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The Lego Club at Liberty Lake Municipal Library meets Mondays at 4 p.m.

## Building it with Legos

Library's after-school programming receives jolt of momentum through new club

By Valerie Putnam  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Lining the top of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library bookshelves are imaginative worlds filled with colorful pirates, dragons and knights.

Created in Legos, these colorful displays give a unique insight into the minds of young builders who crafted them during the library's newest after-school program, the Lego Club.

Every Monday afternoon, young builders of all ages descend on the library to create Lego masterpieces during a special hour of freestyle building.

"We like it a lot," said Jessica Fouche, whose two sons, Jude, 6, and Owen, 3, participate in the club. "They both can do it at their own level and build their own project. It's really fun for them."

"I like getting to choose from so many different pieces," Jude said, when asked his favorite thing about the club. "And building fun things."

Rachel Kimberley, 9, attended her first Lego Club Dec. 10 along with younger brother Jonathan, 6. Kimberley built a dog kennel using fence pieces, a mini-

profiles:

LEGO CLUB

### History

The Lego Club at Liberty Lake Municipal Library began Nov. 5 with only six members. Currently, there are 20 members, both boys and girls.

### Meetings

4 p.m. Mondays at the library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. The meeting lasts an hour.

### Fun fact

Participants' Lego creations are displayed throughout the library, which has increased participation in the club.

### Donations

Donations of new or used Legos are accepted at the library. Tax deductible cash donations designated to the Lego Club are accepted through the Friends of the Library.

### To join

No registration is required. Show up on a Monday.

### For more

Contact Children's Library Associate Amy Dickson on Mondays, Thursday evenings or Friday at 232-2510.

figure pig with no legs and a horse.

"They have different pieces there than the ones we have at home," Rachel said. "They have animal pieces, and I really love animals."

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## Calendar of events

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

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

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

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

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**CIVIC & BUSINESS****Recurring**

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

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

**Liberty Lake 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

*Jan. 9 meeting cancelled, but special 4 p.m. meetings have been called for Jan. 23, Feb. 27 and March 27*

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

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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

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

## News Briefs

**CV band invited to Inaugural Parade**

The Central Valley High School Marching Band and Color Guard were officially invited last week by the 2013 Presidential Inaugural Committee to represent Washington state Jan. 21 in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C.

The trip will also include a performance in the Presidential Inaugural Heritage Music Festival in Brooklyn Park, Md.

For more on the band and its planned travels, follow it online at www.facebook.com/cvmarchingband.

**Community garden plots available**

2013 plots are available to be reserved

on a first-come, first-serve for the city's community gardens located at the arboretum and Rocky Hill Park, Recreation Coordinator Michelle Griffin announced last week.

Griffin said she will begin to take reservations beginning at 8 a.m. Jan. 2. Registration forms are available on the city's website at www.libertylakewa.gov/forms.

**No police report due to Christmas deadline**

An early deadline for this week's Splash forced the weekly Liberty Lake Police Department information to be combined with the report that will appear in the next issue of The Splash. Look for the combined report in the Jan. 3 issue.

## Correction

A student was misidentified in the photo spread, "Hunting for the elusive gingerbread man," in the Dec. 13 issue of The Splash. The child eating a cookie is Jordan Bartholomew.

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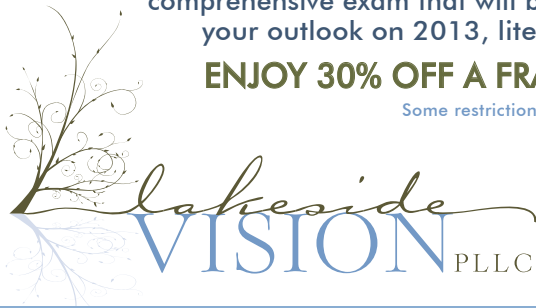
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## NEWS

# Debate over utility tax lingers after council vote

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Among the array of issues the Liberty Lake City Council has discussed and approved since incorporation in 2001, Ordinance No. 188 may have had the most ripple effect.

The decision to implement a 6 percent utility tax on cable, phone, electric, gas and garbage occurred in October 2010 as part of a tempestuous budget session featuring emotional debate over proposed cuts at the municipal golf course and library. When the final vote passed, Mayor Pro Tem David Crump emphasized that the governing board would be re-evaluating the topic in six months.

Reviews of the tax have been part of the conversation at City Hall since that autumn, the most recent taking place during deliberations over the 2013 budget. While concerns have been raised by some representatives of council over the past two years — both Josh Beckett and Lori Olander were among the most vocal critics this time around — the toll has remained, much to the chagrin of businesses like Huntwood Custom Cabinets.

“It’s disappointing,” said Brandon Hunt of Huntwood of the latest vote on the utility tax as part of the 2013 budget. “I thought there would be more discussion about it, but I think the council had a lot of other things going on.”

While the utility tax rate was reduced to 3 percent in the 2012 budget, Huntwood will still pay the city around \$50,000 this year in utility assessments alone. Hunt said there is hope that the council will consider reducing the amount paid for “necessities” like electricity and gas as compared to cable and phone rates. He pointed out that Mayor Steve Peterson voiced support for such a “cafeteria-style approach” to the tax when campaigning for mayor last fall, but has not brought it up much since being re-elected.

“He talked about it a lot when he was running for office,” Hunt said.

Hunt said he’s been “very surprised” at the lack of organized opposition from the Liberty Lake business community regarding the tax.

“I’ve talked to a ton of business leaders, and they’re completely against it, but you don’t see them at council meetings,” Hunt said. “A think a lot of people don’t understand the effect you can have.”

Support for the utility tax started to gain momentum in 2010 when concerns over slipping sales tax revenue — down 22 percent since 2008 — began to emerge. Proceeds from building permits were also on the wane. The resulting frugality at City Hall included cost cutting in areas like the municipal newsletter, watering and fertilizing of municipal grounds and a pass on a proposed pay raise for City Council.

“The city was facing rapid declines in revenue, and we quickly realized that we need to implement a utility tax to serve as a ‘stop gap’ measure until economic conditions improved,” said Council Member Josh Beckett. “We never intended this tax to remain in perpetuity, and we knew that putting the tax in place was going to be unpopular with residents and businesses.”

Beckett, who said that “other than the utility tax, 95 percent of the budget is very solid,” indicated that he will work to eliminate the utility tax in 2013, “especially if we continue spending general funds and reserve funds for things like TIF/LIFT.”

Part of the initial pushback to the tax included the formation of a utility tax taskforce by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce in early 2011. Nancy Holmes of Avista, who chairs the taskforce, testified before council a year ago, calling out city officials for initially proposing the tax as a way to cover a projected budget shortfall that never occurred, then underestimating the amount of money that would be generated by the tax. The taskforce also expressed concern over the city’s indecisiveness over where the funds would go.

This month, Holmes was back at the podium, reading a prepared statement that complimented the city for lowering the tax to 3 percent and applauded Finance Director R.J. Stevenson for providing “more prudent forecasts” that have enhanced transparency at City Hall.

While the taskforce characterized Peterson’s idea to dedicate utility tax revenue to street maintenance and capital projects as

*“I think we would all like to see the utility tax eliminated altogether, but is this the most responsible thing to do, going from 6 percent to nothing in just over a year?”*

— COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE BRICKNER

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— COUNCIL MEMBER LORI OLANDER

progress over last year, the letter also recommended that the city improve upon its efforts in “communicating the precise use of utility tax dollars to the businesses and taxpayers of the Liberty Lake community.” Finally, the taskforce encouraged the city to thoroughly review its tax structure and revenue, a process that the group said could “reveal several options, including a restructuring, lowering or repealing of the utility tax.”

Certain representatives of City Council believe the utility tax represents a consistent funding mechanism that can support municipal services in a still-recovering economy.

Reiterating points made by Stevenson at the Dec. 18 council meeting, Council Member Dan Dunne said the utility tax provides a reliable revenue source “that isn’t a function of the economy” as sales tax and property tax have historically been.

“I carefully considered the utility tax and the city’s revenue and expense requirements,” Dunne said. “I believe that right now it’s perfectly aligned with our requirements for roads, and I think the amount in question is OK.”

Liberty Lake’s neighbor to the west faced a similar scenario in 2008. That year, the Spokane Valley City Council approved a 6 percent phone tax to address street upkeep costs. The levy — around \$3 on a \$50 phone bill — officially kicked in at the beginning of 2009. At the time, city officials pointed to the considerable savings of maintaining streets compared to replacing them. In 2007, the council heard a report from JUB Engineers indicating that a road preserved over 10 years would run \$241,000 while the pricetag for replacing a road poorly maintained over a decade

rang in at \$2.4 million.

Spokane Valley and Liberty Lake are among 206 jurisdictions in Washington that utilize some form of utility tax. Currently, water, sewer and storm drainage fall outside the tax structure in Liberty Lake. Statewide, the average rate on gas, electric, cable and phone hovers closer to 6 percent while waste management is closer to 9 percent.

While Council Member Cris Kaminskas recommended that the idea of parceling out the tax based on the necessity of the utility be on the council agenda as the new year dawns, fellow Council Member Lori Olander said she will propose complete elimination of the tax in January.

“It is on the agenda for January, and I intend to make a case for rescinding,” Olander said. “The rationale for imposing the tax never materialized. In my opinion, the current council needs to make changes to align with the current status of the finances.”

The utility tax is projected to generate \$662,000 next year, according to the budget Peterson presented to the governing board in the fall. Council Member Shane Brickner said he understands concerns over the tax but points out that alternative funding sources for street maintenance have not been forthcoming.

“I think we would all like to see the utility tax eliminated altogether, but is this the most responsible thing to do, going from 6 percent to nothing in just over a year?” Brickner said. “With all the road work we need, I would say no. I am all for doing this if people will come to the table on how to fill that financial loss, and I’ve asked numerous people to bring ideas forward for the past three months, but I haven’t heard one.”



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# The top 12 of '12

A list of stories that shaped Liberty Lake in the past year

By Josh Johnson  
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Perhaps you've heard of the six degrees of separation from Kevin Bacon? Well, the biggest stories of 2012 for the community of Liberty Lake could be referred to as the six degrees of separation from Steve Peterson.

The return-trip election of the former mayor was named our top story in this annual special issue a year ago. In 2012, many of our biggest stories ended up being connected to Peterson's return to leadership in Liberty Lake. As such, The Splash decided to add an extra wrinkle to this year's list, connecting each of our top 12 stories to the back-in-office mayor in some form or fashion. In most cases, this wasn't very hard to do.

## 1. City staff makeup and shakeup

While 2011's top story was about the changes — and some drama — concerning the city's elected officials, 2012 was a year of change — and some drama — among City Hall staff.

The city entered 2012 with an interim city administrator, Mike Cecka, who helped Liberty Lake search out an ultimately find a permanent city administrator, Katy Allen. Allen, a longtime Liberty Lake resident with an impressive resume



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

Katy Allen started work as the new city administrator for Liberty Lake in June.

of big-city municipal experience, started in June. With the hiring of Allen, it wasn't long before one of the city's longest-tenured employees, Community Development Director Doug Smith, was let go.

In other news, city staff members filed to form a union, but needed a majority of eligible employees to vote in favor for it to happen. The June tally showed an 8-8 split, so no union was formed.

Also in 2012, former Trailhead Golf Professional Mollie Thola filed a lawsuit against the city, Smith and Recreation Coordinator Michelle Griffin. Thola alleged mistreatment when she was an employee with the city. A trial was scheduled for October 2013.

**Steve Peterson connection:** The mayor was at the center of much of this. Ultimately, it was his decision to let go of Smith, whom he had hired as one of his first staff members after the city incorporated and he became its inaugural mayor in 2001. He also hired Thola, but was out of office during the period of mistreatment cited in her lawsuit. Peterson, who hired and let go of the city's first city administrator in a previous term, saying the position wasn't necessarily, changed course early in 2012 with his decision to bring back the top municipal position.

## 2. LLSWD transition of leadership

Two of the longest-tenured leaders in the history of the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District were in the headlines in the latter quarter of 2012.

Frank L. Boyle, who at 20-plus years was the longest-serving commissioner in the history of the district, passed away in late September. The district, which has since made plans to honor Boyle, chose Kottayam V. Natarajan Jr. as his replacement.

Then in early December, General Manager Lee Mellish announced that he was resigning after 20 years leading the district. He plans to close out his service in the spring after his replacement is found and trained.

**Steve Peterson connection:** In his previous term as mayor, Peterson often engaged in sharp and public disagreements with Boyle — particularly as the city explored assuming control of the LLSWD. After Boyle's passing, however, Peterson publicly acknowledged Boyle's service to the community. Both men had recently noted the positive working relationship the city and district enjoy today.

## 3. 'Round about' an embattled intersection

Many Liberty Lake residents have long



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

Known as a motorcycle-riding, black hat-wearing maverick, Frank L. Boyle passed away in late September. He was praised for his extensive knowledge of the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District. His more than 20 years as an elected representative at the time of his passing made him the longest-serving commissioner in the district's history.

made it a practice to avoid the intersection of Harvard Road, Mission Avenue and the Interstate 90 off-ramp, particularly if they would be forced to make a left turn. While calls for a stoplight have been made in year's past, this year the city worked out an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to build a roundabout at the intersection. The roundabout is one of the projects tabbed for 2013, and an open house was held in December to talk more about the design and functionality of the plan.

**Steve Peterson connection:** This was one of the mayor's priorities when coming into office, and he led a push for how the deal would be brokered, with both the city and the state sharing responsibility for the project's \$1.5 million price tag. Peterson identified funding stored in the Harvard Road Mitigation Fund for the project.



SUBMITTED RENDERING

This map shows an early conceptual design for the planned roundabout.

## 4. Library enjoys three cheers (at least)

Once it started, the wave of good news for the Liberty Lake Municipal Library was tough to stop in 2012. It started when the City Council agreed to allocate a set percentage of its property tax revenue to the library, allowing it a more consistent and reliable funding mechanism with which to plan for the future. The decision modified the 2012 budget, enabling the city to increase staffing enough to reopen on Mondays, a move that took effect in September. Meanwhile, the library joined the CIN network — a group of libraries chiefly in Idaho — providing patrons with access to 500,000 titles, up from 30,000 prior. Then, in the fall, the library brokered an agreement with the Spokane County Library District for reciprocal borrowing between the two entities — opening up another 500,000 titles to patrons. As icing on the cake, a long-sought improvement to the library's entryway is currently under construction.

**Steve Peterson connection:** Among other connections, Peterson was an advocate in his first term for separating from the county system and creating an independent city library. From the beginning, he had hoped for reciprocal borrowing with the county system, and that vision finally came to fruition in 2012.

## 5. CVSD, city swap lot for 10 dollar bill

Central Valley School District voters have never approved a new school to be

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purchased on the vacant lot next to Liberty Lake Elementary School, leading to the district putting development of the lot on the back burner for the time being. This fall, the city and district brokered a deal that sells the lot to the city for \$10 so it can be improved into recreation fields. The agreement allows the district to purchase the land back for \$10 plus improvements when it's ready to build the school.

**Steve Peterson connection:** The mayor was working on this concept in his previous term, and with the help of CVSD Superintendent Ben Small, the two parties were able to come to an agreement that will improve the lot until it is ready for use.

## 6. Civic center discussion returns to forefront

Plans to develop a 6.4-acre plot of land next at the corner of Appleway and Signal were re-engaged in 2012, as an initial phase that would expand parking and green space near the Farmers Market site was formulated, with longer-term development still being debated for the vacant city-owned lot. The land was labeled a priority by the City Council after its summer planning retreat. Pending the finalization of some pieces of the funding, the city is aiming to make strides on the lot in 2013.

**Steve Peterson connection:** He was mayor when the city purchased the lot, envisioning a site for a library and community center. He recently engaged a team of students to study the concept of a retail incubator developed into the site.

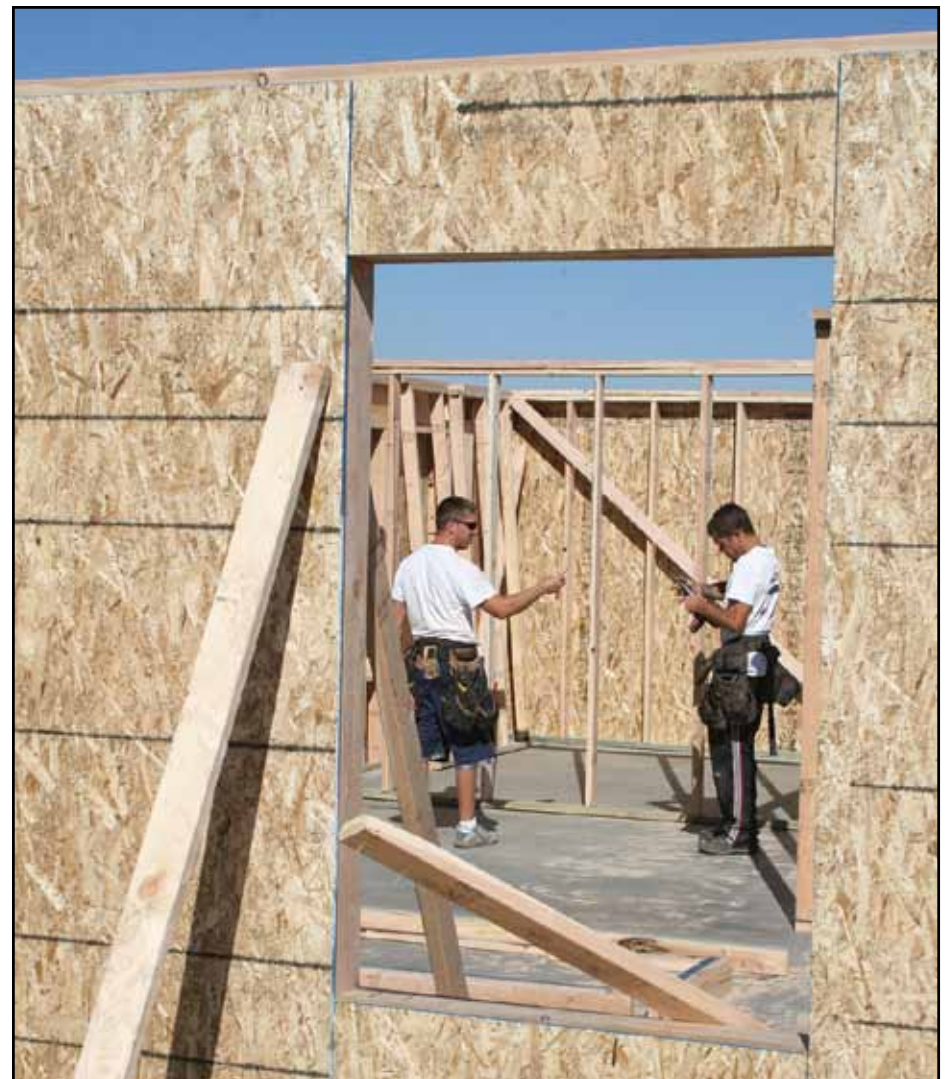
## 7. Utility tax gets green light for another year

By all accounts, the process for working on the 2013 budget went much smoother than years' past. Many Council Members credited Finance Director RJ Stevenson (who had completed his first full budget cycle on the job) and City Administrator Katy Allen with the improved process. Still under debate was the 2-year-old utility tax, which was initially passed to help cover an anticipated shortfall in city coffers, but which created a surplus in its first year and so was reduced by half – to 3 percent – for 2012. Some council members discussed reducing it further or eliminating it for 2013, and the Council received some testimony favoring the tax's eradication, but ultimately the tax survived intact in the 2013 budget. Some council members have said they plan to take the issue up again early next year.

**Steve Peterson connection:** Interestingly, the mayor was one of the staunchest opponents of the tax – at that time as a citizen -- when it was first instituted for 2011, and he campaigned on the concept of reducing or removing it a year ago. During the budget season, he has been one of the tax's chief defenders, claiming now that its purpose has been defined to use for road maintenance and infrastructure, it is necessary for the city's future health.

## 8. Districts join forces for SV Tech

Led by the Central Valley School District, a consortium of Spokane Valley school districts developed plans to purchase and renovate an old building early



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

This home went up in the Rocky Hill neighborhood in 2012, where about twice as many homes sold in 2012 vs. the previous year.

in 2012. The result was Spokane Valley Tech, which will move into the upgraded building at the corner of University and Sprague in Spokane Valley this January. Officially a branch campus of a Spokane skill center, Spokane Valley Tech focuses on career and college readiness through programs as diverse as aerospace manufacturing and cosmetology. The school is seeking funding from the legislature in 2013 to further expand.

**Steve Peterson connection:** There is no direct connection, but Peterson has been a cheerleader for the project and has praised CVSD Superintendent Ben Small's leadership in helping make the project a reality.

## 9. Residential building spikes

While not approaching pre-recession levels, the city of Liberty Lake did see significant growth in its residential building in 2012. The inspection and permitting needs were such that the city contracted with Cheney to bring on another inspector, and Greenstone Homes reported sales approximately doubling in its two main Liberty Lake developments — River District and Rocky Hill — over a similar time-frame in 2011.

**Steve Peterson connection:** Peterson has a close connection at the city of Cheney. Cheney's city administrator, Arlene Fisher, was Liberty Lake's first finance director — hired by Peterson.

## 10. Tech campus comes to life

Early in 2012, Liberty Mutual moved into the Meadowwood Technology Campus — the former home of Agilent/Hewlett Packard. That major tenant and the arrival of a few others has brought bustle and daily traffic back into the facility. Greenstone purchased the site in 2010 and has shared plans to further develop the property as the market allows.

**Steve Peterson connection:** The Meadowwood Technology Campus was the site of an election forum in October 2011 during his campaign against current Council Member Josh Beckett. When asked if he would be looking to assume control over the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, Peterson drew some chuckles from the crowd with an emphatic, "Oh no." He said the two entities had "buried the hatchet."



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

Central Valley School District Superintendent Ben Small talks to the press at the September groundbreaking for Spokane Valley Tech.

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## December sunset



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rich Semler captured this winter sunset scene off his deck earlier in December.

## GMS fills the bus



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Central Valley students from Bowdish, Evergreen, Greenacres, Horizon and North Pines middle schools worked on Nov. 17 to "Fill the Bus" for Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank. Greenacres Middle School collected 3,078 pounds of canned and packaged food, 26 turkeys (tied for most turkeys collected from a single school) and \$529 in cash donations.

## Santa Slammer champs



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Emerald City Smoothies 7th grade girls basketball team won the Santa Slammer AAU basketball tournament Dec. 15 and 16 at the HUB Sports Center. Pictured are (front row) Abby Gennett, Briauna Robinson, Bayley Brennan; (back row) **Kelsey Gumm**, **Coach Ron Anderson**, Amiah Routson, Gracee Dwyer, Claire Dinugs, Coach Jeremy Gennett and Rachael Schlect. Not pictured are **Bryn Anderson** and **Hailey Christopher**. (Liberty Lake residents are in bold.)

**Local Lens**  
 Share your snapshots for The Splash's photo page. Email photos@libertylakesplash.com with scenes from around town, community events and Splash Travels.

## Swimming through



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Three otters play around on the 15th green of Meadow Golf Course last week. Rich Semler, who captured the scene from his home, said he observed the otters traveling from hole to hole and eating fish along the way. He said one even caught a 15-inch bass.

# Kids Tell it Like it is

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley at Liberty Lake Elementary School

**If your parents were to come up with a New Year's Resolution for you, what would they say?**



"Eat healthy foods like broccoli and celery."  
**Maddie Lutes, 6, first grade**



"No eating candy."  
**Reese Hook, 6, first grade**



"Take out the trash every day."  
**Tyler Gesik, 9, third grade**



"Treat others the way you want to be treated."  
**Julianne Hemphill, 7, first grade**



"Exercise more because we always sit around the TV."  
**Annella Lyon, 6, first grade**



"Feed the dog without being reminded."  
**Connor Hunnel, 8, third grade**



"Make my bed every morning."  
**Rilee Homer, 9, third grade**



"Pick up the dog and lizard poop."  
**Nick Bankey, 9, third grade**

## SPORTS/PROFILES

# Sloan thrives doing double duty for Bears

By Mike Vlahovich  
SPLASH SPORTS COLUMN



"That's using the term loosely," he kiddingly counter-punched. "This is what I do. I coach, and I don't think there's any secret to it. The better the kids you have, the better coach you become."

I guided the conversation to a question that had lurked in the back of my mind for some time. Why *did* he become a basketball coach instead of a football coach?

"I remember when I was young, I really wanted to become a head coach (some day)."

Sloan said. "I love both sports and said whatever opportunity comes open first is what I'm going for. The first opportunity was basketball, and the rest is history."

Giampietri, Sloan continued, has allowed him to "get my football fix. It's the best of both worlds for me."

I had followed Sloan as a standout football quarterback at CV, ending third at the time in career passing. He played quarterback collegiately and even got a brief look in the NFL. He was equally as good in basketball, the Bears' top scorer and rebounder in the GSL before a blown knee ended both his and CV's postseason hopes.

The one thing that struck my wife and me when I was covering Valley sports was his maturity. Sloan came to his games im-

peccably dressed and never failed to stop by for a friendly chat either before or after a game.

Sloan, after a brief turn as a salesman, returned to his alma mater, became an assistant with Giampietri's program that produced a state title in 1997, and ultimately took on the Bears head basketball coaching job.

He has coached three top-four state finishers, including the two finalists in 2006 and last year.

Covering the state tournament for The Spokesman-Review, I wrote of the 2006 team: "Some observers questioned whether Central Valley belonged in the semifinals of the State 4A tournament, pointing out they were undersized, lacked the talent of higher profile players and that most of all their style of play was boring."

"The Spokane Valley's Little Engine That Could wrote the most amazing story in this week's tourney."

They were classic overachievers whose resolve carried the day.

Last year's group was made up of football players, athletic enough to reach the state quarterfinals and parlay that athleticism and camaraderie into a state basketball title bid.

That alone says something about Sloan as a coach. He may not be a genius, but how many others at the Class 4A level can boast they were both offensive coordinator for a state football titlist and head coach of two basketball finalists?

"I like doing what I'm doing," the double-duty Sloan said.

That's what matters most.

*Mike Vlahovich has covered Central Valley High School athletics for more than 40 years. Write to him at mikevlaho@comcast.net.*

## Scoreboard

### BOYS BASKETBALL

12/18	CV vs. Shadle Park	59-46	W
12/20	CV vs. North Central	66-37	W

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/18	CV vs. Shadle Park	54-51	L
12/20	CV vs. North Central	48-22	W

### SCHEDULE

#### DECEMBER 29

2:30 p.m. CV Girls Basketball vs. Richland  
4 p.m. CV Boys Basketball vs. Richland

#### JANUARY 2

6 p.m. CV Gymnastics vs. Lewis and Clark, Mt. Spokane, North Central, Ferris at Ferris

#### JANUARY 3

7 p.m. CV Wrestling vs. Gonzaga Prep

Nearly 20 years ago, the late Dave Holmes and I were sitting in Albi Stadium, watching Central Valley in the state football playoffs.

Holmes had begun as a high school coach, moved on to college where he took Eastern Washington University to the NAIA national championship game and had a successful stint at the University of Hawaii before "island fever" hastened his return to the mainland and Spokane Valley.

Holmes wound down his football coaching career where it started, in high school at University. He knew football.

Holmes was impressed with Rick Sloan's play calling as offensive coordinator under Rick Giampietri in that playoff game. He mentioned in casual conversation that Sloan had a great offensive mind who should be a head football coach.

Sloan and I were talking basketball last week following the Bears' unbeaten start. With two second-place state finishes behind him, I jokingly called him a genius.

## LEGOS

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Children's Library Associate Amy Dickeson said the Lego Club was a goal of the library for a very long time. It took until this past summer for the idea of the club to gather momentum.

"We always wanted to do one," Dickeson said. "We were interested in trying to get kids in after school, which is always a challenge because they are so busy."

The first obstacle was finding enough Legos to get the club started. Dickeson put out a plea to the community for donations.

Her initial request resulted in the library receiving a large tub of Legos from the Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club as well as help from the nonprofit organization, Friends of the Library. However, the library still didn't have enough to begin the program.

"I kept putting the word out that we needed more Legos," Dickeson said. "I didn't know if we would be able to have a club."

Dickeson tried to entice library patrons for donations by displaying a Lego Monster she built at the front checkout counter holding the sign, "feed me," but the Lego Monster failed to generate enough

Legos for the club.

It took more than five months of asking, and generous donations by several local families, before the library was able to get the club officially underway.

On Nov. 5, with more than three large tubs of Legos, the club launched with six children in attendance. The club currently hosts more than 20 children every Monday afternoon.

"Once the word was out, it has grown," Dickeson said. "It is great."

The Lego Club is turning out to be quite a success for the library as after-school programs go. Other attempts, such as book clubs or crafts, weren't able to generate the same level of interest.

"This has exploded," Dickeson said. "We're really happy we've found something that really gets them excited to come to the library."

Dickeson plans to add an additional weekly session as attendance increases, noting that 30 children is the maximum number the space can accommodate. But with growth, Dickeson said the library will require more Lego donations.

"We have enough Legos for now, but if the Lego Club continues to grow, we will need more," Dickeson said. "It's a hard thing to ask people to give, but if everyone just gave a handful of Legos that

would help."

Dickeson attributes the club's success to the ability of keeping participants creations from week to week. Each participant is given a 14- x 19-inch sheet of cardboard as a building base.

When the hour is over, each display is carefully placed on top of book shelves to be displayed throughout the remainder of the week. The following Monday, participants retrieve their creations and begin building again.

"It's hard to complete a project in an hour," Dickeson said. "This way, they don't have to stop, dismantle it and feel like they've worked so hard and now it's gone."

Dickeson said she will eventually have participants dismantle the creations and redistribute the pieces to allow other participants an equal chance to use the different Lego pieces.

"We're going to have to start fresh at certain points so they can share the pieces," Dickeson said. "Maybe once a month we'll start fresh."

According to Dickeson, she advocated for the activity primarily to get children excited about the library and have a program for children after school. She also noted it provides an opportunity for children to tap in to and grow the different

skills that come with building Legos. She sees this as a means to spark imagination and creativity as well as develop a child's problem solving skills, mathematical reasoning, memory and attention span.

"You can really make a good argument for the academic or the development that is going on," Dickeson said. "Plus, it gets them in the library and makes them want to check out books. It's a win-win."

Recently, she held a maze theme contest for anyone wanting to participate. Staff and patrons judged the event by putting a button in a cup provided at each display. The winner received a \$10 Toys "R" Us gift card. Dickeson hopes to have a different contest each month.

Next year, Dickeson plans to do more theme-based projects as well as tie in with reading.

"It's going to evolve," Dickeson said. "We'll use kids, parents and staff input to see what the kids want to do. There are many ways we could change it."

Whatever the tweaks, Dickeson is pleased to see the program on the right track.

"I love seeing the joy on the children's faces and the excitement," Dickeson said. "Seeing how popular it's become makes you feel like we're doing something right."

## Splash Editorial

# A great use of 12 bucks

### Participate in the 12 Meals of Christmas drive by noon Dec. 31

Thanks to our readers, more than 180 weekends worth of meals — totaling more than 1,000 individual meals — have already been provided to students in the Central Valley School District who may otherwise go hungry through the 12 Meals of Christmas drive.

The effort received a huge boost this week from the Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club, which donated \$12 for every student and teacher who died in the tragic Connecticut school shooting earlier this

month — a donation of \$312! My personal thanks go out to this incredible local service club.

Whether you're representing an organization, your family or just yourself, would you please consider making your donation by noon Dec. 31? Donations received by this time will be included in the final tallies shared in the Jan. 3 Splash. Check out the house ad on page 13 for how to take part.

Thanks to all who have participated so far. To those who haven't, a gift of just \$12 will make a world of difference. Please help us push past 200 weekends of food, and beyond, by sending your gift today.

— Josh Johnson, Editor and Publisher

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The following notes were submitted by making a minimum \$12 donation to the Food for Thought program. Next week's issue will feature more contributions from community members.

**D**ear God: Thanks for the birth of Your Son. Thanks for all the Grace and Mercy and Love. I wouldn't be without Him!

**G**reat backpacks, for great kids!

**I**n honor of all those who give ... their time, their money, their love, or whatever they happen to have to make a difference in the lives of their fellow man. And most of all, in honor of the gift that makes all the difference in the world: Jesus Christ.

**I**n keeping with the Kiwanis mission of serving the children of the world, please accept this donation in memory of the 20 first graders and 6 teachers at Sandy Hook.

**I**t's a wonderful time of year for all to feel special and be blessed, our family is happy to share the gifts we have received with you.

**M**ay your soul be nourished with joy!

**N**ever give up on yourself - I hope you are always eager to learn new things.

**T**o give and to share is the greatest joy of all. — J and L

**W**e are all one family in the Father! ... and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." - Isaiah 58:10 Merry Christmas!

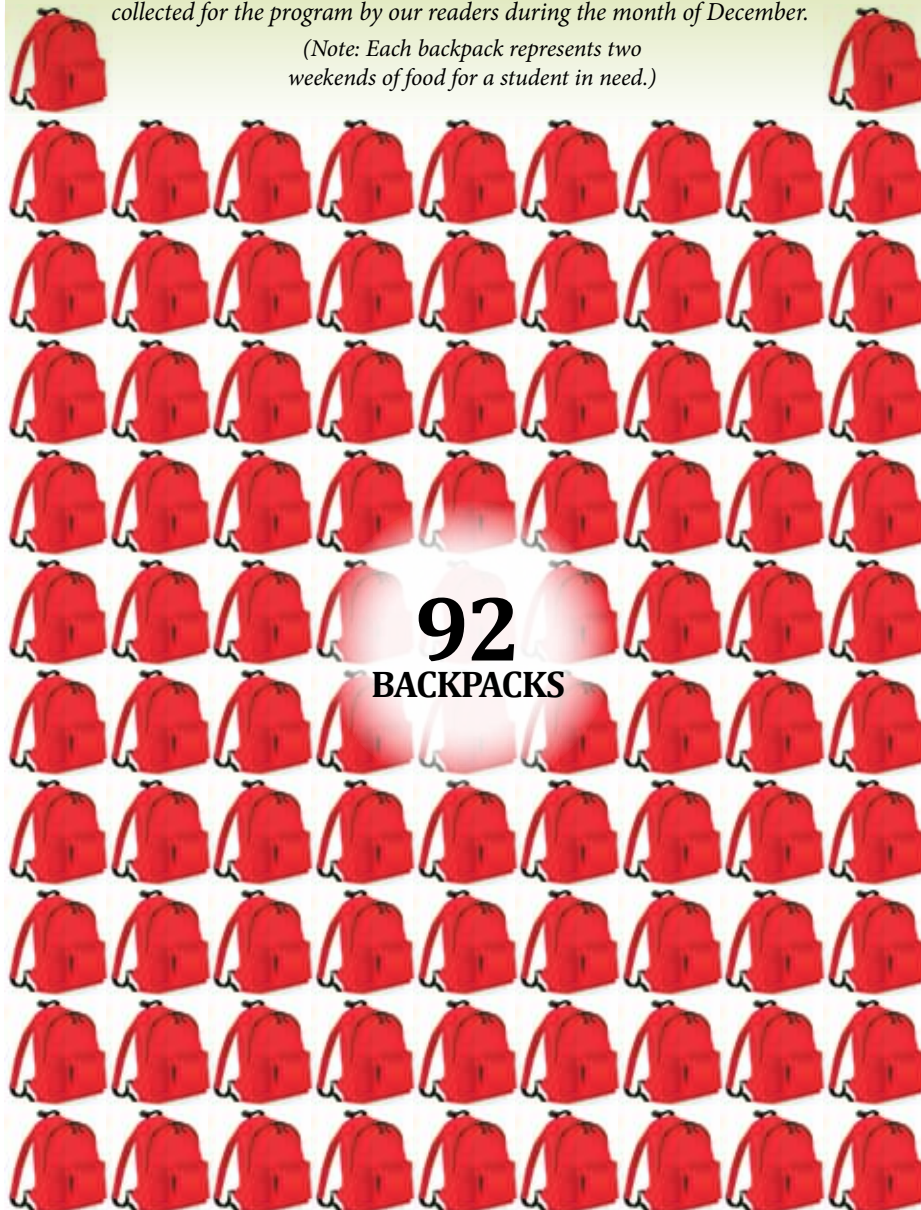
**W**e are making this donation to help the children in our community as a way of honoring the children and educators who lost their lives in the Newton, Conn., tragedy. - The Hansens

**W**e'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.)



## Editorial Cartoons



COVER STORY

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**11. Twin bill of success for CV basketball**

The 4A state championship games had one thing in common in Washington state last March: the Central Valley Bears. Both the boys and girls teams closed out impressive seasons with championship game appearances. While the girls team was ranked among the state's top teams all season, the boys team flew under the radar most of the year and peaked at the state tournament. Both teams fell short in the final game, but a dual second place finish was a significant achievement for the school. One Bears team that did take home top honors in state was the boys cross country team, which achieved the feat this fall.

**Steve Peterson connection:** Another one of Peterson's early hires, former city maintenance and green space guru Ron Knudsen, is an assistant coach with the CV boys basketball team.

**12. Goats graze on city's problem pastures**

An innovative approach to a weedy hillside become one of the more talked-about stories of 2012 when Parks and Open Space Superintendent Jennifer Camp brought in 27 goats to gobble away at the tough-to-remove overgrowth. The grazing workforce was so successful the city later moved them to another trouble area at Rocky Hill Park, and the goats made their way into the budget for an encore performance in 2013.

**Steve Peterson connection:** The mayor — who has long been vocal with his praise of outside-the-box thinking — has lauded the goats as fitting in with his vision for a “safe, clean, green” community.



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

A goat does its job on the hill overlooking Nature's Place at Meadowwood Arboretum.

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](http://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](http://www.svpart.org). Food for the program, particularly items that are individually sized, can be dropped off to the Spokane Valley Partners food bank, 10814 East Broadway Ave. in Spokane Valley.

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### NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT LIBERTY LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Mayor of the City of Liberty Lake that the regularly-scheduled City Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, January 1, 2013, has been **POSTPONED** until Tuesday, January 8, 2013. The January 8th City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive Ave, Liberty Lake, WA. Individuals planning to attend the meeting, who require special assistance to accommodate physical, hearing, or other impairments, please contact the City Clerk at (509) 755-6729 with a minimum 48-hour advanced notice so that arrangements may be made.

Ann Swenson, CMC, City Clerk Published: December 27, 2012

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### NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PASSED BY LIBERTY LAKE CITY COUNCIL

The following is the title and summary of Ordinance No. 204 passed by the City of Liberty Lake City Council on the 18th day of December, 2012.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING SALARY SCHEDULES FOR ESTABLISHED POSITIONS.**

**Section 1** adopts the city budget for the year 2013 of \$12,197,056 and outlines aggregate expenditures for all funds as set forth in Exhibit A.

**Section 2** sets amounts for employees' positions, salary schedules, and adjustments as adopted and referenced in Exhibit B.

**Section 3** requires the City Clerk to transmit a completed copy of the adopted budget to the State Auditor and Association of Washington Cities.

**Section 4** establishes a severability clause in the event some portion of the Ordinance is held invalid.

**Section 5** 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](http://www.libertylakewa.gov). A copy will be mailed or emailed upon request.

Ann Swenson, CMC, City Clerk Published: 12/27/2012

### 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 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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/s/ Martha L. Bauder  
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Personal Representative

Attorney for Personal Representative:

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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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/s/ Robin K. Austin  
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In the Matter of the Estate of No. 12-400816-9  
MAXINE J. JONES, 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 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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/s/ Herbert G. Jones  
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In the Matter of the Estate of No. 12-401463-1  
LILLIAN E. KAGELE, PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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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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/s/ Lillian E. Kagele  
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

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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/s/ Steven James Kukucka  
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In re the Estate of No. 12-4-01486-0  
ROBERT H. SNOW, III, PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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Co-Personal Representatives:  
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- 17 Data, for short
- 18 Open slightly
- 19 Surround
- 20 Jordan's capital
- 22 Categorize
- 24 Wheedle
- 25 Aerosol vessel
- 29 Pitch
- 30 Corn
- 31 Consumed
- 32 Thick-bladed dagger
- 34 Turn the soil
- 35 Don Juan's mother
- 36 Soil samples rich in clay
- 37 Big glitch
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- 41 Grown-up nits
- 42 Poison ivy aid
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- 49 Anything but that
- 50 Crimson Tide school
- 51 Nevertheless
- 27 Fermi's bit
- 28 11 o'clock broadcast
- 30 Carte
- 33 Longtime convicts
- 34 Verse
- 36 Tibet's capital
- 37 Venetian blind part
- 38 In the offing
- 39 Exotic berry
- 40 Grad
- 42 Stocky horse
- 43 Santa winds
- 44 Born
- 45 Tolkien character
- 10 Well-protected
- 11 Coin aperture
- 16 Trojan War hero
- 17 Highland hillside
- 18 New Testament book
- 21 Castle protection
- 22 Olympic swimming
- 23 Rice-shaped pasta
- 25 Fill fully
- 26 Dire situation

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- 2 Mound stat
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- 5 Burn somewhat
- 6 Type measures
- 7 Homer's interjection
- 8 Half
- 9 Coffee shop

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by Linda Thistle

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