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Gravity Jack Chief Operating Officer Mitch Williams takes note as cousins (from left) Megan and Hannah Crooks use an iPad to play games with MushAbellies characters. The augmented reality technology that turns the stuffed animal toy into a character in an interactive game was developed by the Liberty Lake company.

Toy + technology

How a LL company is bringing life to a stuffed animal

profiles:

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About Gravity Jack

Founded in 2009 by Luke Richey, Central Valley High School grad Mitch Williams, COO, was "employee No. 6" after leaving his final year at Whitworth University as a graphic design student. Gravity Jack has grown rapidly and currently employs 30 in its offices at 23505 E. Appleyway Ave.

Other Gravity Jack clients

Coca Cola, Bowflex, MySpace

By Jocelyn Stott
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Gravity Jack employs great minds in the realm of augmented reality software, but Chief Operating Officer Mitch Williams brought in some top-notch experts to weigh-in on his latest project — his cousins Megan and Hannah Crooks, ages 6 and 9, who live just down the road in Greenacres.

The product is MushAbellies, a round, plush animal character that makes an accompanying sound when squeezed in the middle. In 2005, the toy was a best-seller, but parent company Jay@Play wanted to add a new feature, so they sought out the Liberty Lake Company to produce it. Gravity Jack then looked to Megan and Hannah to perfect it.

"When the kids won't put it down, and it leads to hours of play, we know we're getting it right," said Williams, who added

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Splash file photo of the Five Cairns at the Half Moon Park roundabout in the River District.

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Calendar of events

COMMUNITY

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. 24 | Christmas Eve Celebration 2 and 4 p.m., Liberty Lake Church, 704 S. Garry Rd. For more: 255-6266 or libertylakechurch.com

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

Dec. 29 & Jan. 5 | Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Boy Scout Troop 401 is doing pick up of trees for a \$10 suggested donation. To schedule a pick-up: 866-541-1134 or troop401christmas@gmail.com

Recurring

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 cheshierll@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. 13 | Harvard Road Gateway

Roundabout Open House 6 to 8 p.m., Liberty Lake City Hall Council Chambers, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive. For more: 755-6700

Dec. 13 | Managing Stress: A Natural

Health Approach 6 p.m. Twisp Cafe, 23505 E. Appleway Ave. Free event led by Dr. Jeremiah Stevens of Stevens Naturopathic Center. Open to the public. To RSVP or for more: 590-1343

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

Liberty Lake Municipal Library Board 6:30 p.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 third Wednesday of each month, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

HEALTH & RECREATION

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Development code workshop revives discussion of design standards, signage

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Attendance was light, but the conversation was heavy at a development code workshop hosted by the city of Liberty Lake last week.

Big topics — like signage restrictions and the impact of design standards on commercial influx — were discussed at the Dec. 6 meeting in light of potential amendments to the development code in 2013. Passed in 2006, the code serves as a mechanism for implementing requirements outlined in the city's comprehensive plan, a blueprint for development in Liberty Lake over the next 20 years.

"It's always good to get feedback," said Amanda Tainio, the city's planning and building services manager. "We've revised it on an annual basis to function in a more streamlined, coordinated process. This is kind of a time to hear what's going on now and what we may need to docket for 2013 or future amendments."

The meeting at City Hall featured representatives from Huntwood, Garco Construction and Bernardo Wills/Architects, chiming in with ideas and concerns while Mayor Steve Peterson, City Administrator Katy Allen and Tainio tuned in. Council Member Lori Olander was also in attendance for the first part of the workshop.

"We're here to answer the customers, and you're the customers," Peterson said. "The message we're trying to take forward in the next four years is do we have all the tools we need to make us successful?"

Matt Hoffman of Garco related a story of one local business — Tire Distribution Center — that opted out of locating in Liberty Lake based on architectural improvements to a prospective site that were mandated by the city.

"We've had a couple of clients that had been looking at Liberty Lake, but because of the cost of adding architectural features, decided to look somewhere else," Hoffman said. "There are going to be some people that say 'I'm going to pay that extra to be in Liberty Lake,' but we've had a handful already that say, 'We're not going to pay the extra.'"

Bernardo, a Liberty Lake resident whose architectural firm has worked on a range of properties within the city, said developers "are looking for some sort of clarity about the code, about what the standards are and, almost more importantly, what the process is."

"The code needs a clear, reasonable path to navigate with reasonable, accurate durations for decisions," Bernardo said.



SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

Gary Bernardo of Bernardo/Wills Architects (forefront) makes a point during a Dec. 6 workshop on the city of Liberty Lake's development code. Matt Hoffman of Garco Construction and City Administrator Katy Allen are pictured in the background.

Reflecting on Hoffman's story about the tire store, Bernardo said sometimes it's a case of a company "spending a few extra bucks to be in Liberty Lake because that's where they want to be."

"We've heard this from a company that is looking now and would really like to be in Liberty Lake," Bernardo said. "They see it as an upgrade over Spokane Valley or the West Plains, and they're willing to factor that into the price of the project. One of the impediments for people locating in Liberty Lake isn't the cost of the design, it's the cost of the property."

Allen pointed out that Liberty Lake's emphasis on aesthetics has resulted in an environment that many companies find appealing. She said the ripple effect can also be seen in escalated property value.

"The businesses that are here who built to that standard want us to hold that standard," Allen said.

The city administrator added that the approach to development standards should be fair and consistent, adhere to regulatory standards and "include the expectations of the mayor and council because they set public policy."

"Maybe it's not just the code, maybe there are other things that we need to be aware of," Allen said. "I don't know if it's going by the book as much as it's the people or the organization that can convey a

positive work environment. It's that trust and credibility. The process is everything."

Alluding to the issue of signage, Brandon Hunt of Huntwood said the custom cabinet business would like to see an indicator along Interstate 90 that directs customers to the company's retail site.

"That's probably the biggest issue we have that's ongoing — trying to get people to realize where the Bargain Hunt store is," Hunt said. "At some point, it gets old saying 'We're behind the George Gee building.'"

Peterson said he would like to see two city-sponsored articulating signs on either side of the freeway in the style of the mammoth International Gateway Corporate Park electronic billboard near the Argonne/I-90 exit.

"We have 80,000 cars go by here a day, and I need to get them off the freeway and get them back here to spend money," Peterson said. "I want to deliver a marketing message. My goal is to sell stuff."

Allen said there have been concerns expressed by some businesses that "customers don't know where to find them, especially if they're not on a main arterial." Still, she emphasized that "we don't want to become a city of signs."

"We don't want billboards, we don't want strobe lights," Allen said. "Some people feel that signage makes a difference.

Others feel it doesn't make a difference."

Hunt acknowledged that a wayfinding sign program considered by the city several years ago "probably wasn't the way to go," but recommended that consideration be made for signage on a building that is proportionate to an increased percentage of the structure's outside space.

"I like the beauty of Liberty Lake, but also want to make sure you can find businesses," he said.

Bernardo agreed, saying signage limitation "can be a deal-breaker on the retail side."

"I like signage to be controlled — I don't like an eyesore, but I think signage on a building has a whole different meaning than it does on the streetscape," Bernardo said.

Comments from the workshop will be reviewed by the city's Planning Commission, Tainio said. The list of potential amendments includes topics such as the integration of trees and traffic signs, trail and path definitions and standards for exterior lighting, parking and landscaping.

Peterson said the city hopes to hear more thoughts from the development community as the process moves forward.

"We want to hear your comments," he said. "All we're trying to do is get the feedback so we can make the changes."

NEWS

Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Dec. 3-10.

Incidents and arrests

• **Obstruction and resisting arrest** — A 21-year-old Spokane man was arrested at 8:10 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Liberty Lake Albertsons parking lot for obstructing law enforcement and resisting arrest. The arrest was connected to an earlier call at Barker Road and Mission Avenue in Spokane Valley, where a business selling Christmas trees reported an employee was assaulted and an inflatable Santa Claus was cut with a knife by members of a group of males who showed up and then fled the business in a Honda Civic. When LLPD received a call of intoxicated males outside Albertsons, the officer recognized the Civic's license plate as connected to the earlier event. As officers arrived, the vehicle was spinning its tires and was sideways as it was driving through the parking lot, nearly striking an SUV. The officer pulled in front of the vehicle and the car tried to drive around him. The officer yelled at the driver to stop, which he did. While the driver was being detained, the rear passenger in the

vehicle became agitated and began yelling at the officers, telling them he would fight them. Officers told the man he was under arrest, and began to fight the officers when they attempted to handcuff him. He was taken into custody after a brief struggle. Other law enforcement authorities arrived, and the complainant from the Christmas tree incident identified the man how had resisted arrest as the person who damaged the inflatable Santa Claus. While officers were sorting out the incidents, two cars containing several subjects each arrived on scene, and it was determined they were friends of those that had been detained. They attempted to interfere with officers' investigation. The subjects were ordered to leave, but stayed in the parking lot watching the officers. Additional units were called to the scene to provide cover for the investigating officers. The Spokane man was issued citations for obstructing and resisting arrest, and was let out of handcuffs since he had calmed down, but he became agitated again and told the officers that he could "take all of you." The subject was told he needed to walk away or he would be booked into jail on the charges. The subject refused

to leave and began walking toward the officers. The officers took him back into custody and booked him into the Spokane County Jail.

• **Theft and trespass** — At 5:50 p.m. Dec. 4, LLPD received a report that a vehicle was vandalized while parked in the F5 Networks parking lot at the 1300 block of North Whitman Lane. The vandalism/theft occurred the morning of Dec. 3. The complainant said he was told by co-workers after the fact that it appeared mechanics were working on the vehicle while it was in the parking lot. When the complainant checked on the vehicle, he determined the catalytic converter had been removed from the vehicle. The case has been assigned to Detective Ray Bourgeois for follow-up investigation.

• **Commercial burglary** — At 9 a.m. Dec. 5, LLPD received a report of a commercial burglary at the 1300 block of North Liberty Lake Road. The complainant stated that a flat-screen television, 70 bottles of nail polish and nail grinder equipment were stolen from the business overnight. Officers did not locate any sign of forced entry into the business. Tools likely used to remove the

television from a mount were located at the scene and taken for evidence.


• **Accident** — At 8:15 p.m. Dec. 4, LLPD was dispatched to a one vehicle vs. median collision at Appleway and Liberty Lake Road.

• **Road rage** — At 11:30 p.m. Dec. 6, LLPD was dispatched to a road rage incident at the 23000 block of East Mission Avenue. The complainant reported a reckless driver in the area, and that he was involved in an argument with the driver. After the argument, the complainant stated the suspect continued to follow him around the city.

• **Family dispute** — At 10 p.m. Dec. 6, LLPD was dispatched to the 2000 block of North Sedge Lane when dispatch advised that 911 received a call from the location but that the subject on the line did not say anything and hung up the phone. When 911 called back the number, the phone was picked up then immediately disconnected. Upon arrival, it was determined there was a family dispute between a teenager and parents. The situation was calm when officers arrived, and it was determined no crime was committed.

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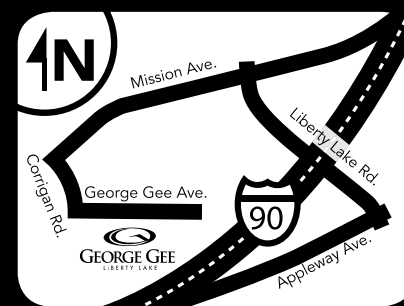
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School board switches chairs

Liberty Lake director named VP in annual shuffling of leadership positions

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

The Central Valley School District board of directors shuffled a few responsibilities around Monday in its annual election of officers.

With the voting accomplished early in the meeting, Tom Dingus claimed the gavel as the new board president and ran the rest of the meeting, replacing outgoing president Debra Long. Amy Mason, who as a resident of the community represents Liberty Lake in CV's District 5, was selected as vice president. Mason was appointed to the position in June 2011.

With the exception of Board Member

Keith Clark retaining his post as legislative representative, the board leadership positions are largely rotational, and no discussion was held among the five-person board as the changes were announced.

Long was honored by her fellow board members with a card and plaque marking her service.

"I know it comes every five years and we have our system, but it really is an honor to serve this board," said Long, who was first elected to the board in 2003. "Each time you do it, you grow by leaps and bounds. This is such an incredible district, and this job is made easy because of the people we have within our system."

Board Member MJ Bolt, who is wrapping up her first year of service, led all of the board members in thanking Long.

"Thanks for serving as my first presi-

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POLICE

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- **Assist in pursuit** — At 11:30 p.m. Dec. 5, LLPD was dispatched to assist the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office with an attempt to locate a suspect who had exited a vehicle and ran from deputies after a pursuit. The vehicle information returned to a Liberty Lake address, and officers were asked to check on the residence to see if the suspect may be at the home or to see if the vehicle may have been stolen from the residence. Officers checked the residence and determined the owners of the home recently moved in and did not have a vehicle matching the description of the one being chased and did not know the registered owner of the vehicle. Kootenai County was notified, and LLPD was told the suspect had been located and was in custody.

- **False alarm** — At 9:15 a.m. Dec. 7, LLPD was dispatched to a silent hold-up alarm at the 21000 block of East Country Vista Drive. It was determined the alarm was false.

- **Theft** — At 8:45 p.m. Dec. 7, LLPD was dispatched to Liberty Lake Albertsons, where it was reported that at about 7:30 p.m., a male wearing a brown jacket and blue jeans came into the store with a dog and took some beer from the alcohol cooler, then left the store without paying. The video surveillance showed a white male between 30-35 years of age, approximately 5-foot-10, with a German Sheppard on a leash. He walked to the beer cooler, removed several cans of beer and then walked out of the store. The store employees did not recognize the subject as a prior customer

in the store. The case has been assigned to Bourgeois for follow-up investigation and to attempt to identify the suspect.

- **Threat** — At 3:45 p.m. Dec. 6, LLPD was dispatched to the 1600 block of North Signal Road for a report of a threat made over the phone. The complainant stated a customer called in asking questions about his account and became upset, admitted he had been drinking, then told the call receiver he was going to beat everyone at the facility up. He then asked the employee if he liked to fight and threatened to kill him. The customer information was provided to LLPD.

- **DWLS** — LLPD officers made two arrests for driving with a suspended license during the reporting period, including:
 - A 24-year-old Spokane woman at 8:40 p.m. Dec. 3 at Harvard Road and Mission Avenue;
 - A 24-year-old Spokane man at 7 a.m. Dec. 6 at the 1600 block of North Molter Road.

Calls for service

Alarm	1
Attempt to locate	1
Burglary	1
Obstructing justice	1
Property theft	2
Suspicious person	1
Threatening	1
Traffic accident	1
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Citations

DWLS	2
Liability insurance	2
Failure to move	1
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PLACARD PRIDE

As city considers design options for new roundabout, leaders review how current signage reflects area's history, character

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Visitors to Dodge City in Kansas are greeted by a gateway sign that looks like the silhouetted version of John Wayne and his frontier posse. Nearly a dozen alloy outlines of cowboys and horses stand atop a stone perch resembling layers of a desert canyon. The letters spelling out the name of the town — in classic Cowboy Western font — are situated next to the profile of a steer.

In Glendale, Calif., towering palm trees serve as the backdrop of a gateway marker accented by pastel swirls and highlighted by a column that recalls the geometric Art Deco style made popular in the 1930s. To the north of Glendale, in Tualatin, Ore., metal geese soar out of a facsimile lake in a sign at the edge of the city.

Mike Terrell appreciates the time and creativity that go into a good sign. In addition to his work on local landmarks like Pavillion Park and Rocky Hill Park, the Liberty Lake-based landscape architect has designed placards and markers that can be found everywhere from the River District to points along the community's signature trail system.

Recently, Terrell served as the design consultant for the city of Spokane Valley's long-awaited gateway sign. The marker near the western boundary of the city incorporates the industrial history of the area with a metal likeness of the municipal logo while stone and turf elements pay homage to the nearby Dishman Hills.

"I think gateway signs are good for the culture, recognition and pride of a community," Terrell said. "They give a sense of permanence and establishment."

At the Nov. 20 meeting of the Liberty Lake City Council, Terrell provided his pitch for another project. Appearing with representatives of the Washington State Department of Transportation, Terrell discussed preliminary ideas for a roundabout at the convergence of Mission, Harvard and the Interstate 90 offramp. A workshop on the roundabout is scheduled today (Dec. 13) at City Hall.

Terrell told council members last month that a gateway sign at the round-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Mike Terrell of MT-LA, a Liberty Lake-based landscape architecture firm, recently presented to the Liberty Lake City Council about the heritage of signage in the Liberty Lake area as well as trends and materials used here and in other areas of the country. Pictured are a few of the signs referenced in his presentation. As the city looks to develop a roundabout at the intersection of Harvard Road, Mission Avenue and the I-90 westbound off-ramp, Terrell presented that one of the objectives the city should continue to consider is to "create a design language for civic identity." Terrell, who has had a hand in designing many community signs and landmarks, shared the thought and background that went into many of the community's identity markers.

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about "would establish a sense of place and identity for Liberty Lake." He noted the city's first gateway signs — situated on either side of southbound Harvard Road — signify "a more urban, refined look." Constructed primarily of brick and accented by granite, the dignified markers look like they have been extracted from a college campus.

"The brick represents permanence and stability," Terrell said. "The granite is historical material that is indigenous to the area."

For the sign at the doorstep of Greenstone's River District, Terrell incorporated

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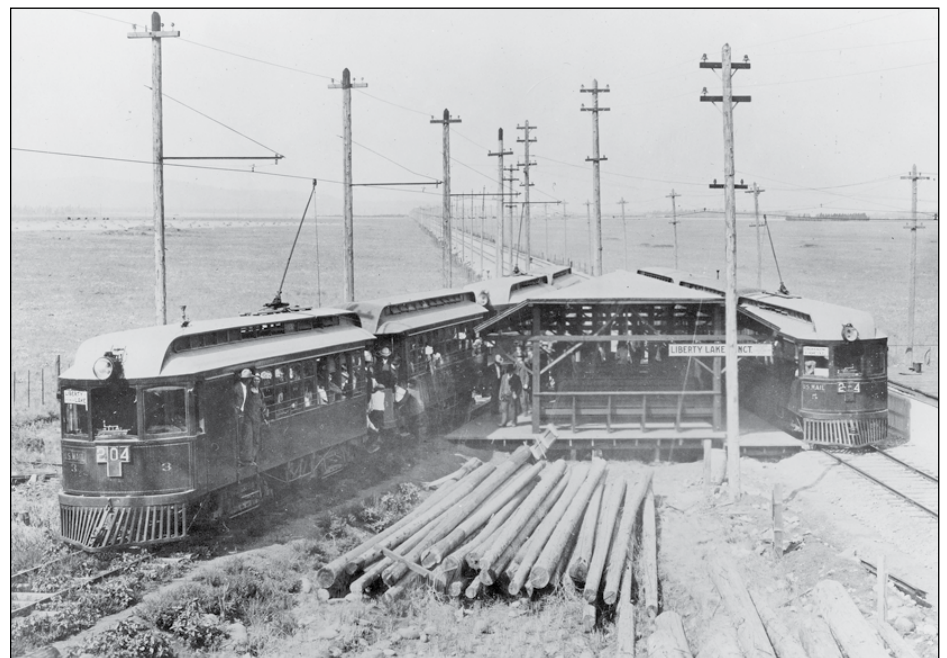


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This historical photo shows Liberty Lake Junction, the spot where a spur line was built off the main track to take resort-goers into Liberty Lake beginning in the early 1900s. Today, this same site is planned to be developed in 2013 into a roundabout where Harvard, Mission and an off-ramp converge just north of Interstate 90. Among the options for the design of the roundabout is to incorporate some of the site's heritage into the plans.

COVER STORY

SIGNAGE

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a material called corten steel, which rusts naturally and produces a rich, distinctive color. The logo and lettering of the residential area are set in aluminum which Terrell said “reflect more of modern sense.” The foundation of the sign features a neat patchwork of cobblestone, a tribute to the minerals formed by the nearby Spokane River.

“With that project there was really a sense of bringing it all together,” Terrell said.

From the neon of Las Vegas to the corrugated steel of Pittsburgh, signage in a particular region often mirrors the atmosphere and history of the area it represents. Terrell notes that most signs in Boise, for example, are made from the sandstone mined in the hills surrounding the city.

“Every business sign there is sandstone,” Terrell said. “If you want to stand out in Boise, it might be better to go with something other than sandstone.”

For several sign projects in Liberty Lake, Terrell has drawn upon a theme found on an entry gate post to a house that he said probably dated back to the 1920s. The post included a unique concrete capstone that fit over the brick column like a stylish lid. Terrell has also blended elements of the old granite well-house that once stood on the acreage where Rocky Hill Park is now located.

“The biggest challenge is finding the right granite,” said Terrell, who studies the geological, cultural and architectural history of the area to emerge with design ideas.

Since incorporating as a city in August 2001, Liberty Lake has been known for a sign code that leans more conservative than gaudy. Over the years, most municipal leaders have emphasized the importance of avoiding the sprawl of signage that has characterized Spokane Valley to the west, particularly the commercial clutter along Sprague Avenue.

“I think there has been more care taken in Liberty Lake with signage,” Terrell said. “We have an opportunity to approach it from an aesthetic standpoint where you don’t end up with something like you find on the I-5 corridor.”

As for the potential of the roundabout project, Terrell said the landmark “could have many layers to it,” including a water feature and a collection of trees. He noted that the late Lud Kramer, former Washington Secretary of State and one of

the founding figures of the city of Liberty Lake, often mentioned the idea of Evergreens signaling the start of the city as visitors approached from Idaho.

“It was just this sense that Washington is green, and that’s what you should see when you arrive here,” Terrell said.

The roundabout site has a history that dates back to the old Liberty Lake Junction utilized by the Spokane and Inland Empire Railroad. Back in 1903, a rail line was built on the south side of the Spokane Valley, running through communities like Edgecliff, Dishman and Opportunity before reaching Liberty Lake and continuing on its final destination in Coeur d’Alene. Later, a spur line carried passengers from the junction to the park near the shores of Liberty Lake, turning the area into what Spokane and Inland Empire President Jay P. Graves described in 1909 as “a first-class summer resort.”

Ross Schneidmiller, president of the Liberty Lake Historical Society, said the proposed roundabout location is part of a railway history “that put Liberty Lake on the map.”

“The electric railway really made Liberty Lake unique from all the other lakes in the area,” Schneidmiller said.

Schneidmiller and other members of the historical society are in the visionary stages of a project that would add unique historical markers to the Liberty Lake landscape. Terrell is among the local consultants who have been brought in to discuss the idea, which would involve placing signage with both decorative and informational components at sites like Pavillion Park.

“I think there are real opportunities to present our history and also beautify the city,” Schneidmiller said.

Schneidmiller applauded the efforts of Terrell and others to incorporate the heritage of the area in signage and other architecture throughout Liberty Lake.

“It’s a good example of the fact that something is going on and people are saying, ‘OK, what went on historically here?’” he said.

Time will tell if the roundabout will include a small forest of Evergreens, a cobblestone wall or a nostalgic reference to the old train depot. In the meantime, Terrell will continue to hearken back to the past as he contemplates the signs of the future.

“Signs are important,” Terrell said. “They’re a lot like landscaping — you’re designing something that’s going to be around for quite a while.”

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12/7	CV vs. Lewis and Clark	42-40	W

GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/4	CV vs. Mead	54-45	L
12/7	CV vs. Lewis and Clark	66-56	L

GYMNASTICS

12/5	CV vs. Mead	154.25-149.35	L
12/5	CV vs. Shadle Park	149.35-137.65	W
12/5	CV vs. North Central	149.35-122.475	W

WRESTLING

12/5	CV vs. Lewis & Clark	40-36	W
12/6	CV vs. North Central	49-21	W

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

DECEMBER 14

5:30 p.m. CV Boys Basketball vs. Gonzaga Prep
7 p.m. CV Girls Basketball vs. Gonzaga Prep

DECEMBER 14-15

CV Wrestling at Tri-State Tournament, North Idaho College

DECEMBER 18

5:30 p.m. CV Girls Basketball at Shadle Park
7 p.m. CV Boys Basketball at Shadle Park

DECEMBER 20

5:30 p.m. CV Girls Basketball at North Central
7 p.m. CV Boys Basketball at North Central

Off and running



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SPOKANE SPORTS SHOTS

The Central Valley High School boys basketball team kicked off its Greater Spokane League schedule in winning fashion. The Bears beat Mead 61-54 behind 21 points from Austin Rehkow (above). At left, Adam Chamberlain eyes the basket as he glides past a Mead defender. The Bears, last year's runner-up at the state tournament, are off to a 2-0 start in league play.

CV wrestling quartet win at IEC

By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

While awaiting the championship matches of Central Valley's Inland Empire Classic wrestling tournament, in casual conversation coach **John Owen** talked about how inner belief is necessary for athletic greatness.

Bears 182-pounder **Tanner Davis** couldn't agree more. He was one of four CV wrestlers to win his respective Inland Empire weight class over the weekend.

Davis is in the final year of a successful career. He gained varsity experience as a freshman, and a year later finished fourth in state at 160 pounds.

"I never dreamed I would have gotten as far as I did as soon as I did," he said.

Last year, however, at the same weight, Davis slipped a bit, placing fifth.

"You know," Davis said following his IE championship win, "every sport you do is all mental. After that first round, you feel the guy out, and you know if you're going to win or if you're going to lose."

Davis' effort last Saturday had to buoy his confidence.

Two of his triumphs came over returning second-place state finishers, Chandler Knight from Colville and Cody Johnson from Post Falls.

"I wrestled (and beat) two state finalists," Davis said. "It's just a great feeling."

CV's other IE champs were junior **Colton Orrino** (a returning state finalist and third placer in his first two years) in the 132-pound weight bracket, sophomore **Blake Beard** (fifth in state last year) at 126 and freshman **Bryson Beard** at 113.

Owen has high expectations for his quartet this year.

Who made this schedule?

Central Valley's young girls basketball team couldn't have had a more arduous beginning to its Greater Spokane League schedule.

The Bears first four games are against the top three preseason ranked league teams — plus rival University.

CV was beaten 54-45 by Mead (2-0) and 66-56 by Lewis and Clark (2-0), the league's preeminent program.

Madison Hovren scored 38 points in the two losses, and **Molly Barnhart** contributed 24.

The team was at home Tuesday against University (0-2) and hosts preseason favorite Gonzaga Prep (2-0) Friday at 7 p.m.

Bears boys win two

CV's boys won a pair of close games during the first week of Greater Spokane league basketball.

The Bears beat Mead (1-1) 61-54 as **Austin Rehkow** scored 21 points and **Beau Byus** added 18 more. Sans Rehkow, the team escaped Lewis and Clark (1-1) 42-40 as **Adam Chamberlain** scored 13 points.

Rehkow was in California accepting an award as the country's top high school placekicker.

The Bears (2-0), one of three unbeaten teams in the Greater Spokane League, faces the other two in a tough week. They played U-Hi on Tuesday and meet Gonzaga Prep at home Friday in the 5:30 p.m. opener.

Gymnasts show promise

Prior to the season, CV gymnastics coach **Kim Brunelle** said her team would be improved. If the first week was an indicator, it might have been an understatement.

The Bears scored 149.35 points, the week's second-best total, behind defending state champion Mead's 154.25 as the Greater Spokane League began its season.

Freshman **McKinzie Carter** finished second all-around at 31.675, winning vault and finishing second to sophomore teammate **Issabella Erdem** during floor exercise.

The gymnastics schedule is different than others: A series of meets in which a CV can meet a Mead three times, but a University only once. The last meeting of teams counts in the standings.

CV's "counter" with U-Hi is at 6 p.m. tonight (Dec. 13) at the Mead/Mt. Spokane Gymnastics center. Its counter with Mead isn't until the final competition of the season, Jan. 24.

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through the American Board of Anti-Aging and Regenerative Medicine in Chicago, making her the only physician in the Spokane area with this board certification.

Building Blocks



SPLASH PHOTO BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Work is progressing on the new entrance canopy at Liberty Lake Municipal Library. Library Director Pamela Mogen said they are waiting for the roof to come, and painting will be completed once the weather permits. Baker Construction and Development is overseeing the project.

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Scouts replace flag



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Liberty Lake Boy Scout Troop 463 recently lowered the weathered flag at American West Bank in Liberty Lake and raised a new flag. Pitching in were Scoutmaster Cory Wright, Assistant Scoutmaster Sam Brubaker, Tenderfoot Scout Steven Staples and Life Scout Jake Pedigo.

Local Lens

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Hunting for the elusive gingerbread man



SPLASH PHOTOS BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Students from Mrs. Sine's kindergarten class question Beverly Burkhalter, head secretary at the Central Valley Kindergarten Center, about the icing on her face during the hunt for their missing gingerbread men. Kids looked for clues to locate the decorated gingerbread men who went missing from their classroom during recess.

All CVKC classes decorated—and later enjoyed eating—gingerbread men in conjunction with a unit on the famous story.



Grace Arthur decorates a gingerbread man in Mrs. Sine's class at the Central Valley Kindergarten Center.



After finding the missing gingerbread men, Jake Dahmen enjoys eating a cookie with his classmates.

Had a ball ...



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About 240 supporters attended the Friends of Pavillion Park Holiday Ball Saturday at Spokane's Historic Davenport Hotel. The event is the sole fundraiser for the Liberty Lake organization.



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Splash Travels



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Vince and Teri Lemus took along The Splash on their honeymoon trip to London at the end of October. The couple visited Picadilly Circus (left) and the medieval town of Lavenham (above).

They planned the trip in conjunction with the 20th reunion of the Thorpeness Rugby Club, where Vince served as team captain when he was stationed at RAF Bentwaters, Suffolk.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jared Von Tobel and his family brought The Splash along on a recent trip to Disneyland and California Adventure.

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Gravity Jack developers and their families also had a great time developing the toy.

Thanks to Gravity Jack's technology, MushABellies now features augmented reality (AR) run by an app on smart phones, tablets and iPods with a camera. The toy comes in several animal-like characters like Heckle Hedgehog, Finless Frog, Conan Cow, Racket Raccoon, Buzzie Bee and Mungo Monkey. Once purchased, the package comes with a Passport Pack with AR cards that look like 2 by 2-inch cardboard slides.

The cards are scanned by a mobile device, which runs the free app downloadable from Android or Apple stores. When scanned, the cards and the surrounding area become a game on the device, allowing characters like Mungo Monkey to jump from a springboard into a barrel. MushABellies work great for collecting, so Finless Frog can also shoot from a cannon into a hollow tree, and so on. The real world is also in the game, so if the cards are on a picnic table in the park, the park is there, too.

Augmented reality is created by scanning and incorporating the surrounding "real world" into a mobile device so that it appears as part of the on-screen background and/or activity. It then picks up coding in a graphic, known as a marker. AR is used in movie posters to become a movie trailer or as demonstration video on a product guide. In the case of MushABellies, it's part of an interactive game for kids to play with their favorite cartoon characters.

Megan likes to watch Hannah fling the raccoon into a trashcan while the colorful Racket says, "Wahooooo!"

This is one of Hannah's favorite parts of the game, too. They both like that their cousin played a large role in making it.

Hannah thinks a trampoline option would be fun for bouncing her characters into the air. At MushABellies.com, extra Bounce Cards (used as markers) are available — including a drum and, lucky for Hannah, a trampoline.

Williams said the graphics for the program took a week or two per character. They start in two dimension, and then programmers turn them into 3-D. The whole game development process took the team about 10 months.

Launched in September, the toy makers won't know until after the holidays if their toy is a hit with everyone. To help spread the word, a close friend of the Williams' family, Sam McGhee of Spokane, made a commercial featuring Hannah and Megan, along with other children, viewable online on the MushABelly website.

What was it like to be on a commercial?

"It was cool," Hannah said. "It made me feel like I was almost, like, famous or something."

Williams explained that his young cousins were important to the design process in a way he really values.

"Today, kids pick up technology intuitively," he said. "They just know what to do with it in a way that many adults don't. If they pick it up, we can come closer to predicting how things will work in the future."

The girls describe the intuitive design a

little differently.

"It's easier to play than Angry Birds," Hannah said of the "other" popular online game.

"It's fun because the animals are cute. I want there to be a koala bear, too," Megan added as Williams took note.

"Oooh, polar bears and penguins, too!" offered Hannah, cueing more note-taking by Williams.

The girls' mother, Heather Crooks, said she likes the toy because it's fun for them and age-appropriate.

"I don't worry that the girls are going to experience anything I'm not comfortable with in a toy like this," she said. "It's safe."

Heather enjoyed the family connections that came with the toy development — including the multiple generations involved. She added that just about everyone uses mobile technology in some way — even grandparents.

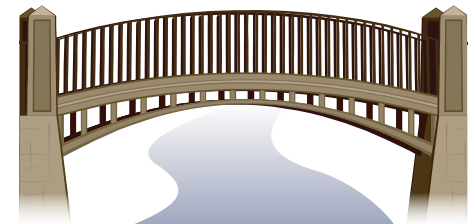
"But my grandma and grandpa are old, so they only play Scrabble and Words With Friends on iPad," Hannah said.

Williams said he hopes holiday sales show that grandparents like to include MushABellies as gifts, but he also hopes Santa will provide an extra marketing push.

"We extended a special deal to the elves at the workshop, so MushABellies could possibly arrive by sleigh and reindeer, too," he said.

Shoppers without North Pole connections may find the toy locally at Walgreen's Target, Kmart, Justice and Fred Meyer — and online at Mushabellies.com.

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Why it's best to give and receive

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF COLUMN



Remember that whole “do unto others” thing we were taught to live by?

Let's just say a refresher course came rushing back to me when I sat down with Zach Chichester, 18, earlier this month. Despite the fact it was conference week and school wasn't in session, Chichester made a special trip along with six other students into Barker High School to tackle a task that has become a weekly routine for the school's Key Club members: packing bags of food for fellow students in need.

I watched as the students took boxes of food from the Spokane Valley Partners food bank and separated them into about 80 individual bags — each one containing two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, six drinks and six snacks. The bags were grouped into the eight schools served by the program.

After he broke down boxes for recycling, I asked what is typically the toughest question of the “five Ws and an H” — why?

Why, Zach, would you come in when you don't have to be here to pack bags for fellow students, some as young as kindergartners, who may be relying on the dona-



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

Members of the Barker High School Key Club take time for a photo after finishing up another weekly session of sorting and packing bags for the Food for Thought program. Pictured, from left, are Jacob Dunning, Zach Chichester, Calynn Moore, Caden Brown, Lindsey Dahl, Cody Dorn and Katie Husted.

tions for weekend food?

“I like the fact that in the situation I'm in — I'm homeless — that this is helping people out in the same situation,” Chichester replied.

He went on to share that he not only gives time every week to the program, but he is a recipient.

“The weekends, I don't get food that much,” he said. “This program helps me out because during the week I get food because I get free and reduced lunch.”

As if, you know, having food for its life-giving nutritional value weren't enough, Chichester pointed out some of the practical implications being able to eat over the weekend has on his day-to-day life, including his readiness to tackle his educational priorities come Monday morning.

“When I wasn't eating that much, I was having a bad attitude,” Chichester said. “I noticed that since I get food, it helps my attitude on Monday.”

Chichester wasn't the only Key Club

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How to turn \$12 into two weekends of food for a local student. **PAGE 21**

member who spoke to the double benefit of both giving of his time and receiving food from the program. For Cody Dorn, 16, he is using his Key Club volunteer work as experience and a reference as he applies for jobs like bagging groceries. As to receiving weekend food from the program?

“I don't have milk for cereal, and they have milk in the bags,” he said.

Calynn Moore, 15, lives in a household of seven where she is the oldest of five kids, but she is not related by blood to her caregivers. She said there is often not enough food to go around. In her case, she said she received food from the program before she ever realized where the food was originating.

“While I was receiving the bags, I didn't know where they were coming from, I just

knew it was to help,” she said. “When I started Key Club this year, to know that I can help give back with what was given to me — it made a lot more sense to me to actually give back.”

Later, I talked to Central Valley School District Superintendent Ben Small about the program and about kids like these Key Club members.

“I can only hope I am giving back to our community as much as our kids are,” he said.

The program has room to grow — literally a waiting list of schools who want to help feed kids on the weekend — but has the usual problem that there are only so many resources to expand.

Should it take being on the receiving end to remind us why it's so vital to give? No, it shouldn't. But I'm grateful for the examples of those who give what they have with no thought to what they have not.

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

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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Letter to the Editor

All's well with North Spokane Corridor — but the name

Our new North Spokane Corridor freeway represents a significant addition to Spokane. Let us rename it “Bing Crosby Freeway.” A significant freeway deserves to be named after a significant entertainer from the 20th century.

Our family celebrated Thanksgiving at my sister-in-law's home at Colbert. We drove on the North Spokane Corridor for the completed five-mile stretch. This new freeway will have a positive impact regard-

ing traffic flow to Highway 395 for years to come.

I was impressed with the freeway, except for the name. North Spokane Corridor is rather boring, dull and lacks imagination. We can do better.

Christmas is just around the corner. When I think of Christmas music, I think of Bing Crosby's “White Christmas.” Bing is Spokane's favorite son.

Changing a freeway name is expensive. Our politicians need to sign off on the

name change. Let's write our politicians and Washington State Department of Transportation officials.

Your choice: We can stay with North Spokane Corridor, or we can change the name to Bing Crosby Freeway. If approved, Spokane will honor our favorite son and promote Spokane, a win-win. Let us write and call our public officials.

I need your help.

Thomas M. McLaughlin
Liberty Lake

NEWS

BOARD

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dent, fielding a lot of phone calls from me and being very generous with your time,” Bolt said.

Board Member Keith Clark also thanked Long and wished her luck in her recent transition into another presidential role — leading the board of directors for the Washington State School Directors’ Association.

In other business:

- CVSD Superintendent Ben Small said Mayor Steve Peterson of Liberty Lake and Mayor Tom Towey of Spokane Valley have each provided letters of support for a funding request regarding a planned second phase for Spokane Valley Tech. CVSD serves as the lead district among the four Valley districts that have developed and operate the skills center campus, which opens in January. The districts are asking the state legislature to approve \$2.5 million in funding for a second phase for the project.

- The school board approved the hiring of Mark Weis as the district’s new director of maintenance.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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

In memory of Ellen’s father, who never allowed anyone to go hungry, even those he did not know, when he left the orphanage where he was raised. The Bernardo Family

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.)



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. Community-submitted “thoughts” will be shared in December issues of The Splash.

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.



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

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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!

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PASSED BY LIBERTY LAKE CITY COUNCIL

The following is the title and summary of Ordinance No. 196-C passed by the City of Liberty Lake City Council on the 4th day of December, 2012.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 196 PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 13, 2011, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING SALARY SCHEDULES FOR ESTABLISHED POSITIONS";

Section 1 states the following accounts contained in the 2012 Budget are hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit "A".
Section 2 states the explanations of the amendments are listed in Exhibit "B".
Section 3 establishes a severability clause in the event some portion of the Ordinance is held invalid.
Section 4 provides for an effective date of five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance summary.

The full text of the Ordinance, including the aforementioned Exhibits, is available at the City of Liberty Lake City offices as identified above and on the City's website www.libertylakewa.gov. A copy will be mailed or emailed upon request.

Ann Swenson, CMC, City Clerk Published: 12/13/12

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

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Date of first publication: November 29, 2012

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

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In the Matter of the Estate of No. 12-401444-4
CAROL B. METZ, 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.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of No. 12-401443-6
ROBERT D. AUSTIN, PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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MAXINE J. JONES, PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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- 1 Soft muddy stuff
5 Swabbie's tool
8 Cinderella's horses, really
12 Apiary structure
13 Anger
14 Out of control
15 Iowa city
16 Slapstick missile
18 Joan of Arc, for instance
20 Slanders in print
21 Cambodia neighbor
23 "Le Coq —"
24 "Old soldiers —"
28 Use a strainer
31 Opposite of -Down
24 -Down
32 "No man is an island" poet
34 Lincoln, to pals
35 Safecracker
37 Be dishonest
39 Historic time
41 Thin streak of smoke
42 Thespians
45 Concealed
49 Formal attire

11x11 crossword grid with black squares indicating non-letter positions.

DOWN

- 1 Fraud
2 Peru's capital
3 Finished
4 Mortar's partner
51 Architect
52 Tardy
53 Grecian vessel
54 Pet shop enclosure
55 Basin accessory
56 — -relief
57 Grandson of Eve
5 Teeny-tiny plants
27 Peps up
29 Justice Dept. agcy.
30 Golf ball holder
33 Otherwise
36 Food merchant
38 Each
40 Noah's boat
42 Competent
43 Talon
44 Half a ticket
46 Slender
47 Therefore
48 Accomplishes
50 Playwright Levin

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Answers for the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, including a 21-minute solution time for the crossword.

Merry Christmas from the Liberty Lake PORTAL

Making a Difference through Ministry

For Nelson Briggs, a day at the office includes helping people change their life for the better. His ministry is designed to “Promote positive life change and faith movement through presenting the Gospel message, provide a supportive environment where people can make first time decisions for Jesus, and strengthen the faith of believers through conversation, involvement, and authentic relationship.”

According to Nelson, “Explaining and applying God’s Word to our lives in real and practical ways will find people where they are, help them get through, show them how much God really loves them, and what a life committed to following Jesus looks like.”

With the website WWW.NelsonBriggs.com serving as the hub, the ministry is also active on Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn - and they are starting Twitter and MySpace channels as well.

“The quality of people on my team is impressive,” Nelson explained. “Some of these folks include a deeply committed Christian who designs professional websites for a living, an entrepreneur and business owner that I used to work for, a career police officer from Spokane, a staffer at Western Seminary, and a consultant who was a managing director at the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. As God guides us, and as resources allow, we are working on a DVD set, a couple of books, and am in the process of planning some on-location faith events (crusades). God is

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- Nelson Briggs
Nelson Briggs Ministries

really at work here – and great things are happening.”

In addition to the outreach through social media, Nelson Briggs Ministries offers a host of other services. Nelson is available for speaking at your church or event, life and faith coaching, ministry and team development, and pastoral assistance. To learn more, Nelson invites everyone to visit the website or catch



Nelson’s office at the Portal doubles as a production studio. He uses all forms of media in his ministry.

up with him at one of his favorite places to hang out – Starbucks.

Regarding his current location, Nelson remarked “Our office at the Liberty Lake Portal has been a real blessing. The owners and management are supportive and responsive, and the mix of tenants lends to a professional working environment – this place is top notch!”

Operations for Nelson Briggs Ministries are funded by donations from many who share in the desire to reach the world for Jesus. As a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization, all support and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Venture Design Goes Underground

Coal mining received quite a bit of attention during the recent election, but you probably never heard any candidate mention a group of Liberty Lake engineers who are revolutionizing the coal mining workplace.

From their upstairs office in the Portal, Jim Barrett, General Manager of Venture Design Services, and his team have created a wireless system called MineTracer that enables tracking and communication with underground miners. MineTracer not only increases mine productivity, but significantly increases the ability to assist miners should accidents occur in the underground workplace.

In 2003, Jim and his team were hired by Venture Corporation Ltd, a global electronics manufacturer based in Singapore. “During that period Agilent Technologies was downsizing, and Jim felt fortunate his group could continue designing Agilent products with a new company,” explained Business Development Manager Eric Pirttima. “They literally picked up and went across the street.”

Jim’s group became a Research and Development satellite of the parent company, and soon thereafter discovered the opportunity to make a difference in the coal mining industry. Historically, when a miner headed underground at the start of a shift, his whereabouts were simply unknown until he returned to the surface at the end of the work day.

With the Venture Design Mine Tracer system, wireless access points establish a network throughout a maze of underground tunnels in an area sometimes as large as the entire Spokane Valley. The miners wear tracking devices on their hard hats and as they progress into the mine, often as far as 10 miles from their starting point, a dispatcher can monitor their location, AND communicate with them via two-way text devices if needed.

And while the dispatchers monitor the mines, Jim and his team do so as well. “We certainly have all the bandwidth and communications that we need available here at the Portal,” Eric said. From Suite 230, Pirttima describes how the team figuratively looks over the shoulder of the dispatcher. “If a system component has failed or been destroyed,” Pirttima explained, “we know where and what repairs need to take place without having to send someone to West Virginia to go underground in the mine.”

With these wireless systems installed in several states throughout the country, Eric said “This really is an excellent tool for safety and efficiency.”



Jim Barrett displays Venture’s wireless underground receiver while Eric Pirttima points out the region where most of their systems are in use.

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