your name at the end of the note if you don't want it to be anonymous).
3. Check back in December issues of The Splash to read submitted "Food for Thought" notes and to track how many weekend meals readers were able to provide to area students in the Central Valley School District.



The Food for Thought program is supported by the Spokane Valley Partners food bank, with volunteer help from the Liberty Lake Kiwanis, the Barker High School Key Club and Advent Lutheran Church. For more on the program, read the cover story in the Dec. 6 issue of The Splash. Larger financial gifts in support of the program can be made directly to Spokane Valley Partners, P.O. Box 141360, Spokane Valley, WA 99214, or online gifts can be made at www.svpart.org. Food for the program, particularly items that are individually sized, can be dropped off to the Spokane Valley Partners food bank, 10814 East Broadway Ave. in Spokane Valley.

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Your name (won't appear in the blessing note): _____

Phone number (in case we have any questions): _____

Your "Food for Thought" note (50 words maximum, please): _____

One \$12 donation

Other amount \$ _____

Please mail this form to The Splash, P.O. Box 363, Liberty Lake, WA 99019 or bring it to our office at 2310 N. Molter Road, Suite 305, Liberty Lake, WA 99019.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The following notes were submitted by making a minimum \$12 donation to the Food for Thought program. Future issues will feature more contributions from community members.

"It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!... Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! 'Maybe Christmas,' he thought, 'doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps ... means a little bit more!'" ~Dr. Seuss —Wishing you a blessed Christmas, The Dexter Family

Mama Jude and MacDaddy Dunaway: Thank you for always making home a welcoming place for me and countless others. Filled with fun people, delicious food and ageless memories, you provide a safe place for people to love and grow. Parents like you are a gift from God. Love always, Kim

So grateful for the selfless servants in our community. People like Pat and Linda Dockrey and Mike and Jessica Kovac. People in our local churches and service clubs bent on giving back. People who support our local nonprofits with generous donations. We are a blessed community. — Josh Johnson (Isaiah 58:6-12)

"The light of the Christmas star to you, The warmth of home and hearth to you, The cheer and good will of friends to you, The hope of a childlike heart to you, The joy of a thousand angels to you, The love of the Son and God's peace to you." — The Pier Family

To our Kaleo family: We've been inspired by families multiplying (literally) overnight to show love to those in need. We've been encouraged by seeing joy in adversity. We've witnessed hope blossom via friendships in Haiti. Thank you for being a James 1:27 community. With love, The Kimberleys

What if I had not received all the prayers, support, and great medical care for my breast cancer? Would I be here? It is something I think about all the time. So deeply grateful to be alive & healthy and for family, friends, doctors and all that supported me. PTL! Cindy Esch

Tracking the Backpacks

The Food for Thought program uses backpacks to inconspicuously send weekend meals home with participating students. Follow how many weekend meals have been collected for the program by our readers during the month of December.

(Note: Each backpack represents two weekends of food for a student in need.)



View all of the content in The Splash at:

www.libertylakesplash.com

Dressing for success



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mrs. Grummons' class shows off their spirit during the first College Color Day held on Nov. 27 at the Central Valley Kindergarten Center. In an effort to get kids thinking about the future (and to focus on the new Common Core State Standards of career and college readiness), CVKC students are being encouraged to wear college colors or attire on a selected day each month.

Love on the run



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Several Liberty Lake residents were involved in a public proposal on Saturday during the Jingle Bell Run in downtown Spokane. Michael Dimmler, son of Tom and Cindy Dimmler, asked long-time girlfriend Sarah Henning, daughter of Scott and Tammy Henning, to marry him at the finish line of the race.

The Liberty Lake couple, who have been dating since they were in eighth grade, are both students at EWU. A wedding will take place in the future after college graduation.

Dentist donates to LLES PTSA



SUBMITTED PHOTO

KiDDS Dental recently hosted a contest between East Farms Elementary, Greenacres Elementary, Central Valley Kindergarten Center, Continuous Curriculum School and Liberty Lake Elementary students. These schools distributed coupons to their students to redeem at the Great Candy Buy Back. Liberty Lake Elementary was the winning school and received a \$150 donation to the school's parent-teacher organization as a prize.

Ring in the holiday season



SPLASH AND SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Community residents gathered with friends and neighbors at Liberty Lake City Hall last Friday for an evening of music, visits with Santa, hayrides and more during the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Local vendors also sponsored games and provided food for attendees to kick off the city's annual Winter Festival.



Splash Travels



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mary Cady of Liberty Lake visited Fort Sumter, located off the South Carolina coast, as part of a trip to visit family in September. Fort Sumter is best known as the site where the first shots of the American Civil War were fired.

Sending Christmas cheer via Halloween candy



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Children were able to unload their trick-or-treating spoils for \$1 per pound, a dental goody bag and coupons from local businesses during The Great Candy Buy Back held at KiDDS Dental on the day after Halloween. Later in November, 1,130 pounds of candy was shipped along with 895 toothbrushes, 301 tubes of toothpaste and hundreds of letters of appreciation for members of the U.S. military. The post-Halloween haul was shipped to Operation Gratitude, a charitable organization in California that distributes donated items to soldiers serving during the holidays.

Other businesses such as Dr. Scott Ralph Orthodontics, SCOPE, Applebee's, Papa Murphy's, Just Chillin', Pottery Bug, Colgate and Safeway also participated in the event.

Stephen Liberty: Pioneer, Adventurer, Friend

By Ellen Martin Bernardo
LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The man for whom our great community takes its name was born Etienne Eduard Laliberte on Nov. 15, 1843 in St-François-du-Lac, Quebec (Canada) to Joseph Etienne and Emilie Saloe Laliberte. He later changed his name to Stephen E. Liberty.

Liberty is said to have been a big man, standing over six feet tall with broad shoulders. He and his younger brother, Joseph Edmond Liberty, studied at the seminary in Quebec, though neither entered the priesthood. He was well educated, spoke English and French, and learned other dialects and languages from his travels and association with different tribes of Indians.

A copy of Stephen Liberty's own deposition of his life fills in the details we might not have otherwise known. In October 1862, eighteen months after the Civil War was declared in the U.S., Stephen Liberty left Canada for the United States. He first went to Massachusetts, and from there he went to Lake Superior where he spent the winter of 1863-1864. In the spring of 1865, at the close of the aforementioned war, he went to Stillwater, Minn. At St. Paul, Minn., he entered the employ of Captain Louis Robier where he bought furs and traded with the Indians on the St. Peters River. In the summer of 1866 he was hired on a wagon train to be officer of the guard and assistant trainmaster under the command of Captain James L. Fisk. On the trek across the plains, he met Colonel I.N. Peyton and Judge W. E. Cullen of Spokane, as well as Joseph Perrier (changed later to Peavy).

Liberty and Peavy left the wagon train at Fort Benton, Mont. They went to Helena before going on to Cabinet Landing on the Pend Oreille River in what is now Idaho. There they bought and ran a station house. They met J.K. Clark, the brother of Senator W.A. Clark of Montana, who was representing and carrying the U.S. mail for the firm of Clark & Witcher. Through J.K. Clark they took a contract for carrying the mail from Cabinet Landing to Rathdrum, both in the Idaho Territory. During this time he became a naturalized citizen of the U.S., having received his second papers at Cheney (Washington Territory) in 1866. It is in Rathdrum that Liberty met and married 16-year-old Christine Barnabé, daughter of Joseph Barnabé (Barnaby) and his wife Isabelle Elizabeth Boucher, on Sept. 2, 1868.

Stephen and Christine Liberty were the first settlers on what is now known as the Moran Prairie in Spokane County. He planted a large orchard and made other improvements. Within two years he sold



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

Stephen Liberty was the first white settler to the lake that now bears his name.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Stephen Liberty claims 1843 as his birth year, but his baptism claims 1842.
- The four "white Indians" are Stephen Liberty, Joseph Peavy, Julien Boutelier and Patrick Nixon.
- Stephen Liberty was a father of 10 children, seven of whom survived to adulthood.

out to Joseph Moran from whom the area took its name. They moved back to Rathdrum and purchased the land on which the town of Rathdrum now stands from Joseph Barnabé, Liberty's father-in-law, and Liberty returned to carrying mail. He sold that property to Thomas Ford and moved two miles below Rathdrum, where he worked in the buying, trading and raising of stock.

In February 1871, Liberty moved to what was then known as Lake Grier. He was the first white settler, and the name was changed to Liberty Lake in his honor. He planted approximately 25 acres of orchard and continued to raise stock. He lived on the west side of the lake. Chief Andrew Seltice of the Coeur d'Alene Indian tribe was his neighbor and good friend. Stilam, a Coeur d'Alene Indian and personal friend of Liberty, lived just a short distance away near Spokane Bridge. Joseph Peavy came to live in the Spokane



SPLASH PHOTO BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

An 8x10 pencil portrait of Stephen Liberty, drawn by Wicomico Beach resident Judy Rasmussen, currently hangs in City Hall.

area around 1876.

From the very beginning, the wise and kind Chief Andrew Seltice and other Coeur d'Alene tribal leaders always had Liberty's well being as a priority. In August 1885 at the "urgent request and invitation of Andrew Seltice, Pierre (Peter) Wildshoe, Quinnemose, Stilam, Regis, Saul Louis and other head men of the tribe, and with the permission, knowledge, consent and sanction of" the above mentioned men, Stephen Liberty bought a tract of 350 acres adjoining the lands of the Fathers at the DeSmet Mission on the reservation. He was told if he moved to the reservation he would be accorded every right as any other member of the tribe. That autumn, the Liberty family moved to the reservation. When the chief said, "These are my children, you shall respect them and treat them as such," that made them a member of the tribe. Stephen Liberty became known as a "white Indian."

Liberty wrote many letters on behalf of the Coeur d'Alene Indians to help legally establish the reservation and clarify treaties. In 1887, Stephen Liberty, Chief Seltice, Peter Wildshoe, and others traveled to Washington, D.C. hoping for a legal settlement on the boundaries for the reservation. They met with President Grover Cleveland. Liberty became a translator for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, traveling several times to Washington, D.C., representing the tribe on their behalf.

On January 18, 1911, Stephen Liberty

died of pneumonia at Sacred Heart Hospital. He was laid to rest in an unmarked grave at Fairmont Memorial Park in Spokane. One hundred years later a monument was placed to honor Liberty where he lies buried. Another monument just like the first one was placed at the north end of Liberty Lake at the Nature's Place at Meadowwood arboretum.

Ellen Martin Bernardo is vice president of the Liberty Lake Historical Society. She has lived in the Inland Northwest 33 years, 23 of those in Liberty Lake.

Genesis of Liberty Lake

A series from the Liberty Lake Historical Society, appearing in the first Splash issue of each month in 2012.

JANUARY: Geology of Liberty Lake

FEBRUARY: Coeur d'Alene Tribe

MARCH: 150 years of Gathering, Recreation and Music

APRIL: Indian Wars, Part I

MAY: Indian Wars, Part II

JUNE: Chief Seltice

JULY: Tecomtee

AUGUST: Peter Wildshoe

SEPTEMBER: Mullan Trail

OCTOBER: Homestead Act

NOVEMBER: Spokane Bridge Crossing

DECEMBER: Stephen Liberty

Teachers in teen parent program take hands-on approach to caring



By Ali Roberts
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN

It's the first day of school at the East Valley High School Teen Parent Program. A 16-year-old girl walks into school with her 10-month-old son. On the outside, she looks like a strong and confident young lady without any worries. Little does anyone know, she is homeless and about to be put into foster care. Both of her parents are alcoholics, and her stepdad has abused her a lot over the past few years.

About a week before school started, a conflict occurred with her parents, her son's father and her. Her parents were both drunk that night when her stepdad pulled a knife out with the intentions of stabbing her son's father. The girl was scared and jumped in front of her stepdad only to be stabbed in the face. One of the neighbors called 911 when she heard the screaming. Shortly after, the police, fire department and an ambulance were knocking on the door. Unfortunately, the stepdad was gone by the time they arrived, but the truth finally came out. She gave her report to the police officer, and they were determined to find him.

The next day, a Child Protection Service (CPS) social worker called and wanted to meet with her and take her out of the home. The only problem: There weren't many foster homes that would take both a teenage mother and her son. So she had to couch surf for a few weeks until the

CPS social worker could find a home that would take the two of them.

When that 16-year-old girl walked into the teen parent program that day, she didn't just walk into a normal classroom; she walked into a classroom full of caring teachers with open hearts and open arms. As they found out her story, one of the workers in the nursery offered for her to stay at her house until the CPS social worker found a home for her. The teachers offered some clothes and gave her a food backpack so her son would have something healthy to eat. They also gave her a shoulder to cry on and stood by her side to support her.

Before school, she felt alone and like she had no way to escape. As time passed, things started changing for the better. Once these kind teachers started to get to know her and recognized her potential as a young woman who wants to go to college instead of just be a teen with a baby, they wanted to help more. The lead teacher of the teen parent program opened her home to the 16-year-old girl and her 10-month-old son. She not only had concern for her schooling, she wanted her to become part of their family. The thought of someone actually wanting her to be part of their family warmed the girl's heart. She was so surprised to hear that someone who only met her a few months ago was willing to open hearts, wallets and home to help take care of her and her son.

She has now been living with her new family for almost a month. She is starting to overcome her weakness of feeling guilty for things she had no control over, and she is no longer feeling scared and worried about her future.

The 16-year-old girl now wants to be able to give back to the community since they have helped her so much. Being in the teen parent program gives her a great opportunity to do that. Every week, she helps pack weekend food bags for kids throughout the district who are low-income and don't have very much food. She also tries to put in as much time as possible into the clothing bank, organizing, sorting and hanging clothes on the rack. This 16-year-old girl knows how much a caring person or organization can impact a person's life, and she just wants to be able to help make an impact on other lives like that made for her and her son.

Ali Roberts is a junior at East Valley High School enrolled in the Teen Parent Program. She has a 1-year-old son, Damien. This column was written as part of a monthly series highlighting the PACE (Partners Advancing Character Education) trait of the month, which for December is "caring."



Letter to the Editor

SCRAPS needed in Liberty Lake

SCRAPS does so much to save animals and has programs to educate people for their care. The organization needs to be funded. SCRAPS officers are on call 24-7 to help whether an animal is injured or lost.

If you want to keep SCRAPS in Liberty Lake, call the mayor and leave a message (755-6701) or City Hall (755-6700). Also, attend an upcoming City Council meeting and let Council members know how you

feel (the next scheduled meeting at the time of this writing is 7 p.m. Dec. 18 at City Hall).

The Liberty Lake Police Department is not qualified to help injured animals and needs to use its time to keep the city safe from crime.

Last, but not least, contact your neighbors and remind them to share their opinion and attend a meeting.

Harry Hansen
Liberty Lake

Kids Tell it Like it is

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley at Central Valley Kindergarten Center

If you could leave any gift for Santa, what would you give him?



"A belt for his suit."

Kaila Pratt, 5



"I would give him a little toy Santa, just like him."

Elizabeth Zubenko, 5



"An ornament to put on his tree."

Garrett Burkhart, 6



"A Santa hat or a picture of me and him."

Sylvie Carver, 5



"Some carrots for his reindeer."

Charlie Lynn, 5



"I would leave Santa a card with some candy kisses."

Grace Arthur, 5



"Chocolate chip cookies and milk."

Olivia Smith, 5



"I would give him an extra reindeer, one like Rudolph with a bright nose."

Karmin Ely, 6

About the Opinion Page

The Splash opinion page is intended to be a community forum for discussing local issues. Please interact with us by sending a letter to the editor or Liberty Lake Voices guest column for consideration.

Letters to the editor of no more than 350 words or guest columns of about 700 words should be emailed to editor@libertylakesplash.com or mailed to P.O. Box 363, Liberty Lake, WA 99019. A full name and telephone number must be included for purposes of verification. A photo of the author must be taken or provided for all Liberty Lake Voices guest columns.

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CV basketball squads win tune-ups

By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Tune-ups for the Central Valley boys and girls basketball teams returned dividends with season opening non-conference victories on the road last Saturday against Pasco's Chiawana High prior to the start of this week's Greater Spokane League schedule.

The Bears boys put their game away in the second and third quarters of a 65-41 triumph. The girls took a while to get going, breaking a first-half tie to win 67-57.

Both state 4A runner-up teams get an idea where they stand in the GSL after having hosted Mead on Tuesday and playing Friday at Lewis and Clark.

Veterans carry CV boys

The Bears got vital contributions from returning veterans and one newcomer while outscoring Chiawana 40-17 in the middle two quarters of their victory.

"It was kind of close early and then Austin Rehkow got hot," coach Rick Sloan said. "And then I thought Beau Byus was a solid contributor."

Rehkow scored 18 points, hitting five 3-pointers. Byus was tough on the boards and added 11 points.

Junior Austin Daines, a junior varsity player last year, came off the bench to score 10 points.

"They sat in a zone, and we did move the ball well," Sloan said. "18 of our 23 field goals came off assists."

He was satisfied that the team had only 14 turnovers, thanks to senior point guards Rehkow and Adam Chamberlain, "who will be fine taking care of the ball." His fears after graduation of seven seniors were allayed by the efforts of Daines and A.J. Knudsen.

Youth evident in girls win

In the first half of CV's girls game, "we definitely looked like a 'new-look' team," coach Freddie Rehkow allowed. "In the second half, the youngsters settled in."

Down 18-10 after a quarter, the Bears outscored Chiawana by 18 points over the final three quarters, holding the hosts to four points in the second quarter, creating a halftime tie.

"In the second half, they showed me what they are capable of doing," Rehkow said of his young guards, freshman Jenna Place and sophomore Megan Dimmler. Veteran post Madison Hovren scored 27 points. Molly Barnhart, Rehkow said, stepped up

after Mariah Cunningham got into foul trouble. They combined for 26 points more.

"I think we can compete in every game," Rehkow said, after seeing his team get over early youthful mistakes early.

He'll learn more after games against the Panthers and Tigers, among preseason favorites in the GSL.

IE Classic wrestling

Central Valley hosts its annual Inland Empire Classic wrestling tournament Friday and Saturday, an early-season test featuring some of the better eastern Washington teams.

The Bears, University and last year's state runner-up, Mead, were the top three GSL finishers last year. They are among 16 schools, six from the GSL and including traditional power Moses Lake and Idaho 5A powers Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls, in the field.

The first two rounds of the tournament are Friday beginning at 4:30 p.m. The tournament concludes Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. with semifinals at noon and finals scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students.

Scoreboard

BOYS BASKETBALL

12/1 CV vs. Chiawana 65-41 W

GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/1 CV vs. Chiawana 67-57 W

SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 6

7 p.m. CV Wrestling at North Central

DECEMBER 7

4:30 p.m. CV Wrestling Inland Empire Tournament at CV

5:30 p.m. CV Girls Basketball at Lewis and Clark

7 p.m. CV Boys Basketball at Lewis and Clark

DECEMBER 8

CV Wrestling Inland Empire Tournament at CV

DECEMBER 11

5:30 p.m. CV Boys Basketball vs. University

7 p.m. CV Girls Basketball vs. University

DECEMBER 12

7 p.m. CV Wrestling vs. Shadle Park

DECEMBER 13

6 p.m. CV Gymnastics vs. Mead, Rogers, University, Mt. Spokane at Mead/Mt. Spokane Gymnastics Center

7 p.m. CV Wrestling at Ferris

SEND US YOUR SPORTS!

Think your results belong on the scoreboard? Or maybe you have a team photo you'd like to pass along. Either way, The Splash wants submitted information from or about Liberty Lake residents. Email the information to editor@libertylakesplash.com.

Central Valley High School 2012-2013 Winter Sports Schedules

BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

BOYS HEAD COACH: RICK SLOAN

GIRLS HEAD COACH: FREDDIE REHKOW

12/4	5:30 p.m.	CV vs. Mead
12/7	5:30 p.m.	CV @ Lewis and Clark
12/11	5:30 p.m.	CV vs. University
12/14	5:30 p.m.	CV vs. Gonzaga Prep
12/18	5:30 p.m.	CV @ Shadle Park
12/20	5:30 p.m.	CV @ North Central
12/29	2:30 p.m.	CV vs. Richland
1/4	5:30 p.m.	CV @ Rogers
1/8	5:30 p.m.	CV vs. Ferris
1/11	5:30 p.m.	CV vs. Mt. Spokane
1/12	2:45 p.m.	CV @ Mead
1/15	5:00 p.m.	CV vs. University (Arena)
1/18	5:30 p.m.	CV vs. Lewis and Clark
1/22	5:30 p.m.	CV @ Gonzaga Prep

1/25	5:30 p.m.	CV vs. Shadle Park
1/29	5:30 p.m.	CV vs. North Central
1/31	5:30 p.m.	CV vs. Rogers
2/5	5:30 p.m.	CV @ Ferris
2/7	5:30 p.m.	CV @ Mt. Spokane
2/9	TBD	District Tournaments begin

VARSITY WRESTLING

HEAD COACH: JOHN OWEN

12/5	7 p.m.	CV @ Lewis & Clark
12/6	7 p.m.	CV @ North Central
12/7-8	4:30 p.m.	Inland Empire Tournament @ CV
12/12	7 p.m.	CV vs. Shadle Park
12/13	7 p.m.	CV @ Ferris
12/14-15	TBD	Tri-State Tournament @ NIC
12/21	9:30 a.m.	Tri-County Tournament @ CV
1/3	7 p.m.	CV vs. Gonzaga Prep
1/5	TBD	Hall of Fame Duals Tournament @

1/9	7 p.m.	Moses Lake
1/11-12	TBD	CV @ Rogers
1/16	7 p.m.	Rocky Mt. Tourney @ Sentinel H.S.
1/17	7 p.m.	CV @ Mead
1/19	5 p.m.	CV vs. Mt. Spokane
1/24	7 p.m.	CV vs. Post Falls
2/1	5 p.m.	CV vs. University
		District Tournament @ TBD

VARSITY GYMNASTICS

HEAD COACH: KIM BRUNELLE

12/5	6 p.m.	CV @ Shadle Park
12/13	6 p.m.	CV @ Mt. Spokane
1/2	6 p.m.	CV @ Ferris
1/9	6 p.m.	CV vs. Ferris, Mt. Spokane, Shadle Park
1/16	6 p.m.	CV @ Rogers
1/24	6 p.m.	CV @ Mt. Spokane
2/9	TBD	Regionals @ Kennewick

Jingle Bell runners



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Three members of the Liberty Lake Running Club—Kathy Whybrew, Katrina Hull and Stacey Roessler—participated in the Spokane Jingle Bell Run last Saturday in Riverfront Park. It was Katrina's first running finish for a 5K.

Turkey trotters



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Around three dozen people participated in the first Turkey Trot hosted by the Liberty Lake Running Club on Thanksgiving Day.

Don't miss out on placing your classified in the last issue of 2012!

Because of an early press deadline, the deadline for placing a classified in the Dec. 27 Splash is earlier than usual. Classifieds must be placed by **Friday, Dec. 21 at noon** in order to be included in that issue.

Also, the Splash office will be closed Dec. 24-25. Happy Holidays!

FURNITURE

Bed - Queen size Euro-top mattress set, brand new, still in plastic with warranty, \$169. Call or text, 509-795-0445.

GARAGE SALES

BEAU MONDE EXCHANGE SALE

Hollister, Buckle, A&F, AE, Daytrip, Aero, Miss Mee, Big Star, Mek, Gap, F21, North Face, Volcom, Old Navy, Silver, Hudson, William Rast, Citizens, Rock Revival, Lucky, Baby Gap, etc. Huge sale at Beau Monde Clothing Exchange in CDA, next to Jamba Juice in the Albertson's Ironwood Mall in CDA, ID. This Thurs.- Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5. Dec. 6-9. 15%-75% off everything in the store, with hundreds of new items added daily. Juniors, womens, mens, kids and babies pre-loved, name brand clothing and accessories. 208-664-8880, 202 W. Ironwood Dr. Ste. C, Coeur d' Alene, ID. "Like" us on Facebook for exclusive weekly specials and to see how you can turn your unwanted clothes into immediate cash! Btw...we pay more!

HELP WANTED

GENERAL MANAGER

The Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District is seeking a General Manager. The District is located 17 miles east of Spokane Washington on I-90 and 3 miles from Idaho state line. The water system provides service to 2000 customers and the sewer system services 2300 customers. The source of water is 5 wells drawing from the Spokane Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. The District has a 2 MGD Water Reclamation Facility that discharges to the Spokane River. The District also provides lake protection activities for a 700 acre lake. The District is governed by a 3 member Board of Commissioners. The current Manager is retiring after 20 years of service. The District has 11 employees including the Manager, office and field staff. The District's NPDES permit to discharge to the Spokane River requires the Water Reclamation facility to be upgraded to Class A water by March 1, 2018. Funding and process decisions to be made in the near future. The General Manager is responsible to the Board of Commissioners for overall supervision of employees, leadership and management, regulatory compliance, intergovernmental and professional relations, budget, finance, customer service, planning, water conservation and environmental awareness. Qualifications: Successful candidate must have at least 4 years supervisory/management experience preferably in water/sewer utility operation and a degree in business management, engineering, science, public administration or equivalent. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Salary based on qualifications and experience. Send applications and resumes by 5:00 p.m. Monday December 24th to Board of commissioners, Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, 22510 E. Mission Ave., Liberty Lake, WA 99019 LLSWD is an equal opportunity / affirmative action employer for additional job information see at www.libertylake.org.

MISC. FOR SALE

Acura snow tires with modern uni-fit wheels 205/55/16 like new. Have pictures on request. Grim_jameswroseann@centurylink.net, 509-688-4246, \$500.

Pottery Barn sterling silver Santa stocking holders, still in orig. pack/box. 1 pear, apple, 2, Xmas trees, 2, 2x3 pict frames, all I want for Christmas. \$8 each. Lib Lake, 535-5347.

Specialized road bike, never used, 2010, \$1200 new, sell for \$850, 891-5804.

REAL ESTATE

2-STORY HOME W/FIN BSMT

24233 E DESMET RD- Just a half block from Pump House Park, this 2,979 sq/ft home built in 2002 has it all! 5 Bedrooms all on the same level plus another in the basement. There's hardwood floors, nice backyard, granite tiled kitchen, gas fireplace, A/C, a 3-car garage and more! Only \$299,900. Call Brad Boswell RE/MAX of Spokane 509-710-2024 & view at boswellhomes.com.

JUMBO LOAN UNDERWATER? We may be able to help. Do you own a home with a mortgage (at origination) of over \$417,000 that is upside down? Call me (I live in Liberty Lake) at 509-255-6224, and I'll work you through the process to try to dramatically lower your mortgage, possibly create equity and also keep your property, possibly even if you have damaged credit. No upfront fees are collected. This is not a short sale nor a loan modification. MFG Capital Group is rated A+ by the Better Business Bureau. Give this a try, what do you have to lose?

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL -SAVE 20% on all residential & commercial interior painting. We use only: high quality/durable, low odor, low voc, interior paints. Call today for a free estimate, 509-481-0654, #ARPAIP*881M5.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Clean non-smoking van, Liberty Lake area - (GEG) Spokane International Airport, \$40 each way, reservations encouraged, late night - early morning, 509-270-3115, Tom's Airport Taxi.

ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Mature Liberty Lake woman with references wants to help by providing companionship, meal prep, errands, chauffeuring and laundry. Call 255-6736.

HOLIDAY LIMO LIGHT TOUR

Take your family or friends out for our 2 hour holiday light tour this season and enjoy elaborate displays throughout Spokane while enjoying your comfortable ride in one of our private 8 passenger limousines. We are scheduling evenings Monday through Thursdays until the end of the holiday season for only \$150. Book now to ensure your preferred date. Call Keith at 509-230-0820 for reservations.

HOMEMAID

Housecleaning and so much more! Laundry, organizing, grocery shopping, meal prep. A clean house is a great holiday gift. Gift certificates available. LBI www.homemaid-hhs.com, 230-7503. ...because every woman deserves a housewife!

Remodeling contractor: Licensed and bonded, Peterc*152re. 27 years experience, references. Decks, patios, garages, roofing, sheetrock taping and texturing, minor plumbing. All your remodeling needs. BBB accredited approved. Call Bruce, 710-4541.

Serving Liberty Lake for 10 years. Everything from plumbing leaks to fence repair to bathroom remodels. I'll finish your honey-do's. Paulman Services, PAULMS*991BT. References, 869-3062.

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Mature Liberty Lake woman with references will provide home check services this winter. Extremely trustworthy. Call 255-6736.

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Factory Trained Technician with over 20 years experience. Air Force Vet. Licensed/insured. Pickup and delivery available. M-F 10-5, Sat 9-12. Call Joel's Lawnmower Repair 924-5396.

YOU'VE GOT IT "MAID"

Licensed, bonded & insured. I'm honest and reliable. I take pride in what I do. I have great references & competitive rates. Call now: Gail, 509-385-1008.

WANTED

Children's play kitchen utensils and Melissa and Doug slicing food, Lincoln Logs, architectural wood blocks. For grandkids for Xmas, 255-5801.

STATEWIDE

REACH 2.7 MILLION READERS: The Splash participates in a statewide classified ad program that allows classified advertisers to submit ads for publication in more than 130 community publications throughout Washington. \$255 buys 1,180,746 circulation and 2,715,700 readers. For more information, contact Josh Johnson at 242-7752 or josh@libertylakesplash.com.

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- CLASSIFIED ADS must be received by noon Monday.
- DISPLAY AD COPY must be received by noon Friday.
- DISPLAY ADS (CAMERA-READY) must be received by noon Monday.
- INSERTS must be received at least 9 days in advance.
- LEGAL ADS must be received by noon Monday.

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Classifieds must be placed online at www.libertylakesplash.com or in person at 2310 N. Molter Road, Suite 305. Ads are not accepted by phone, email, fax or postal mail.

Advertising inquiries

Display, insert or legal ad inquiries can be made by phone at 242-7752 or email at advertise@libertylakesplash.com.

Advertising integrity

Inaccurate or deceptive advertising is never knowingly accepted. Complaints about advertisers should be made in writing to the Better Business Bureau and to advertise@libertylakesplash.com. The Splash is not responsible for the content of or claims made in ads.

EVENTS

IT'S HERE! THE ARTS &

Craft Christmas Event at The Art Chalet of Liberty Lake! (23106 E. Melkapsi St.) Thurs. Dec. 6th (10-8p.m.); Fri. Dec. 7th (10-8p.m.) and Sat. Dec. 8th (10-6p.m.) Art, antiques, jewelry, bags, hats, vintage Christmas, Syd's soaps, aprons, quilts, goodies & lots more! Door prizes each day! Free entry. Additional parking at Liberty Lake Community Church. www.theartchalet.com.

Kids (ages 5+) Art Christmas Workshop this Sat., Dec. 8th (1-3:30p.m.) at The Art Chalet of Liberty Lake. \$28. Will frame and wrap for a surprise masterpiece! Call 509-255-9600 or go to: www.theartchalet.com.

FOR RENT

3-bedroom, 2-bath home w/lg den, A/C, fence, in Liberty Lake close to schools, shopping, golf courses, park across the street. \$1,225, 509-998-1265.

LIBERTY LAKE CONDO

3-br/2-bath condo w/Liberty Lake golf course view, 1350/sq feet. Updated appliances. W/D, A/C. Includes water/sewer/garbage/assoc dues. 2-car garage. Best view in the complex. \$945/month plus deposit. 12 month lease. Ready now. Ryan, 509-998-8345.

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HELP WANTED

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DRIVER - \$0.01 increase per mile after 6 months and 12 months. Choose your home time. \$0.03 Quarterly bonus. Requires 3 months recent experience. 800-414-9569, www.driveknight.com.

DRIVERS - TIRED of being gone? We can get you home! Call Haney Truck Line one of best NW heavy haul carriers. Great pay/benefit package, 1-888-414-4467, www.GoHaney.com.

LEGAL SERVICES

DIVORCE \$155. \$175 with children. No court appearances. Complete preparation. Includes custody, support, property division and bills. BBB member. 503772-5295, www.paralegalalternatives.com, legalalt@msn.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE REQUEST
FOR VENDOR ROSTER APPLICATIONS

The City of Liberty Lake, in accordance with RCW 39.04.190, hereby advertises the existence of the City of Liberty Lake Vendor Roster. The City is soliciting names for the Vendor Roster. Applicants must be appropriately licensed to do business in the State of Washington and, if necessary, the City of Liberty Lake. Contract(s) are awarded to the vendor submitting the lowest possible bid. However, the City reserves the right to select vendors who have consistently maintained service standards and product quality. The City will always attempt to obtain the lowest practical price for such goods and services. The Vendor Roster application may be obtained at City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, Liberty Lake, WA, or electronically at the City's web page: <http://www.libertylakewa.gov/rfq/rfp/bids>.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOKANE

In the Matter of the Estate of No. 12-401376-6
DORIS MAE SPARKMAN EMERY, PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Deceased. RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of first publication: November 29, 2012

/s/ Christine L. Clark
CHRISTINE L. CLARK
Personal Representative

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Richard L. Sayre, WSBA #9400
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West 201 North River Drive, Suite 460
Spokane, Washington 99201-2262
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FOOD

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relieved my worries about having enough to eat each day."

The mom added that her son has also gained in ways that go far beyond the program's nutritional value.

"He knows that there have been times I've felt embarrassed just using the EBT card," she said. "(The program) makes him feel like he is also contributing. He brings it home, and he shares with me what he has in his sack. I think it makes him feel proud that he is doing his part."

The sensitivity and anonymity of the program is something the LLES mother particularly appreciates.

"The fact they understand this can be a sensitive subject for families — it's been very discreet," she said. "They've always

NEXT WEEK

A visit with the Barker High School Key Club members who support the program, including the unique perspective of some students who not only serve in Food for Thought, but are served by it.

COMING IN THE DEC. 13 SPLASH

been very positive and uplifting and more than willing to help. At no time have I ever felt that they looked down on us."

Indeed, the program itself has given the mom an opposite feeling of the local community and her place in it.

"It's continued to help me feel like a proud member of the community as opposed to someone just trying to look for a handout," she said. "I feel like I can still walk around the community with my head

held high. These people are opening their hearts and hands to help. Even though we don't know each other on a personal basis, anything I can do to help thank them is important to me."

And for this family, the hope is that Food for Thought helps provide an important bridge to a better life. The mom said she is on schedule to complete an educational degree in mid-June that will allow her to do a "different kind of work" that does not have some of the physical requirements she is no longer able to perform.

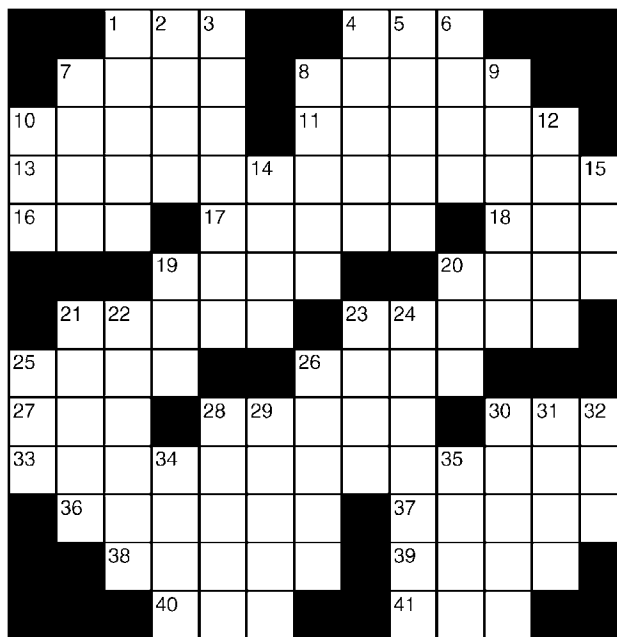
"Then we hope to give back to the community the way they've given to us," she said.

Editor's note: For more on how you can play a role in supporting the Food for Thought program this holiday season, see page 17.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Bam!"
- 4 Altar affirmative
- 7 Consequentially
- 8 Dodge
- 10 Decorate
- 11 Eateries
- 13 Good thing with a bad element
- 16 Pigpen
- 17 Beet-hoven's "Für —"
- 18 Slithery squeezer
- 19 Chow
- 20 Galley supply
- 21 Nervous



- 22 Panacea
- 23 Mediocre
- 24 As an alternative
- 25 Felon's flight
- 26 Curses
- 28 Fess up
- 29 Wherewithal
- 30 Web surfer's need
- 31 Responsibility
- 32 Recipe meas.
- 34 Needle case
- 35 Bygone Peruvian

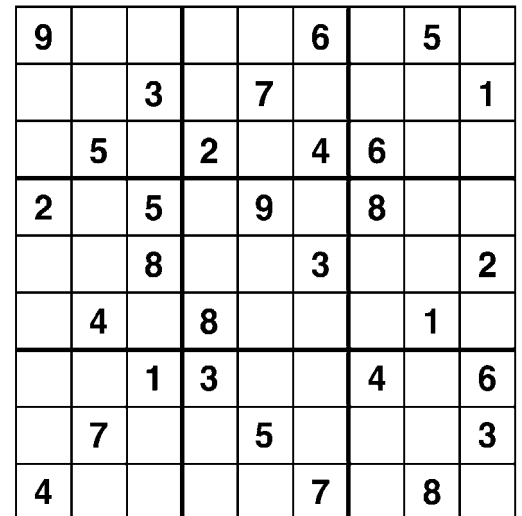
- 2 pair
- 40 "Monty Python" opener
- 41 Beavers' creation
- 7 Rewrite, maybe
- 8 Forgo the cue cards
- 9 — Council ("Survivor" meeting)
- 10 Mornings (Abbr.)
- 12 Sleep soundly?
- 14 Sad
- 15 Petrol
- 19 Wildebeest
- 20 Praise in verse
- 21 Dutch flower

DOWN

- 1 Substitute
- 2 Shrek is one
- 3 Is curious (about)
- 4 Wall-climbing plants
- 5 Thickly populated
- 6 Mined-over

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

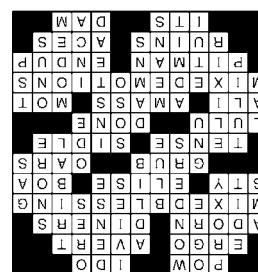


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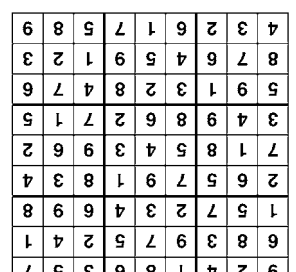
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Solution time: 25 mins.
Answers



Answer

At the Liberty Lake PORTAL

23403 E. MISSION AVENUE AT LIBERTY LAKE

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Restoring the American Dream

Matt Judy enjoys making it possible for his clients to realize their dreams. One day he had a man from the Philippines call his office, and say, "All I want is the American dream." And whether those dreams include securing employment, qualifying for financing, recovering from identity theft, or lowering insurance premiums, a good credit score can be essential.

"Good credit scores can lead to better employment, lower insurance premiums, better interest rates, and an overall better quality of life," Matt explained. "By far the most rewarding experience is when you take somebody that is hopeless, that doesn't think they can get a home loan, and make it possible."

As the only member of the eCreditAdvisor team in Liberty Lake, Matt offers credit restoration services with support from the home office, in Las Vegas. Operating since 2004, they employ about 25 people and have over 30,000 clients. Matt pointed out that "most clients come to us from loan officers, builders, or realtors. Right now we are 100% referral based. We don't advertise."



Matt Judy operates his credit restoration service from the Portal.

that could happen here, and if it did, the cameras would catch them. There are cameras everywhere." In addition, Matt commented on the after-hours security staff present in the building at all times. "I really like the security when I think about that," he noted.

Even though Matt's clients come from all over, he enjoys working so close to home. "The building is so centrally located, right next to where I live, and my gym is just across the street," Matt mentioned. "I like it for that reason as well."

And about the gentleman from the Philippines, Matt said, "The good news is that he got his American Dream."

"I really like the 24 hour cameras and the security personnel walking the halls." - Matt Judy, eCreditAdvisor

When the Light Switch Works

Unless you have recently put your hand on an electric fence, observed a cloud to ground lightning strike, or had the power go out, you likely take for granted that the electricity around you is brought safely from source to outlet. Frank Seiler of Inland Northwest Industrial Training is in the business of educating those individuals who help preserve the peace of mind that comes from proper design and installation of the wiring and electrical features around us.

"Essentially we provide training for the electrical trade and industries associated with it," Frank explained. In addition, his firm provides consulting services for companies developing their own team of electricians or in-house safety programs. Frank, with experience as a Master Electrician and a Certified Electrical Inspector, made the decision to start his own training firm in 2011. He and his wife Fay located their permanent classroom in the Liberty Lake Portal this past April.

And while "Electricity itself doesn't change," Frank pointed out that new products or industries cause changes to the code. Electricians are required to update their certification regularly, and Frank provides the necessary training to help them pass their certification exams or renew current certifications.

As an instructor he enjoys making a difference in an individual's ability to obtain meaningful work. "I have on several occasions had someone call up and thank me for the training because they passed their exam successfully," Frank recalled. "That's always nice to hear."



Frank Seiler conducts a training session for electricians at the Liberty Lake Portal.

Because most electricians learn visually, Northwest Industrial Training tries to provide many hands-on opportunities. And while he offers courses throughout the state, working out of a rented conference room in Yakima or Moses Lake is a bit more challenging than providing training at his home office in the Portal. Of their training room in the Portal, Frank noted, "It's nice to have a dedicated space where we can set up without having to bring in all the equipment."

With students coming from throughout the region, Frank appreciates the accessibility of the Portal, the ample parking, and quick access to a variety of food outlets. In addition he has found the building manager to be very attentive in making sure his needs as a tenant are quickly met.

Start your story here at The Portal.

Contact Steven Daines at 509.343.0103 for information.

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