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James, Asa and Angela Carlson share their Liberty Lake home with four foster children.

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Fostering love

Local family of seven
includes four foster children

By **Jim Ryan**
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Driving by the home of James and Angela Carlson, nestled among the Christmas lights of one of Liberty Lake's quiet neighborhoods, a person would never know that just inside the front door are children who might otherwise be having a very different holiday experience.

That's because for the past year and a half, the Carlsons have been foster parents. Currently, four foster children live with the family. Zoe, Ian and Faith are a sibling group. Ali, at 9 months old, is just barely older than the couple's only biological, Asa, who was born five months ago.

The extended family has been busy during the holidays taking part in all the traditional programs and concerts at the children's school. Recently, the family attended a "Christmas with Santa" event for area foster children at the Northern Quest Resort and Casino.

"It's just the magic of Christmas; the introduction to the stories and the traditions," Angela said. "We attended the first grade Christmas Concert at the school, and it was precious. It's just a lot larger definition of what a family is. It's not just biological, but just anybody who needs to be loved."

According to the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, foster care is designed to be a temporary living situation for children and youth who have been removed from their homes due to

profiles:

JAMES AND ANGELA CARLSON

Family

Asa, 5 months; Ali, 9 months; Faith, 5; Ian, 6; and Zoe, 7

Favorite hobby

James, racquetball; Angela, skiing

Go-to meals

Pizza, hot dogs, big easy stuff

Favorite holiday movie

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

abuse, neglect, abandonment or the death of their caregivers.

For Angela, foster parenting comes as natural as breathing. Born and raised in Wisconsin, she grew up in a household where her mother and father were themselves foster parents. Angela explained that from an early age, she can remember having foster children laughing and playing in their home.


When she and James were married almost four years ago, they didn't immediately think about continuing her family's tradition. James was busy developing a ministry in the area, and the newlyweds were still enjoying the freedom of being able to go skiing, take in a movie — or maybe even sleep late on the weekends.

James explained that when he first encountered foster care through Angela's parents, who had moved to Liberty Lake, he wasn't sure he was cut out for such an adventure.


"I remember thinking there was no way I was ever going to get involved with that," he grinned. "I didn't understand it because I grew up in a very structured home."

Early in their marriage, the couple wasn't quite ready to start their own fam-


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Calendar of events

COMMUNITY

Dec. 23 | Lakeside Christmas Service 10 a.m., Lakeside Church, 23139 E. Mission. For more: 210-9779 or LakesideChurch.cc

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.inbcasaves.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 pickup: 866-541-1134 or troop401christmas@gmail.com

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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 cheshierll@aol.com

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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. 21 | Chamber breakfast "Season of Sharing" 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan, Spokane Valley. The cost for this business connections event is \$25 for members and guests, and \$35 for non-members. Hear from local charities, donate to their causes, and bring an unwrapped toy for the Marines' Toys for Tots program. Register at spokanevalleychamber.org.

Jan. 8 | "Why Detox?" 6:30 p.m., Healthy Living Liberty Lake, 2207 N. Molter Rd., suite 203A. This free, informative seminar is open to the public. For more or to reserve a seat: 924-6199

Recurring

Central Valley School Board 6:30 p.m. on

Community Briefs

Donations sought to deliver turkey dinners to families

The Liberty Lake Albertsons store is currently raising money to provide turkey dinners for local families for Christmas. The dinner also includes mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy.

The store partners with groups such as Liberty Lake Church, Kiwanis Kids and local elementary schools to get the dinners delivered to families that need them the most.

Store officials said they are about \$2,000

In Biz

STCU donates to innovative schools

STCU has donated \$5,000 to each of three new career and technical schools that opened this year for high school students, including Spokane Valley Tech.

The schools specialize in giving students skills and experience in high-demand fields. Some will go straight into the workforce after high school, while others continue their career preparation in college or other post-secondary programs.

"As an organization founded by teachers, STCU remains committed to education," said STCU President/CEO Tom Johnson. "We're particularly excited to support these programs, which give students options in fields that are expected to provide jobs for decades to come. That's good for the students, as well as the communities we serve."

Spokane Valley Tech, which operated classes this fall at various locations in

the second and fourth Mondays of each month, CVSD administration building, 19307 E. Cataldo, Spokane Valley

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

Liberty Lake Municipal Library Board 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.

Submit items for consideration on the calendar of events to calendar@libertylakesplash.com.

shy of reaching their \$8,000 goal. The store will continue to accept donations until Dec. 24.

Support Sandy Hook community

Some local residents are raising funds for those affected by the school tragedy last week in Connecticut. Those interested in giving can visit any STCU branch and ask to donate to the Sandy Hook School Support Fund, member number 283054.

For more information, look up "Sandy Hook School Support Fund—Show your support Spokane" on Facebook.

anticipation of its permanent building opening this January, is slated to eventually offer 10 programs focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

"This generous donation will go a long way toward providing a great learning environment for Spokane Valley Tech students," said Ben Small, superintendent of Central Valley School District. "On behalf of the superintendents and school districts in the Spokane Valley, I'd like to express our gratitude to STCU for this gift which reaffirms the strong partnership STCU has maintained with the region's education partners for many years."

Donations were also made to the Kootenai Technical Education Campus in Rathdrum and Riverpoint Academy in Spokane.

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Roundabout open house provides direction

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

As far as municipal open houses go, last week's gathering on a proposed roundabout at the convergence of Harvard, Mission and the Interstate 90 westbound off-ramp flowed seamlessly for more than two hours at Liberty Lake City Hall.

Now, city leaders and officials with the Washington State Department of Transportation are hoping the actual project will do its part to transport traffic just as fluidly at the embattled intersection.

An estimated crowd of more than 50 people attended the Dec. 13 open house in City Council chambers, featuring an expanded version of a presentation the governing board heard at its meeting on Nov. 20. Representatives from WSDOT brought an impressive array of brochures and narrative posters, complete with aerial images of the junction that has been a safety concern for as long as locals like Daryl Hagseth can remember.

"I worry about people who have to drive through that intersection," said Hagseth, who works as manager of the nearby Storage Solutions.

With Storage Solutions sites located on

both Mission and Harvard, Hagseth is also aware that prospective customers may "look for alternate routes and not drive by businesses." After walking through the open house last week — which included a simulated video of vehicles moving through the roundabout at peak times in 2035 — Hagseth said the project represented a significant improvement over the status quo.

"I'm encouraged by what I hear," he said. "They're addressing our concerns."

WSDOT Project Engineer Darrel McCallum admitted the open house turnout "was more than expected" and said the feedback had been positive outside of several truck drivers who attended the meeting with less-than-glowing reviews of roundabouts.

"There is a fairly high percentage of truck traffic through that intersection," McCallum said. "It does add a little more wear on those vehicles."

Statewide, roundabouts are becoming more of a trend, McCallum said. Part of the reason has to do with reducing emissions from vehicles that are not stalled at a traffic light. On average, roundabouts move 30 to 50 percent more vehicles than similarly sized signaled intersections. Improved safety is also a major consideration. According



SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

Liberty Lake City Engineer Andrew Staples and City Administrator Katy Allen look over displays at an open house held last week to inform the public and gather input regarding a roundabout planned for the intersection of Harvard, Mission and the Interstate 90 off-ramp.

to WSDOT, fatal accidents are reduced by 90 percent and injury accidents by 70 percent when roundabouts are installed at an interchange.

Longtime Liberty Lake resident Margaret Barnes arrived at the open house with

serious doubts about the effectiveness of a roundabout, particularly with the prospect of vehicles exiting westbound off I-90. Yet after studying the diagrams and seeing the design visualization provided by WSDOT,

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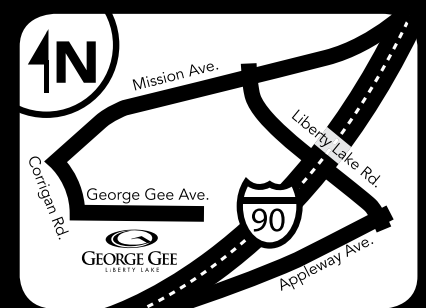
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Students touring LL business surprised with new bicycles

Story and photos by Jocelyn Stott
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

While much of the world's attention was riveted on horrific tragedy at a Connecticut elementary school last Friday, employees of a Liberty Lake company hosted 25 school children to visit, have lunch and build a bicycle to take home.

Over the course of three visits by area school children, about 75 bikes were purchased and assembled by the team at OpenEye, 23221 E. Knox Ave., to be given to students from Central Valley School District middle and elementary schools.

While the surprise gift came in a bicycle box with a matching helmet and a lock, the quality time spent between the student and an adult mentor from OpenEye seemed to make the biggest impact. Assembling the shiny new wheels with the kids was a gift that appeared to be as enjoyable to give as it was to receive.

"It's easier to just write a check than to spend the time," said Rick Sheppard, OpenEye's Chief Executive Officer. "The employees and the kids both enjoy the interaction."

Considering his employees spent three different days hosting kids and assembling bikes, the experience cost Sheppard's company much more than just the price of the biking equipment.

Sheppard said company employees are not especially bike savvy, but they do enjoy a healthcare membership as a benefit and value exercise. He added that the bikes are a great way to encourage kids to be active.

This is the second year OpenEye has hosted the bike-building event. Last year, the company purchased 25 bikes, said Megan Shryock, an OpenEye buyer who coordinated much of the event. Shryock said she ordered the bikes, locks and helmets from a variety of local stores, factoring in sizes for all of the kids.

"Just seeing the kids riding around on the bikes and not wanting to get off makes it so great," Shryock said.

During the event, OpenEye employees, called OpenEye Buddies, were paired with children who have been selected by teachers, staff and administrators in the CVSD. The selection factored in things like success in studies, attendance as well as financial challenge. As OpenEye's own culture stresses character, the district also looked for students who were deemed to reflect Partners Advancing Character Education (PACE) traits — respect, responsibility, citizenship, caring, fairness, honesty, diligence, trustworthiness, courage, integrity, generosity and gratitude.

Some OpenEye employees had experience assembling bikes and other toys for their own children, while others, like Systems Engineer Eric Moss, worked his way through college working at Midway Cyclery, a Spokane Valley bicycle shop that closed in 2003 after decades in business.

Many others had considerably less experience.

"I've never built a bike before," said Nick Guzman, a fourth grader.

"Me neither, we'll just have to figure it out together," OpenEye Sales Manager Jonathan Stripes responded, reading through the assembly instructions.

Regardless of experience, the hands-on approach connected the kids to the gifts in a special way.

"I thought it was really exciting because I got to help," said Angel Mead, 6, who worked with OpenEye Buddy Jason Arthur, a software engineer, on her bicycle.

After the bikes were assembled, they were checked by a master builder, who inspected each for proper assembly and labeled them for delivery. Meanwhile, the students proceeded to lunch and a tour of the facility, including a look at some of the computer and camera surveillance technology created for OpenEye clients. OpenEye creates custom video surveillance computer technology used in department stores, financial institutions and public buildings.

The holiday gift lined up well with OpenEye's mission statement, "... to provide easy-to-use physical security products, systems and solutions backed by heroic customer service in a manner which benefits our customers, employees and the community."



ON THE COVER

From left, OpenEye CEO and founder Rick Sheppard, fourth grader Riley Bessey and OpenEye Buddy Jake Sink, a software developer, work on Riley's bicycle surprise.

At left: Angel Mead, 6, and Jason Arthur, an OpenEye Software Engineer, show off their progress while building Angel's bicycle.



Kaitlin Brasch and Jon Overstreet, an OpenEye support representative, assemble her bike in the company's warehouse.

A member of that community, Isali Diaz, 9, loved that her new helmet matched her new bike, assembled in partnership with Sean McCall, software engineer.

"I think it's really cool," Isali said. "I like the colors and this one has pegs. I was shocked to get a new bike. Sean's doing a great job."

OpenEye Chief Operations Officer Jack Lynch said watching kids tinker with the company's electronics is also pretty rewarding. Part of the tour included a station where the students learn about the computer components used in OpenEye systems, and the students are encouraged to try building a computer system themselves.

"Some of these kids are smart as a whip — they could put these computers together without us," Lynch said.

Back at the construction floor, OpenEye Buddy Tim Bybee — whose normal Friday role is vice president of project management — explained the finer points of the assembly process to Eric Radman, 7.

"It's like putting together a puzzle," Bybee said.

Eric, a first grader, answered, "This is fun hanging out with you. I've never had this much fun in a long time."

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NEWS

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The decorative lantern feature is at the center of a new campaign by the Liberty Lake Kiwanis to raise funds for the municipal library.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

City passes budget, retains utility tax

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

While some may have been anticipating a testy quarrel over retention of the utility tax in the 2013 budget at Tuesday night's City Council meeting, status quo trumped any squabble as the governing board kept the 3 percent duty and approved next year's financial game plan with a unanimous vote.

Just in case anyone had lingering misgivings about the controversial assessment on electricity, cable, telephone, gas and garbage installed at the close of 2010, Finance Director RJ Stevenson provided a final run-through on justification for the tax prior to the second read on Ordinance 204, establishing a budget for next year. Stevenson's presentation, originally scheduled for the Dec. 4 meeting, included a broad overview of the state, national and worldwide economies as well as an evaluation of both property tax and sales tax as revenue generators for the city.

To start, Stevenson noted that the city has projected income of \$1.95 million in sales tax for 2013 as compared to a peak of 2007, when revenue came in at \$2.24 million. He pointed out that the majority of sales tax revenue is generated through retail sales, particularly in the automotive industry. When the economy goes south, car and RV sales generally suffer, and proceeds from sales tax decline correspondingly, Stevenson said.

"Sales tax can be an unstable revenue source," Stevenson said. "We haven't quite fully recovered to where we were in 2007, even though there is some encouraging news out there. We need some other revenue source to pay for the capital needs of the city."

Mayor Steve Peterson's preliminary budget for 2013 targeted money from the utility

tax toward street maintenance and repair. On Tuesday, City Administrator Kay Allen pointed out that upkeep of the transportation system is "about more than potholes and paving." As the city strives for safety on its roads, Allen said the city would like to address issues like improving pedestrian paths and crossings as well as updating the timing of traffic signals.

Stevenson pointed out that while the approach at City Hall has remained lean over the years — maintaining the same level of full-time employees as it had in 2009 — the city "will have more services to provide" based on population increasing by 15 percent since 2008.

Public comment on the budget and the utility tax was strangely absent on Tuesday, with most of the debate — both pro and con — occurring at the Dec. 4 meeting. Council Member Cris Kaminskas did say the council should revisit the cafeteria-style approach to the utility tax — adjusting rates based on luxury versus need — in January. There has been talk of reducing the electric portion of the tax out of consideration for manufacturers like Huntwood.

"I'd like to propose we look at options of how to split the tax apart," Kaminskas said.

After hearing that only 13 Liberty Lake residents had accessed the utility tax reimbursement available for low-income seniors over the past year, Council Member Josh Beckett said the city needs to do a better job publicizing the tax break.

"I'm certain there are more than 13 people who could potentially qualify," Beckett said. "We need to get the word out about this."

The Dec. 18 meeting also featured an unceremonious conclusion to the ballyhooed

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debate over municipal animal protection, as council granted authorization for Peterson to establish an interlocal agreement with Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service. The city's contract with SCRAPS for 2013 will amount to \$11,620.

In her city administrator report, Allen said the city would not be pursuing an energy grant to upgrade the water system at Trailhead Golf Course. Beckett wondered aloud why the city had shelved the application in light of a potential 40 percent annual savings in water each year.

"We needed to pause and revisit the technical work," Allen responded. "Plus, the likelihood of getting this grant was remote."

The city can apply for the energy grant every two years. In response to Beckett's concerns, Allen did say she would research the question of irrigation efficiencies and report back to council.

Allen said there were plans to have "a near complete design" for the centerpiece of a roundabout at the intersection of Harvard, Mission and westbound Interstate 90 ready by the Jan. 15 council meeting. Public opinion was leaning toward a central art feature, Allen noted.

Meanwhile, talk is moving swiftly on plans to renovate a field purchased by the city from the Central Valley School District last month. After discussions with local resident and former professional baseball player Kevin Stocker, Allen said the city is focused on "figuring out what kind of fields and how many fields we want to build." The first meeting of a steering committee on the project is scheduled for Jan. 10. The city has set aside \$500,000 in 2013 for improvements to the space.

As has been the case in the final council meeting of each year, Police Chief Brian Asmus handed out awards acknowledging several officers in his department. The honor roll for 2012 includes Austin Brantingham (Volunteer of the Year); Taj Wilkerson (Sergeant's Award); Brad Deines (Chief's Award) and Mike Bogenreif (Officer of the Year).

While Asmus may have been the presenter of distinctions on Tuesday, Peterson made it a point to direct accolades to the head of the police department, who is now the most tenured employee in Liberty Lake's brief history. Asmus began with the city on Dec. 1, 2001.

"Thank you for all your service, chief," Peterson said.

The mayor also paid tribute to a city employee, Mick Curry, for his tireless dedication in maintaining and improving municipal grounds and facilities.

"Mick is always there, even when it's not the most convenient time," Peterson said. "He keeps things running smoothly and has been a good, quality employee of the city for many years. We couldn't do this without him."



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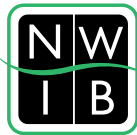
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Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Dec. 10-17.

Incidents and arrests

- **Collision** — At 8:30 a.m. Dec. 10, LLPD was dispatched to a car vs. light pole collision at Harvard and Indiana. The vehicle was northbound on Harvard Road, and it lost control and struck the center median, knocking over a light pole. It was determined the vehicle was driving too fast for road conditions.

- **False alarm** — At 1:40 a.m. Dec. 11, LLPD was dispatched to a residential alarm at the 200 block of North Legacy Ridge Drive. It was determined a false alarm.

- **Felony arrest** — A 19-year-old man listed as a transient was arrested at 10 p.m. Dec. 10 at the 1700 block of North Cavalier Court for outstanding felony arrest warrants, one for theft (second degree) and the other for trafficking stolen property (first degree). He was booked into the Spokane County Jail.

- **Domestic violence** — The LLPD assisted the Spokane County Sheriff's Office at 11:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the 26000 block of East Ante Road on the report of a domestic violence incident. The dispatcher heard what sounded like a struggle, and then another person was on the phone reporting she was hit. The phone was then disconnected, and there was no answer on call back. A female subject was taken into custody by the sheriff's office for domestic violence assault and booked into jail.

- **Argument** — LLPD was dispatched to an argument between two brothers at 5:45 p.m. Dec. 11 at the 23000 block of East Inlet Drive. Despite a report that one of the brothers was threatened with a gun, it was determined nothing physical happened and there was no threat of a gun being used.

- **Theft** — At 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, LLPD received a report of a theft at the 1300 block of North Liberty Lake Road. The complainant reported two subjects entered the store and took a bottle of alcohol from the shelf and fled the store. The subjects were followed by the complainant, who reported a person driving a car pulled up to the entrance and picked up the two suspects as they were followed out of the store. The complainant recorded the vehicle's license plate number, provided a description of the suspects and was making a request to have the video surveillance of the incident copied and given to LLPD. The complainant recognized one of the suspects as a regular at the store. During the investigation, the complainant told police that on Dec. 9, a subject had come into the store and taken some lunch meat and left in the same vehicle that was seen during this incident. Officers were able to run the license plate and find a registered owner of the vehicle. The complainant was shown a picture of

the registered owner, and the complainant was able to identify that person as the same subject that had taken the lunch meat and that was driving the car. The case had been assigned to Detective Bourgeois for follow-up investigation.

- **Threat** — At 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, LLPD received a report of a threat at the 1300 block of North Liberty Lake Road. The complainant stated a subject has been coming into the store and threatening customers and employees. The complainant stated the subject, known as "Jason," will come into the store, not buy anything and harass customers. When confronted by the employees, the subject threatened the employees that he was going to call their boss and complain. The subject left the store. The employees requested the subject be trespassed from the store if located. Officers checked the area and could not locate the subject. The complainant was told to call again if he returned to the store.

- **DUI accident** — At 7:15 p.m. Dec. 14, LLPD assisted the Spokane County Sheriff's Office with a one-vehicle rollover collision in the area of Trent and Campbell roads. LLPD was the first to arrive on scene, and a subject was detained for suspicion of DUI before being turned over to the sheriff's office, which took the suspect into custody.

- **Hit-and-run property damage and pursuit** — On Dec. 15, LLPD received a report of a hit and run property damage at the Liberty Lake Zip Trip. A car backed through the parking lot at a high rate of speed into the front of the building, causing damage estimated in excess of \$20,000. The suspect then fled the scene in the vehicle. No one was injured. An employee was able to provide a license plate number to police, and the owner stated he loaned the car to a transient who was driving it when the accident occurred. LLPD was able to obtain video surveillance of the incident. Then, at 5:30 a.m. Dec. 16, LLPD was requested to assist the Spokane Valley Police Department with a vehicle pursuit, which turned into a foot pursuit in the area of Progress and 11th. The suspect vehicle in the pursuit was identified as the same vehicle that was involved in the hit-and-run accident at the Zip Trip. The 25-year-old male suspect was located and taken into custody for the pursuit and several outstanding warrants. He refused to answer questions about the hit-and-run. The case has been assigned to Detective Bourgeois for follow-up.

- **DWLS** — LLPD officers made four arrests for driving with a suspended license during the reporting period, including:
 - A 19-year-old Springdale man at 10:50 a.m. Dec. 13 at Harvard and Indiana;
 - A 19-year-old Liberty Lake man at 12:10 p.m. Dec. 13 at Appleway and Molter;
 - A 24-year-old Spokane man at 3:50 p.m.

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SPORTS/PROFILES

CV boys pick off rivals in undefeated start

By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Central Valley boys basketball players don't look far down the road. Looking into the rear view mirror after the first two weeks in the Greater Spokane League, they have to like what they see.

The Bears have begun the season 4-0 (5-0 overall prior to Tuesday's game at Shadle Park) and are alone in first place following significant wins that handed three expected title contenders their only losses.

"I don't know if we had any kind of master plan identifying teams we had to beat," coach Rick Sloan said.

The goal, he said, is to play solid, work on basics and — like last year — peak at the end of the year.

And there is plenty of peaking yet to do. In three wins, CV shot poorly, in the 30 percent range, until a breakout night last Friday against Gonzaga Prep. The Bears shot 54 percent during a 58-40 romp past a team that had won its

first three games by an average of 34 points.

Sloan said he knew the Bears were a better shooting team than they had showed and told the players to keep shooting in practice and eventually the shots would start dropping in games. They did on Friday.

"You usually win a lot of games when you shoot like that," Sloan deadpanned.

Junior Adam Chamberlain scored 20 points, and three days earlier hit a free throw with 3 seconds left in a 54-53 comeback win over rival University. He finished the game with 15 points.

CV displayed its resilience, rallying from a 36-22 halftime deficit.

"They had us early," Sloan said. "We weren't shooting real well in the first half and they were playing good ball. In the third quarter we got it to within three points and made a game of it down the stretch."

It was a big week for another junior. Beau Byus scored a com-

bined 37 points in the two wins, 19 against the Titans.

Central Valley has only two seniors on varsity.

"We were a young, inexperienced, green team that hopefully would get some nice wins early to get their confidence," Sloan said. "That's what has happened."

CV travels to North Central Friday.

Girls seek first win

For a young basketball team, CV's early season schedule did the Bears girls no favor.

They lost to unbeaten Mead and Gonzaga Prep, to a pair of upper-tier teams in Lewis and Clark and University, and on Tuesday were at 3-1 Shadle Park.

Friday at North Central, they should get a break.

Last week, the Titans handled CV 65-45. The score against the Bullpups was closer, 58-45. In that one, the Bears trailed just 33-27 at half. Madison Hovren and Mariah Cunningham combined for 29

points in the former and 25 in the latter. Molly Barnhart shared the team scoring lead with Hovren at 14.

Bears sixth at Tri-State

Central Valley showed off its big-meet potential with a sixth-place finish at the prestigious Tri-State wrestling tournament last weekend.

The annual tourney features powerhouse teams from throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Hermiston won with 222 points over Kuna, Idaho.

The Bears scored 131.5 points with two finalists and two consolation finalists.

Brent Beard, 126 pounds, and Tanner Davis, 182, both placed second. Colton Orrino, 132, was third and Bryson Beard, 113, was fourth.

The Greater Spokane League preliminaries are over. The "real" meets for four unbeaten teams, including CV, go at each other beginning Jan. 3. Joining the Bears at the top with 4-0 records are Mead (third in Tri-State), University (fifth) and Mt. Spokane.

Scoreboard

BOYS BASKETBALL

12/11 CV vs. University	54-53	W
12/14 CV vs. Gonzaga Prep	58-40	W

GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/11 CV vs. University	65-46	L
12/14 CV vs. Gonzaga Prep	58-45	L

GYMNASTICS

12/13 CV vs. Mead	166.2 - 155.8	L
12/13 CV vs. University	157.35 - 155.8	L
12/13 CV vs. Mt. Spokane	155.8 - 139.95	W
12/13 CV vs. Rogers	155.8 - 102.9	W

WRESTLING

12/12 CV vs. Shadle Park	52-22	W
12/13 CV vs. Ferris	58-14	W
12/14-15 CV at Tri-State Tournament		6 th

SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 20

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

DECEMBER 21

9:30 a.m. Tri-County Wrestling Tournament at CVHS Gym

FOSTERING

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ily, but James was starting to come around to the idea of being a foster parent. They became licensed as foster parents and initially decided to just do respite care, which is basically short-term babysitting for other foster families. James explained that he and Angela initially chose respite care to help out Angela's parents, who had continued to be a part of the program after their move.

Respite care typically gives foster parents the opportunity to travel out of town if a need arises, handle medical situations or to

just take a break for a few days. All respite care providers must be approved foster care homes.

Since becoming a part of the foster care program about 18 months ago, Angela and James estimate they have cared for approximately 75 children. Angela explained that there are three levels of foster care: respite care, foster care placement and foster to adopt.

"Then there are foster homes that offer everything from respite to long-term foster care," explained James, as he bounced 9-month-old Ali on his knee.

Angela explained that the smiling, happy baby was brought to their door at 2 a.m. on a Saturday

with the explanation that it would be only a three- or four-day placement.

"They felt like they had another placement for her — at least that's what they told us — because they knew we were expecting our baby in two weeks," James said.

"And three to four days has been six months," Angela smiled.

The couple went on to the foster to adopt program about this time last year when they heard about the three siblings.

"We wanted the best for them, and we had the willingness to open up our home," James said.

James explained that any adult, single or married, can apply to be a foster parent. He said the state of Washington does a thorough background check on every applicant, evaluates their home to make sure it is a safe environment, and offers about six weeks of classes to educate them on what it means to be a foster parent and what to expect.

Applicants are also evaluated on the number of rooms in each home. The Carlsons' spacious home allows them to have a total of five children at one time, including their own.

James pointed out that any prospective foster parents should consider where they are financially in their lives, the dynamics of their family if they have any other children, and any future plans for the family.

Angela said a willingness to be a foster parent is the paramount reason for an individual or couple to become a part of the program.

"There is a huge need in Spokane," she said. "They have been breaking records every quarter for the number of kids in foster care."

The couple explained that all four of their foster children bring something special to their lives, but point out that the babies, such as Ali, are unique because she has all the needs of any infant, including bottle feedings, diaper changes and, most of all, the need to be held.

"The babies want to be held, and that is one of the reasons we got involved is because of the touching and closeness they weren't getting; that's why they're in foster care," James said. "We can provide that kind of caring to the baby during their transition to a stable home."

"Every child in foster care just

needs someone to pay attention to them," Angela added.

James said some of their friends have begun making comments about looking into the program.

"A lot of our friends are starting to say, 'My gosh, maybe I should help out, too,'" he said. "That's when I tell them to try respite first. It's a short-term placement; it's not a large commitment, and you can always say no if it doesn't fit your schedule."

Angela said that foster parents involved in the respite program aren't required to take care of a child on a regular schedule.

"Honestly, if they have one weekend a month available it would be a huge help," she said.

"Or one weekend a year," James added. "They'll call you and ask if you are available to take care of a couple of kids — and explain their situation. If you aren't available, they'll just go down the list."

James said the ability to love is the main criteria for being a good foster parent.

"And somebody who wants the best for the child," he continued.

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Nutcracker star



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Grace Anderson took The Splash along when she played a bon bon in the Santa Barbara State Street Ballet's "Nutcracker" in downtown Spokane last week. Grace, who is a third grade student from Liberty Lake Elementary School, said she is thankful for her friends and teachers who were able to make it to her first big performance at the Fox Theatre.

Christmas Light Tour winner



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The winner of the Liberty Lake Christmas Light Tour, chosen by Mayor Steve Peterson, is the Windhorn family home located at 23221 E. Settler Road. Registered homes are available on the city's website, www.libertylakewa.gov.

All American runner



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Liberty Lake resident Jack Ammon received eighth place and the designation of All American at the USATF Junior Olympic Cross Country National Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico, last weekend. Ammon, 14, ran a personal best time of 13:30.03 in the youth category (4K race). He is an 8th grade student at Northwest Christian School and a member of the Spokane Mercy Track and Cross Country team.

Ring in the holidays



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Liberty Lake kids Taylor Castleman, Alexis Hochberg and Morgan Castleman recently celebrated the holidays with reindeer games and treats.

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Letter to the Editor

City should consider traffic first in roundabout design

I visited the roundabout open house last week at City Hall. I also read The Splash's Dec. 13 cover story about sign ideas intended for the roundabout.

Roundabouts are a good thing. They allow a car to get through an intersection without stopping. There are no stop signs at a roundabout for good reason. If you have to stop at one, then you may as well have traffic lights or stop signs. A roundabout works best only when you can time your

entry based on what other cars are doing primarily on your left, and entry can be accomplished without stopping.

The idea of having huge signs or trees on a roundabout of this size completely misses the point. Anything that blocks your view of other cars entering other parts of the round-about will likely have you stopping for fear of pulling out in front of someone for lack of seeing them until it's too late. If you can't see across to other cars entering, you can't time your entry without stopping. If cars stop, then this is a massive failure of

the purpose of a roundabout.

I'm all for green and trees and so forth, but low-to-the-ground flowers, etc., would be a far better feature. A sign, if we have to have one at all, would be better off on the side of the road, not the center of a roundabout.

In light of the city's rightly proud attitude on minimal signage, why are we looking for a huge sign (and expense) anyway?

Peter Siposs
Liberty Lake

ROUNABOUT

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Barnes said "it's not as narrow as you think."

"My concern was the freeway traffic going into the roundabout," Barnes said. "But this gives you a different perspective. Hopefully it's going to work the way they say it will."

Like many motorists, Barnes exits early off the freeway in order to bypass the crossing that many find perilous.

"I don't go that way," she said. "It's extremely difficult to make a left-hand turn because you have to watch for traffic from both directions."

Other attendees at the open house were not quite as enamored with the proposed design. Cindy Marshall of Otis Orchards wondered aloud why more discussion was not taking place regarding a traffic light at the intersection. She hauls horses from her place to the south and said the issue affects



Displays share information and options at an open house for a proposed roundabout in the city of Liberty Lake. The event, attended by about 50 people, was held last week at City Hall.

SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

residents beyond Liberty Lake.

"The county community uses this intersection, too," Marshall said. "I just wonder if the developers have more influence than

the public. It seems that the city is only taking input from the public about the art and landscaping and not the actual roundabout."



Kelli Dexter, Sarah Burk, Josh Johnson, Cindy Esch, Janet Pier, Tammy Kimberley and Mike Wiykovic

McCallum and WSDOT Design Team Leader Genessa Cebriak addressed the question of the traffic signal option from several council members at the Nov. 20 meeting, noting that the level of traffic did not meet minimum requirements for a light as outlined by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Devices.

George Gee, who owns three auto dealerships on the south side of the freeway in Liberty Lake, was one of several representatives of the local business community to attend the open house. He said most of the delays he sees now at the intersection occur when work lets out.

Gee said that while the roundabout "is going to be a solution for us," he wondered how commercial traffic would be affected when the project breaks ground.

"I'm concerned what's going to happen during construction," he said.

WSDOT officials have reassured city officials that access will be taken into account when the road is being transformed.

"We know that's important," McCallum said. "That's why we would approach this in multiple stages."

As for the potential timeline for construction, McCallum said a best-case scenario would have bids going out sometime next spring, with the roundabout being completed by the beginning of September.

In addition to the pavement portion of the project, Mike Terrell, a Liberty Lake-based landscape architect, presented a handful of options for signage, landscaping and lighting that would be included in and around the roundabout.

One of the three-dimensional renderings of roundabout art features an "historic landscape" with cobblestones and a grid pattern of trees that pays tribute to the abundant orchards of a bygone era. Other options include landmarks such as a central sculpture, water feature and gateway signs.

"We've come up with a lot of ideas, and we're hoping to communicate that," Terrell said. "It's a process that really helps the community understand what we're trying to build."

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Dec. 13 at Mission and Homestead;
- A 26-year-old Puyallup woman at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at Country Vista and Mission.

Calls for service

Agency assist	2
Alarm	1
Citizen assist	1
Commercial vehicle inspection	13
Commercial vehicle violation	1
Family fight (non-violent)	1
Fugitive	1
Threatening	1
Traffic accident (hit and run)	1
Traffic offense	4
Vehicle prowl	1
Welfare check	1

Citations

DWLS	4
Rec of duty status not current	1
Failure to obey traffic control	1
Failure to yield right of way	1
Speeding	6
Failure to wear safety belt	1

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.

Blessings to everyone involved with this worthwhile program!

May your soul be nourished with joy!

We've all been blessed in "told and untold" ways by the grace of others. And the greatest gift is when it can be paid forward." - Washington Trust Sullivan Branch

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): _____

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> One \$12 donation <input type="checkbox"/> Other amount \$ _____
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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.

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 **this 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!



Advertising deadlines

- In order to be considered for the following Thursday's Splash:
- 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.

Placing classifieds

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

End of the World Party at Cruisers, Stateline, ID 208-773-4706. Saturday, Dec. 22 at 7PM. T-shirts and music! It ends here! Don't be left out!

Karaoke Bingo Friday Night at Cruisers at 7pm. Located in Stateline. Cruisers is the hidden secret come see why. Enjoy great cocktails and awesome food. Sing with your friends, 208-773-4706.

Kids (ages 5+) Art Workshops: Fri. Dec. 21st (10-12:30p.m.), \$28 (frame or canvas optional) and 1 after-christmas 'Your Choice' workshop on Fri. Dec. 28th. Gift certificates available too! Call: 255-9600 or 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.

Find us on Facebook!

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 cover letter 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.

LOST & FOUND

Found: Backpack On South Neyland. Call 879-0077 to identify.

Lost Cat! Black and white spayed female with clipped left ear. Missing since Dec 3rd near Mission & Country Vista in Liberty Lake. Scared of strangers. Jason 503-310-7141.

MISC. FOR SALE

Electric E-bike, all the bells and whistles, \$250 was \$1000 new. Call, 255-6134

Full set of Gretsch drums, cases included, \$400. Call, 255-6134.

Refrigerator for sale! GE side by side, white, ice and water maker in door, great condition. \$250 OBO. Call 509-475-9567.

REAL ESTATE

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?

Newly refurbished large one-bedroom condo at the Villas in Liberty Lake. High grade stainless appliances, new cabinets and granite counters. Garage has man door. Asking: \$107,000. 208-964-9921

SERVICES

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.

Babysitting; Are you looking for someone to watch your kids while you do some Christmas shopping? Over 6 years experience. Call Britney, 509-844-8796.

HEINZ PAINTING & HANDYMAN

BBB accredited, hardworking, honest, and on time. Free estimates! Call today! Dave Heinz, 509-953-8093. Licensed, bonded & insured, HEINZPH924BW. Many satisfied LL customers.

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.

SNOW BLOWER REPAIR 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.

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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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ATTEND COLLEGE online from home. Medical, Business, Criminal Justice, Hospitality. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. SCHEV certified. Call 866-483-4429, www.CenturaOnline.com.

FOR SALE

\$100 CASH BONUS on hi-speed Internet to 15 mbps. From \$39.99/mo. Get free dish TV and get a \$50 bonus! Eagle Satellite, 800-386-7222.

EVENTS-FESTIVALS

ANNOUNCE your festival for only pennies. Four weeks to 2.7 million readers statewide for about \$1,000. Call Josh at The Splash at 242-7752 or 1-206-634-3838 for more details.

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LOCAL PRIVATE INVESTOR loans money on real estate equity. I loan on houses, raw land, commercial property and property development. Call Eric at 800-563-3005, www.fossmortgage.com.

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GORDON TRUCKING - CDL-A Drivers needed. Dedicated and OTR positions open now! Consistent miles, great benefits, 401K. EOE Ask about a sign on bonus. Recruiters available 7 days/week, 866-357-0393.

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

LEGAL SERVICES

DIVORCE \$155-\$175 with children. No court appearances. Complete preparation. Includes custody, support, property division and bills. BBB member. 503-772-5295, www.paralegalalternatives.com, legalalt@msn.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

In the Matter of the Estate of No. 12-401444-4
 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.

Date of first publication: December 13, 2012
 /s/ Martha L. Bauder
 MARTHA L. BAUDER
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 (509) 325-7330

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
 Deceased. RCW 11.40.030

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In the Matter of the Estate of No. 12-400816-9
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 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOKANE

In the Matter of the Estate of No. 12-401463-1
 LILLIAN E. KAGELE, 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: December 20, 2012
 /s/ Lillian E. Kagele
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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. 12-401464-9
 JAMES PAUL KUKUCKA, PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Deceased. RCW 11.40.030

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News Briefs

CV board recognized

The Central Valley School Board is one of 23 statewide school boards recognized as a 2012 Board of Distinction by the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA).

Central Valley School Board members Debra Long, Tom Dingus, Keith Clark, MJ Bolt and Amy Mason were recognized during the awards banquet recently held at the WSSDA annual conference in Spokane. During the conference, Debra Long assumed her new duties as WSSDA president for 2013.

The Board of Distinction award honors school boards that demonstrate effective use of the Washington School Board Standards. The standards, developed and adopted by WSSDA in 2009, promote research-based governance practices that lead to high levels of student and district achievement.

2013 county budget approved

The Spokane County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a \$467.8 million budget for 2013 at its Dec. 10 meeting.

During deliberations, Chief Executive Officer Marshall Farnell noted that the 2013 general fund budget of about \$129 million will include several new positions.

"In 2013, the county will hire seven additional 911 operators, a campus security coordinator and a corrections officer for the Juvenile Court," he said, adding that the county will have a strong general fund starting balance of more than \$12 million which will help maintain Spokane County's favorable bond rating.

County Commissioner Mark Richard said budget reductions of approximately 1 percent for 2013 were achieved through the elimination of several positions that were vacant.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 First name of 7-Down
- 4 Baseball stats
- 8 Crock-Pot contents
- 12 Unclose, poetically
- 13 Not procrastinating
- 14 "National Treasure" star
- 15 A-ha's megahit
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- 22 Online gamer's icon
- 26 Gee follower
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- 6 Curry or Conway
- 7 "Maggie May" singer
- 8 Diving gear
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- 11 Tiny
- 16 Upright
- 20 Actress
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- 23 Go sightseeing
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- 25 Whatever's left over
- 26 Andy's pal
- 27 "The Music Man" setting
- 28 Body
- 29 Tarzan's son
- 32 Santa's guide
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- 35 Jewel
- 36 Alter
- 38 Take it easy
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- 44 Alluring
- 45 — Mahal
- 46 Singer
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- 49 Historic time

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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