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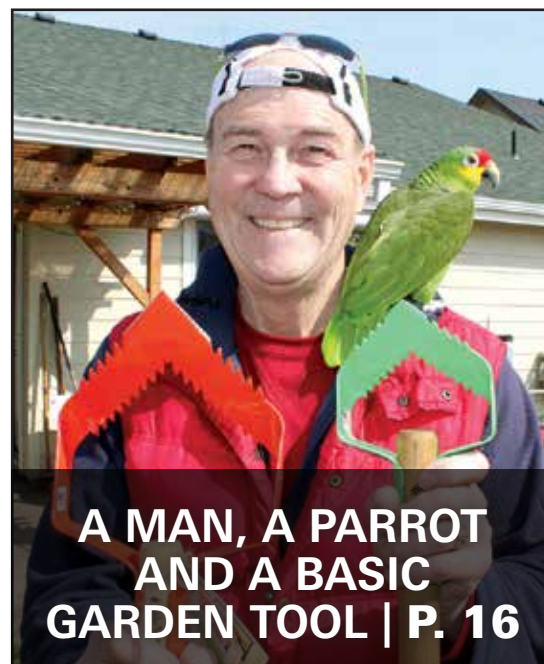


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Foundational foresight



The Home Issue

Main Jr. and father created map for Liberty Lake development

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Not many people realize that the road to modern-day Liberty Lake wound from the Inland Northwest through Northern California to Alaska and back again.

Call it “Main Street.”

In the late 1970s, Bill Main Sr. and his son, Bill Jr., a pair of real estate entrepreneurs, saw the potential of an “urban village” tucked in Spokane County’s easternmost corner. While Liberty Lake was seen by most as a collection of waterfront homes, a single gas station and sweeping fields hedged up against an interstate highway, the Mains imagined a walkable, mixed-use community featuring nourishing trails, parks and well-built homes.

“Bill Sr. was a visionary,” said Jim Frank,



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founder of Greenstone Homes and former business partner with the Mains. “He had some great ideas about land use. The original concept of Meadowwood, which we eventually built out, was the concept that Bill initially had.”

Bill Sr. founded Main Realty in 1959, eventually broadening the company into residential development and construction. The business became a one-stop development shop, platting nondescript land, building the homes and marketing the properties. Over the course of decades, Main Realty would develop thousands of lots in Washington, Idaho and Montana, including well-known Spokane neighborhoods like Suncrest, Shiloh Hills and Camelot.

Bill Jr. found his way back to the family real estate business after considering a



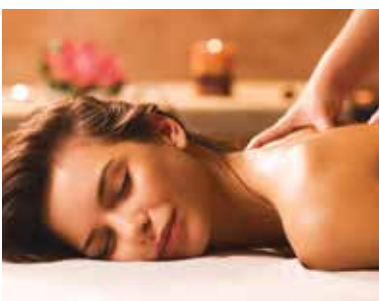
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Bill Main Jr. is the designated managing broker and owner of RE/MAX of Spokane. He and his father, Bill Main Sr., were instrumental in the early development of Liberty Lake that originated in the late 1970s.

number of college majors but ultimately earning his degree in real estate finance from Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado in 1978. When Bill returned to Spokane, he and his father would pursue their notion of Liberty Lake

in the midst of an economic downturn, overcoming apathy from more than a few lenders before finally securing support from SeaFirst Bank and, later, major financing from Alaska Mutual Bank.

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The blueprint gained clarity and momentum with the arrival of technology pioneer Hewlett Packard. A pillar of what would become Silicon Valley, HP had its headquarters in the Bay Area but was expanding into Western sites like Corvallis, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash. By the end of the 1970s, HP was looking at other markets like Boise and Spokane.

The Mains' mixed-use concept featured a retail center, business district and residential development blended into a pedestrian friendly community with plenty of greenspace. Their visit to the HP Stanford Park campus in Palo Alto brought the plan into further light. HP would be the first commercial tenant in the Liberty Lake area, paving the way for other high-tech businesses like Telect and Itron.

More components fell into place to bring the orchestration of Liberty Lake into harmony, starting with the formation of the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District in 1973 that added key infrastructure pieces necessary for commercial and residential construction. The Mains would also collaborate with Elmer Schneidmiller, the largest land owner in the area, on plans for a unique community that people would be proud to call home.

High interest rates had a dampening effect on development until the early 1990s, when residential and commercial projects began emerging in Liberty Lake and throughout Spokane County. Still, growth in the area was slow. Greenstone has an aerial photo of Liberty Lake from 1994 that is the definition of rural.

"There was virtually nothing here," said Frank.

The Mains would stake their claim on the residential side through a project known as Homestead, later to be renamed Meadowwood, the cornerstone of contemporary Liberty Lake. Years after HP left its local headquarters, the name would surface again, this time as the repurposed Meadowwood Technology Campus.

RE/MAX of Spokane was founded as the vehicle for marketing Homestead/Meadowwood homes and other Main Real Estate developments. Bill Jr. and his dad bought the local franchise over two decades ago and, like Main Real Estate, it has diversified over the years. Bill Jr. currently serves as the designated managing broker and owner of RE/MAX of Spokane, a business that has earned the highest single office sales the past two years for a region that includes Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana.

Bill Sr., long retired, still lives in the area but has slowed down several gears since his dynamic development days. Bill Jr. takes him on regular car excursions, some of which wind through the streets of a Liberty Lake community they both envisioned nearly 40 years ago.

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Q. Growing up, did you think you might pursue real estate and development as a career?

A. My brother, sister and I were raised on the north side of Spokane. We always have been surrounded by real estate influence and conversation. It was the norm in our family that dinner conversation topics included current sales price trends, lot line adjustments and zoning changes. After graduating from St. George's School in 1971, I needed to get as far away from real estate and Spokane as possible. I enrolled in college and switched majors a dozen times until I slowly realized that no field or career could be as exciting, challenging and fun as real estate. ... My dad was a major influence in my returning to Spokane and getting into real estate. His enthusiasm and optimism was catchy, and he encouraged and mentored many people in the profession.

Q: What do you think your dad saw in the potential of the Liberty Lake area to become something great?

A: In the 1970s, Liberty Lake was a small community primarily populated around the lake. However, the area was a textbook example for a planned community with I-90 access, surrounded by scenic hills, located between Spokane and Coeur d'Alene and had the wonderful amenity of the lake and Liberty Lake Golf Course. Probably the most important ingredient was the large undeveloped parcels of land between the lake and I-90 which were controlled by the Scheidmiller Land Company, used for their family grass seed business. The large unimproved vacant property in this wonderful setting provided a blank slate with many possibilities from a development point that provided a rare opportunity to plan for an entire community. Dad met Elmer Schneidmiller in the 1970s and they entered an agreement to develop the property. They were both extremely optimistic and persistent and would encourage each other to keep the focus on a vision of developing this community into something really special. This partnership was not primarily interested in "maximizing profit" — the main emphasis was to participate in creating an exceptional community.

Q: The national economy during this time was not exactly flourishing. What sort of challenges did this present for local real estate and, in particular, the goals for development in Liberty Lake?

A: The economy in the U.S. and particularly in Spokane was disastrous in the late 1970s and early 1980s, particularly for the development and real estate business. Interest rates were sky high (21 percent prime rate) and very little, if any, business was being conducted in development/construction business. At this point, Spokane County (Liberty Lake would not incorporate as a city until 2001) had approved zoning and preliminary lot configuration for the entire project. Sewer and water capacity was avail-

able (the Liberty Lake Sewer District had completed its facilities), but there were no clients. We had searched development money for the first phase of Homestead (later renamed Meadowwood) throughout Spokane and the state and, after many rejections, finally received a commitment through Seafirst Bank (now Bank of America) from their Seattle residential lending department. The first phase included approximately \$1.5 million in infrastructure improvements (sewer, water lines and streets) that could not be recaptured through the sales of the improved lots, which became problematic. I remember in the early 1980s calling and begging builders that were still in business to buy fully serviced lots in Homestead for \$7,500 — just so we could get two-by-fours in the air, creating an impression of activity. My brother, Doug, had relocated to Alaska in the early 1980s, where the market was booming. He was very successful in developing and building projects in Anchorage and introduced dad and me to his primary bank, Alaska Mutual Bank. Ultimately, we entered into a partnership with the bank which enabled us to develop the property to the market, which was moving at glacial speed for about six years. The bank's capital allowed the project to survive as envisioned during these very slow market days.

Q: How did the arrival of Hewlett Packard affect the early development of Liberty Lake?

A: Hewlett Packard's decision to locate at Liberty Lake was crucial in the development and existence of Meadowwood and the Liberty Lake community as it exists today. The Meadowwood Planned Unit Development, formerly known as Homestead, in 1979, was the largest PUD approved in the state of Washington. The Homestead preliminary plat and environmental impact statement were completed in 1979 at the same time Hewlett Packard indicated interest in locating in Spokane. However, the Spokane economy and real estate market were in shambles due to the extremely high interest rates, and no utility construction or development had occurred at Homestead at that time. The biggest challenge to beginning construction was lack of sewer and water facilities, as the Homestead plat was conditioned on availability of sewer and water. Hewlett Packard was reviewing several sites in Spokane County. We worked with the HP site acquisition team, and the team ultimately chose the Liberty Lake site. We modified the plat to create HP-desired boundaries, and they committed to contribute a substantial sum to the Liberty Lake Sewer District (in exchange for sewer and water capacity for their site) for construction of the sewer and water facilities. HP's financial commitment to the LLSWD was extremely important, if not crucial, in contributing to the beginnings of development with helping fund the Liberty Lake Sewer District and providing a Triple-A anchor for the project.

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Q: You and your dad visited Palo Alto and HP's Stanford Park campus right around that time. What impressions did you bring back to the Inland Northwest and the Liberty Lake project?

A: During negotiations with the Hewlett Packard site acquisition team, they shared their preferences for development. HP preferred, at the time, a residential, commercial and non-polluting industrial integrated community. The desire was to build a small community where one could bike or walk to the store or to work. This sounds like a no-brainer today, but at the time it was a unique concept.

HP invited Elmer Schneidmiller, our engineer Dick Mason, Dad and I to visit the Stanford Park area campus. At the time, Hewlett Packard was cutting edge not only in their products but were leading the pack with unique management style, treatment of employees and flexible time schedules. The HP tours provided firsthand experience as to an existing community integrated with a variety of zoning uses and including bike and walking trails. It was exciting that a progressive and innovative company had decided to locate in the Spokane community, and Liberty Lake in particular. After the Stanford Park area visit, our group returned and modified the specific Hewlett Packard site to accommodate their needs but redesigned several aspects of the original plat to reflect what we had learned during that trip.

Q: How were the plans for Liberty Lake different from what was going on in Spokane County and the region at the time?

A: During the time when Homestead was originally platted, there was nothing to compare it with in Spokane County. The plat concept was an "urban village" long before that term was coined. Faster-growing parts of the country, such as southern and northern California communities, were being planned and built with similar plans and zoning. The original plat was substantially modified twice. The first major revamp was accomplished after our visit to the HP Stanford Park area, and we reflected the things we learned about integration in addition to revising the boundaries of the HP site.

The second major revamp occurred when the Meadowwood Golf Course was incorporated into the overall project. We had hired well-known and experienced land planners and architects, Nagy and Richardson, located in Newport Beach, Calif. The firm had extensive experience in planning small communities in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Phoenix. After determining absorption rates and projecting full development of Homestead, Nagy recommended that the project could have acceptable absorption rates by creating more open space with creating an amenity such as a golf course. The Meadowwood Golf Course was originally platted as residential lots. Spokane County

Parks Director Sam Angove had always wanted to expand the existing Liberty Lake Golf Course. Over several months of negotiations, a generous land donation by one of the original landowners, Jeslyn Schultz, and Spokane County locating funding to construct the course, the Meadowwood Golf Course was born.

Q: Jim Frank and Greenstone Homes seem to have adeptly carried on the original vision that your dad had for this area. How would you describe the passing of that development baton and what are your thoughts about Greenstone's impact on Liberty Lake?

A: In the mid 1980s, dad and I entered into a partnership with Alaska Mutual Bank involving the Meadowwood project. The bank had made a substantial investment of \$6.5 million (huge money in those days) in the project when the Alaskan economy was booming. The investment allowed us to develop the property near the end of the 1980s. By the 1990s, and the end of the Alaska boom, the bank became a cumbersome partner, due partially to distance and lack of interest. The bank had indicated they were willing to sell their interest.

Dad and I had known Jim Frank for years. We both personally knew of Jim's integrity and admired his thoughtful, long-term approach to developing property. His projects were high-quality but also interesting, a little different. We discussed and negotiated a sale with the bank, and Jim ultimately bought out the interest of Alaska Mutual Bank. It was a beneficial transition for us and the Meadowwood community, going to a partner with energy, wonderful concepts and ideas and consistent follow-through. We were partners with Jim for two years and couldn't have dreamed of a better partner as a person and businessman. Jim offered to buy our interest as my dad began thinking about retirement.

Jim Frank and Greenstone have left their quality impact on Meadowwood. Greenstone has brought great design and value for the family home in Meadowwood, and many of the fantastic amenities the community enjoys were Jim's initial efforts — the (Farmers Market), movies at Pavillion Park, symphony at the park, boulevard trees and on. I believe that everyone involved in Meadowwood can be extremely proud of the end result.

By the time Jim purchased our interest in Meadowwood (nearly 20 years after the first plat recording), Dad and I frankly were burnt out on the project. Dad decided to retire, and I became involved with several much smaller residential developments in the Spokane Valley and West Plains developments. Additionally, I partnered with Ron Wells, and we repurposed several buildings into residential condos, including 36-unit Morgan Building and the Churchills/Joel building. Developing existing buildings downtown was the polar opposite end of the development spectrum from the blank slate that became Meadowwood.

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Above, homes are actively under construction near the intersection of Holl Road and Knox Avenue in the River Crossing North portion of Greenstone's River District development. Further south along Holl Road, near its intersection with Nora Avenue, much of the inventory is already spoken for (photo at left).



Housing sales show signs of vitality

The Home Issue

Shift from buyers' to sellers' market could be on the horizon

By Treva Lind
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

For one Liberty Lake couple, a decision this spring to buy a house will take them right back to their current neighborhood.

Eight years ago, Rick and Pam Martin bought two River District townhomes, one to live in and another they rented. They sold the rental last year and recently listed their townhome for sale while having a new single-family home built in the district. The appeal? Mainly, the Greenstone-constructed house will provide more privacy and a real yard that's maintenance-free, because homeowner dues pay for lawn services and snow removal.

Rick, 66, and Pam, 65, enjoy living near the Centennial Trail and city amenities.

"We're empty-nesters," Martin said. "I work over at Home Depot, and we work, live and play in this community. We want to stay here."

Buyers like the Martins — and even first-time home buyers — are behind what proved to be a best first quarter since 2007 for home sales in greater Spokane, real estate agents say. "Busy" was another description they used for spring activity, an uncommon adjective uttered in the industry since the mid-2008 real estate market meltdown followed by the recession and gradual recovery.

Nationally, existing home sales in February increased 4.7 percent from the year prior, while constrained inventory levels pushed price growth to its fastest pace in a year, the National Association of Realtors reported.

A recent uptick in home sales is apparent in Liberty Lake, Spokane Valley and all of Spokane, said Pam Fredrick, broker at John L. Scott in Liberty Lake.

"We just closed the highest total of closed sales for the month of March we've seen since 2007, and the sales were up significantly for March versus February," Fredrick said of the Spokane market. "We closed more homes in March of 2015 for any time since March of 2007, so that's an exciting statement."

"For one-family residential for March 2015, year-to-date compared to last year at this time, the closed sales are up 21.3 percent."

As of mid-April, 67 houses were listed

in Liberty Lake, Fredrick said, an inventory down somewhat from the 72 of a year ago. Of the 67, 11 of the properties were listed at or under \$250,000. The remainder were over, with 25 of those above \$500,000. Meanwhile, 207 single-family residences sold during the past year as of mid-April. That compares with 203 homes sold during the same period 2013-2014.

"Liberty Lake had a strong 2014, and we've started the best season for this year," said Fredrick, adding that the inventory of listed homes is down somewhat, especially at \$250,000 and below. However, home construction is noticeably active. "Sales of new constructed homes are up 11.2 percent compared to this time last year. For so many years, people weren't building."

Dan Lysek, broker at Live Real Estate, said the market began to improve within the past three years, but a ratio change occurred this spring. A year ago, his office's ratio of listings to pending sales was about 3 to 1, and now that ratio is about 1 to 1. "The issue we're seeing is our listing inventory is decreasing," he said. "I expect to see some reasonable price appreciation going forward over the next couple of years."

The average price of a Spokane-area home did rise in March. The Spokane Association of Realtors said the March average price was \$182,256, compared with March 2014

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at \$174,932. However, the average price of a Spokane Valley home (including Liberty Lake) is about \$230,800, said Rob Higgins, SAR executive vice president.

The Valley tends to have newer homes and more construction, he said.

"The positive story is sales are up overall in Spokane County, and inventory is tight," Higgins said.

Jim Frank, founder of Greenstone Homes, said local housing trends have responded to gradual economic recovery over the last two to three years that's firmed up the homebuilding business. The multifamily market held a bit more strength than single-family, a trend influenced by people in their 20s and 30s, Frank added. Generally, they're delaying marriage and having children later, and more in that demographic are renting for longer.

However, Frank said the single-family housing market is now seeing momentum.

"Pricing is increasing. Sales are strengthening. Inventories are shrinking," he said.

"The single-family market is getting strong now; the underwriting requirements for mortgages have become more stringent, and so that's had a bit of a negative effect, but all of that has been overcome by a good population growth, job formation and strength in the economy. Now, we're at the point that across the board, we're seeing a pretty strong economy and new construction factor."

More Baby Boomers also are seeking housing transitions, Frank said: "We think there is a strengthening market for housing for the Baby Boomer-moving-down market. They're looking for something smaller and lower maintenance."

Meanwhile, some boomers and even young buyers are looking at urban-style neighborhoods near recreation, jobs and amenities. Frank said that's a strength of Kendall Yards near downtown Spokane and of Liberty Lake neighborhoods.

Greenstone is constructing an additional River District phase in this style.

On Liberty Lake's horizon is the new Trutina subdivision planning about 360 residential lots, plus some multifamily units, south of Spokane River, north of I-90 and east of Harvard Road. A May 13 hearing is scheduled on the preliminary plat, then City Council review. With final plat approval, work could begin this summer. Additional development pockets include River Crossing North and Legacy Ridge.

The city has issued fairly steady year-over-year residential single-family building permits since 2012. For full-year 2014, the city recorded 109 permits; 105 in 2013; and 110 in 2012. That compares with 72 in 2011. The recent quarter saw 23 single-family home permits, down some from 31 in first quarter 2014.

Figures for annual real estate excise taxes, collected on the sale of all types of real estate, also indicate improvement. It's a percentage of the value of the sales transaction, so essentially, the more money collected in a year helps show the overall value of the real estate transactions within a community.

Liberty Lake's REET collected in 2007 hit \$773,810 when the city annexed the River District. It dipped afterward: \$396,364 in 2008; \$331,535, 2009; and \$314,734, 2010. Between 2011 and 2013, collections edged near or above \$400,000, and then reached \$701,979 last year, with \$150,000 of that from the sale of Big Trout Apartments and a Legacy Ridge land sale.

Overall, Fredrick said market shifts could bode well for sellers.

"Many of us in the industry feel there's going to be a switch from the buyers' market to a sellers' market. It's been a buyers' market for about seven years," she said. "Sometime in 2015, we may see it because of the lower inventory in the lower price points, but I don't see that happening in the \$500,000 and above. It's going to take some time."

"We're all very optimistic about the Spokane real estate market. We all feel we're past those difficult times, and we're seeing that consistent growth in all market areas."

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NEWS

SVFD Report

A total of 42 emergency calls originating within the city of Liberty Lake were reported by the Spokane Valley Fire Department between April 1-22, as follows:

Emergency medical services	33
Unauthorized burning	1
False alarm	1
Vehicle fires	2
Cancelled in route	5

Crews respond to tipped canoe

A couple's canoe overturned on Liberty Lake, which is located in the unincorporated portion of the community, about 7 p.m. April 19. One was wearing a life jacket, the other not, and both managed to cling to the canoe in the water until Liberty Lake police officers arrived. The officers borrowed a boat and brought the couple to shore. There, Spokane Valley Fire Department crews assisted the cold, wet boaters in the heated AMR ambulance. They were unharmed.

About this report

This is an inaugural report provided by the Spokane Valley Fire Department focusing in on statistics and calls transpiring in the Liberty Lake area.

Spokane Valley Fire Department serves the cities of Liberty Lake, Millwood and Spokane Valley and unincorporated areas of Spokane County, including the communities of Otis Orchards, Pasadena Park and the area surrounding Liberty Lake. The total service area has a combined population of 125,000 across approximately 75 square miles. In 2014, SVFD firefighters and paramedics responded to more than 13,800 emergency calls. During the first three months of 2015, SVFD responded to more than 3,700 emergency calls, an increase of 14.4% from the same time period in 2014. Established in 1940, the Department operates 10 stations, including one on Harvard Road in Liberty Lake.

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Police Report

The following items were among those reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department from March 23 to April 20. The report is listed in chronological order.

• **Vehicle prowl** — At 6:05 p.m. March 25, LPPD responded to the 22000 block of East Mission Avenue for a vehicle prowling and possible attempted vehicle theft. A man reported that upon returning to his parked vehicle, he found it had been significantly damaged. The ignition to the vehicle had been punched, along with other damage to the interior. Damage to the vehicle along with items taken was estimated at \$2,730.

- **Check fraud** — At 9:45 a.m. March 27, LLPD received a report of fraud from the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive. A woman reported she had enlisted the help of two unknown males to help her move and had wrote them a check for \$30. She later found the check had been altered, and \$436 was deducted from her account. This incident was placed under investigation.

• **Multiple violations** — At 11:32 a.m. March 27, LLPD responded to the 1900 block of North Cavalier Road when a woman reported her ex-boyfriend had entered her home while she was away and burnt \$400 in items in the backyard fire pit. Four days later, police were called back to the address when the woman discovered a camera hidden in her room positioned toward her bed and connected to the home's internet. On April 2, another complaint was filed that the ex-boyfriend had violated the terms of an order of protection with a text message. The connected incidents were placed under investigation.

- **Theft** — A 32-year-old Spokane Valley man was arrested at 11:48 a.m. April 3 at the 21000 block of East Country Vista Drive for theft. He was detained by property loss specialists at the location after he was seen stealing a total of \$217 in merchandise.

• **Theft by juvenile** — At 3:09 p.m. April 6, LLPD responded to a theft at the 1500 block of North Liberty Lake Road. An 11-year-old boy was detained by store em-

ployees after he was caught stealing a total of \$90.13 in items. The boy's mother was called, and he was released to her.

- **Vehicle theft** — At 9:29 a.m. April 8, LLPD responded to a vehicle theft at the 24000 block of East Desmet Road. A man reported when leaving his home in the morning, he discovered his vehicle had been stolen from the driveway where he'd parked it the night before. The vehicle is valued at close to \$18,000.

- **Burglary** — At 5 a.m. April 12, LLPD responded to the 23000 block of East Valleyway Avenue for burglary. The complainant reported someone had entered their garage and taken an estimated \$1,748 in tools and items from inside.

- **Vehicle prowling** — At 1:52 p.m. April 12, LLPD responded to the 24000 block of East Sharp Avenue for a vehicle prowling. A man reported someone had entered his vehicles during the night and taken a fanny pack containing a key and other items, along with a bag with chemicals in it. The total loss was valued at over \$700.

• **Vehicle prowl** — At 5:08 p.m. April 12, LLPD responded to the 1100 block of North Malvern for a vehicle prowl. A woman reported her daughter's vehicle had been left unlocked in the driveway, and some items were stolen from inside it. Among the \$220 in items taken was the victim's purse. When the bank was notified of the theft, the victim was informed her debit card had already been used to purchase \$34.50 in food from an area location.

• **Vehicle prowler arrest** — At 2:47 a.m. April 17, a 19-year-old Spokane man was arrested on at the 24000 block of East Desmet Road for residential burglary and second-degree theft. Multiple complainants had called to report a group of males in the area prowling vehicles, and the arrested man, escorted by a witness, was waiting for police when they arrived while others in the group escaped on foot. After questioning, the male denied entering any vehicles, and as there were no witnesses or victims seeing him commit a crime, he was released. A short time later, a SVPD officer made contact with the LLPD officer in regards to a suspicious person call he responded to in which the store clerk had witnessed the arrested man throwing a wallet in the garbage. Upon contact a second time, the man reported one of the suspects in the vehicle prowls was running and handed him the wallet to hold. He said the name of the suspect who handed him the wallet was "Matthew McConaughey." He was booked into jail for both on the burglary and theft charges.

- **Vehicle prowl** — At 12:55 p.m. April 17, LLPD responded to a vehicle prowl at the 800 block of North Swing St. A woman reported that sometime during the night, her vehicle was entered and two U.S. pass-

Calls for service

Agency assist	3
Alarm	3
Animal problem	1
Assault	2
Burglary	4
Child abuse or neglect	3
Citizen assist	5
Citizen dispute	5
Deceased person	1
Domestic violence	2
DUI	2
Fraud	3
Fugitive	4
Harassment	2
Juvenile runaway	1
Littering	1
Lost or found property	1
Malicious mischief	2
Message delivered	1
Not classified	1
Property theft	3
Shoplifting	2
Suspicious person/circumstance	6
Traffic accident	4
Traffic offense	17
Trespassing	1
Vehicle prowl	5
Vehicle theft	2
Violation of court order	2
Welfare check	3

Citations

Assault	2
Defective muffler	2
Driving without license	1
DUI	2
DWLS	14
Expired registration	3
Failure to use child restraint	1
Failure to yield left turn	1
Illegal use of studded tires	1
Liability insurance	6
Operating motorcycle illegally	1
Reckless driving	2
Speeding	5
Texting while driving	1
Theft	1
Use of cell phone	2
Violation of traffic laws by bicycle	1

— Reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department, March 23 to April 20

ports were stolen along with an estimated \$2,000 in golf clubs.

• **Vehicle prowl** — At 1:30 p.m. April 17, LLPD responded to a vehicle prowl at the 21000 block of Mill River Lane. The complainant reported that sometime during the night his vehicle was prowled and his wallet taken from inside. The victim's mother reported finding some of the wallets contents down the road, but an estimated \$20 was still missing.

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NEWS

Pavillion Park upgrades moving forward

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

It appears an array of upgrades at Pavillion Park will take a much shorter amount of time to construct than they did to discuss.

The conversation about a permanent concession stand at the greenspace began last fall when Mayor Steve Peterson introduced the idea in his preliminary budget for 2015 along with an \$85,000 earmark. In February, City Council voted to endorse a budget amendment to cover the concession stand, expanded women's restroom, improved electrical connections and added storage space.

The project was sidelined a month later after a rare 3-3 council tie. A week after the gridlock, the issue resurfaced at a special meeting and was approved with a pricetag of \$252,000.

On Tuesday, council agreed to move forward with a final plan that will have low bidder Western States Construction as the general contractor. The governing board voted 6-1 (with Council Member Odin Langford in the minority) to move ahead with an alternate bid encompassing 1,356 square feet at a cost of \$293,490.

Work could begin as early as this week, according to City Administrator Katy Allen, with late June as the goal for completion. The deluxe version of the project will mean 300 extra square feet of storage space as compared to the base bid. The concession stand will require a sink, countertops and plumbing which Allen said the city could address at a lower cost than the contractor.

"We thought we could install it less expensively ourselves," she said.

Before the vote, Council Member Hugh Severs made the case to spend more for improvements that should last at least 20 years. The base bid came in at \$259,793.

"It sounds like a good project," he said. "By this being such a long-term project, let's not be cheap. Spend the money and do it right."

Council Member Dan Dunne concurred.

"This is an opportunity to invest in our community and provide amenities to our people," Dunne said.

Although he voted with the majority, Council Member Keith Kopelson expressed concern with the city tacking on costs to this and other capital projects.

"Each time we talk about it, this becomes a bigger and bigger project instead of talking about what we need at the beginning," he said.

Council will still need to vote on a special budget amendment for the balance of \$41,490. Finance Director R.J. Stevenson said the revenue could come from the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) fund, the same source as the previously approved \$252,000. The fund includes \$470,000 that has yet to be appropriated.

Council approves parks plan update

A public hearing on the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan Update was followed by a unanimous vote in support of the document on Tuesday. Every six years, city staff collects feedback from residents and compiles a vision for parks and recreation in anticipation of grant opportunities.

Planning and Building Service Manager Amanda Tainio told council that around 1,000 citizens had contributed thoughts to the update, outlining priorities such as a community center, aquatic facility, multi-use facilities, trails, park programming and maintaining Liberty Lake's standing as a walkable community. Tainio said she is still receiving comments from residents on the plan.

The update was introduced on Jan. 14 and approved by the planning commission on Jan. 29 with several modifications. Tainio pointed to a number of projects that had been completed since the last update, including Town Square Park, community gardens, Rocky Hill Park and expansion of the trails system.

This time around, the city will be considering projects like a community park in the burgeoning River District as well as the pool and community center. Tainio expressed hope that a plan for the River District greenspace, known as Orchard Park, could materialize by the fall in preparation for the upcoming round of grant deadlines next May.

"We need to identify projects, timelines and funding," she said.

Resident John Olstad addressed council during the public hearing, saying he represented families that support an aquatic facility. He implored the city to set aside funds soon and establish a concrete plan for construction.

"The pool was a significant priority on the survey," Olstad said.

Dunne applauded Tainio, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Michelle Griffin and others who had worked on the update.

"This is really an important case study for quality of life features in Liberty Lake," Dunne said.

IN THE BOOKS, ON THE DOCKET

A look back and ahead at news from City Hall

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

In the Books (April)

In other city news:

- Melanie Boerner of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library provided a first quarter overview of library happenings, including a fundraising effort in February by the Friends of Liberty Lake Library which generated \$700. Movies at the library have been a success so far this year, Boerner said. She also encouraged residents to sign up for summer reading programs starting in June.

- In news from the legislative session in Olympia, improvements on Interstate 90, including a proposed interchange at Henry Road, were included in the latest Senate transportation budget but not the House budget. Mayor Steve Peterson has been in contact with legislators on both sides of the aisle as he campaigns for local funding.

- A number of improvements have been made recently at a pair of community parks, including a new gate and refurbished entrance sign at Pavillion Park. A new sign has also been installed at Rocky Hill Park, while interior upgrades in the park's red barn are now completed.

- The renovation of Appleway Avenue continues with a completion date of early June. Current work includes landscaping and trenchwork, while paving will begin in mid-May, with the work scheduled for evening hours.

- For the second year, city staff has earned the Well City Award for its emphasis on health and fitness. The honor translates into a 2 percent saving on the city's health insurance premiums.

- Andrey Muzychenko of the Spokane CASH (Creating Savings, Assets and Hope) Coalition accepted a proclamation from the city at the April 21 council meeting recognizing April 20-24 as Money Smart Week. The effort emphasizes financial literacy and education for unbanked and underbanked residents of Spokane County.

On the Docket (May)

- Council will conduct a pair of workshops at its May 5 meeting, in-

cluding discussions on the Transportation Improvement Program and Capital Facilities Plan Update. Both documents cover projects from 2016 to 2021.

- The Liberty Lake Police Department will present its annual report at the May 5 meeting.

- A workshop on potential improvements to facilities at Trailhead Golf Course is scheduled for the May 19 council meeting.

- The Liberty Lake Municipal Library Board of Trustees will deliver its annual report at the May 19 meeting.

- Waste Management Inc. will host a bulky waste cleanup on May 9 at Town Square Park. Goodwill will also be on site, accepting electronic items.

- The Liberty Lake Farmers Market will open its season May 16. The site will run through mid-October each Saturday on Meadowwood Lane from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- The picnic shelter at Town Square Park is expected to be installed by early July.

- City Administrator Katy Allen said an update on the city's comprehensive plan will likely include a better definition of the downtown corridor, according to advice from a consultant. Recommendations also include simplifying the plan and adding legal updates. The planning commission will consider revisions to the plan at its May 13 meeting.

- The opening ceremony at Liberty Lake Ballfields is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. May 2. Allen said that while standing water at the venue has been resolved, lack of parking has been problematic.

- A project to install a sensory garden near the arboretum adjacent to City Hall has been made possible by financial support from the Liberty Lake Lions Club. An open house for the site is scheduled for May 13 at noon.

- Work is under way on a pair of Fallen Heroes Circuit Course sites. The installment honoring Army Cpl. Kelly Grothe, a 2004 Central Valley High School graduate, will be located on a trail to the west of the Trailhead golf course. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the site will take place on Memorial Day, May 25, at 4 p.m. A Coast Guard installment is being constructed near the arboretum with a ceremony likely to occur in September.

- An open house is scheduled at City Hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m. May 14.

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News Briefs

Funds for Spokane Valley Tech included in budget proposal

The state Senate released a \$3.9 billion bipartisan capital-budget proposal in April that would build classrooms, fund parks and trails and devote money to local-government projects statewide during 2015-2017. Included in the proposal was \$1.1 million for the third and final phase of the Spokane Valley Tech addition which Senator Mike Padden helped secure, a press release said.

Its third phase of development will include a large central area within the facility for students, teachers and mentors to collaborate. When completed, Spokane Valley Tech will serve more than 500 students in 10 high-demand science, technology, engineering and math programs.

"The Spokane Valley Tech addition will help provide an area to train our next generation of workers for the unfilled STEM-related jobs here in the Spokane Valley and the rest of Washington," said Padden, who serves on the Senate Ways and Means

Committee. "This project has been one of the top priorities for our district and for our employers who are looking for the well-trained talent Spokane Valley Tech will produce."

A collaborative effort by Central Valley, East Valley, Freeman and West Valley School Districts, Spokane Valley Tech offers high school students an opportunity to gain technical skills and experience in growing industries with a focus on career and college readiness.

City of LL hosts open house

The city of Liberty Lake is holding an open house from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on May 14 at City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Dr. The public is invited to meet with the mayor and council members to learn about what's going on in the city.

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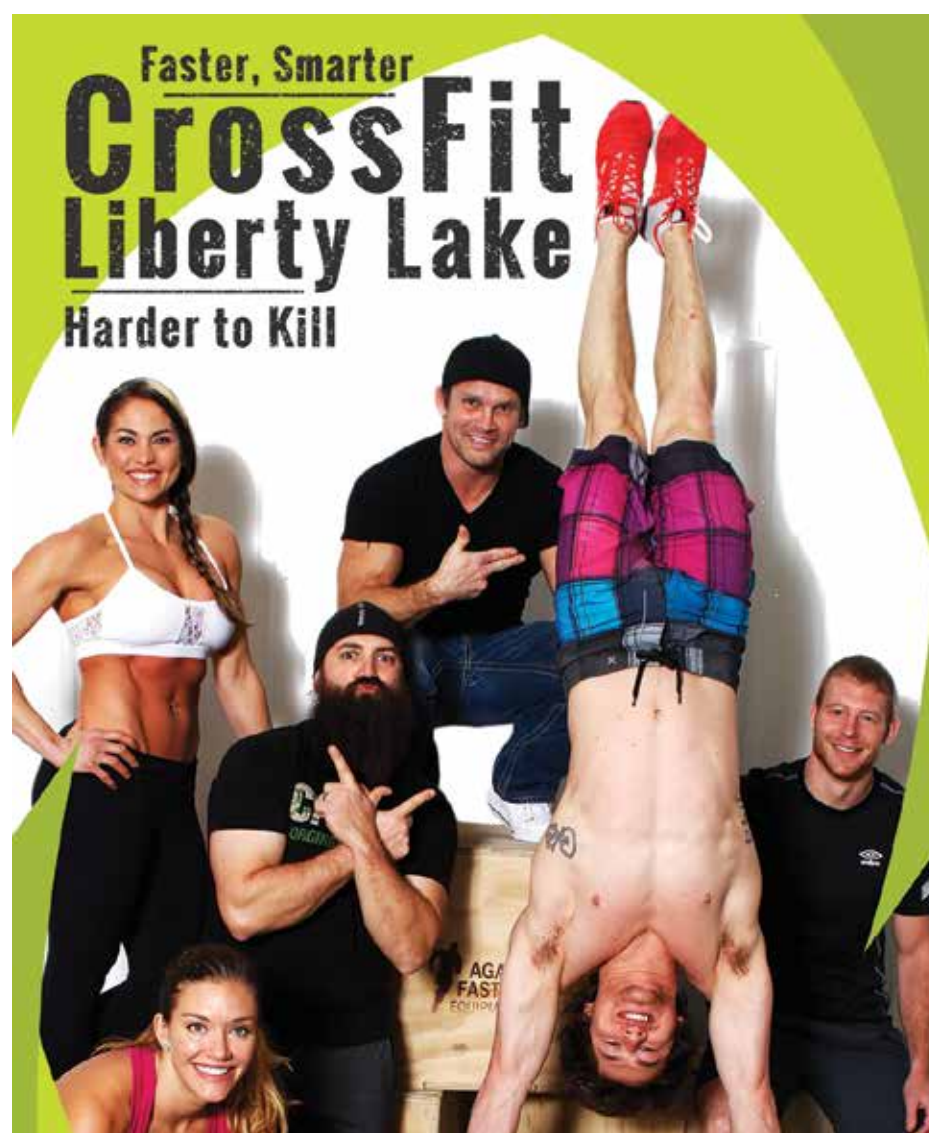
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Kindred's tool all he needs to feed gardening passion

By Treva Lind
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

In the River District, Dave Kindred surveys his backyard filled with multiple fruit-bearing trees, raised garden beds and a popular golden raspberry patch. The garden thrives along the area's outer boundaries, leaving room for a lawn.

The design makes it clear Kindred knows how to apply efficiencies to a hobby he and his wife, Cheryl, enjoy together. A tinkerer, Kindred in 2010 developed his first prototype of an all-in-one garden tool. Today, he has sold more than 3,000 of his patent-pending Basic Garden Tool, a multipurpose instrument for digging, weeding, hoeing, edging and trenching.

"For people who like their yard work, and even those who hate yard work, they'll love this tool because it makes the work so much faster and easier," said Kindred, 66. "You don't go get all these different tools; you just need this one."

A regular vendor at garden and home shows, he also sells the \$59.90 tool online on Amazon and at www.basicgardentool.com. Northwest Seed & Pet and Peters Hardware carry the product as well, he said.

The BGT has a triangular-shaped beveled head and then saw-tooth front and back edges to cut through plant material for weeding. To show another use, Kindred placed his foot on a side of the head near the handle to use it as a shovel.

"The tool has a lifetime warranty," he said. "I don't use anything else because this does the work of many tools."

Area manufacturing companies make the tool's parts, including Inland Northwest Metallurgical Services, L&M Precision Fabrication and Inland Millworks. The head is made with tempered high carbon U.S. steel and goes through a long heat-treated process for strength, followed by powder-coating. Kindred does finishing work and assembles the product.

When he first had a prototype, Kindred reached out to Pat Munts, a Spokesman-

The Home Issue

Review garden columnist who also works at WSU Spokane County Extension as a small farms and acreage coordinator.

"I've known Dave since he first hatched the idea," Munts said. "He wanted someone's opinion — did it have some practicality in agriculture? I took a look and said, 'Hey, it does have some potential,' so he started working on some revisions."

Kindred said Munts purchased his first finished product off the line.

Munts credited Kindred for having ingenuity and using local manufacturers, while also employing disabled veterans to help with marketing.

"Dave is very enthusiastic, and he really works with his clients," she said. "He has a great sense of humor. Watching him work with members of the public is a hoot."

That humor showed as Kindred introduced his parrot, Angie. He quipped that she's chairman of the board for the business, keeping a watchful eye as he works and she rides on his shoulder.

His fondness for parrots stems from childhood, when his aunt gave him the book, "Treasure Island." At the time, his father had just died.

"It was around Christmas time, and everyone around me was sad," he said. "I was 10 and just wanted Christmas to be fun. My aunt gave me the book, 'Treasure Island.' She said, 'Go get lost in this story.' Ever since then, it's been my favorite novel, and I love birds. I wanted a parrot like Long John Silver."

Raised near Salt Lake City, Kindred also by age 10 did yardwork to earn extra money from a neighbor, who became a mentor. Mr. Hunter taught him how to streamline outdoor chores and attend to details.

"He taught me the difference between a \$5 job and a \$20 job," Kindred said. He earned \$20.

Before developing his business, Kindred



SPLASH PHOTO BY TREVA LIND

Dave Kindred and "Angie," his yellow-cheeked Amazon parrot, spend plenty of time in and around his Liberty Lake garden.

worked as a design consultant for outdoor ski wear and then as a consultant for designing backyards and home remodeling projects.

Moving to Liberty Lake in March 2008, the couple was mostly drawn to the opportunity to ride bicycles on the nearby Centennial Trail. They have three adult children, 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Cheryl works at Triumph Composite Systems, where she's been for 25 years.

"We bike quite often," Kindred said.

Of course, they also spend time in their garden. Using large boulders, he built a retaining wall where plants fit neatly along the perimeter. Vegetation includes two blackberry plants, Rainier and Bing cherry trees, vines producing four kinds of grapes, pear and apricot trees, a Honey Crisp apple tree and two peach trees.

Two specialty apple trees are grown in Espalier style, an Italian design for training them flat against the fence. These trees are grafted, so each grows four varieties: Red Delicious, Fuji, Golden Delicious and Jonathan. The Kindreds also grow golden raspberries, chives and red raspberries. Six raised beds will hold vegetables.

"My wife always wanted a secret garden," Kindred said. "From the front of our house, you can't see just how much there is."

Even from the back, he added, "It doesn't

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DAVE KINDRED

Age

66

Occupation

Founder and inventor of Basic Garden Tool

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Pet

Angie, a yellow-cheeked Amazon parrot.

Favorite hobbies

Besides gardening, it's cars. I have a 25-year-old Porsche turbo.

look like it would produce as much as it does."

The couple makes applesauce and plenty of grape juice. They also enjoy canning the harvest.

To prepare this season, Kindred likely will wear his work apron that he also has on at garden shows. He said putting his apron on is like buckling on the construction worker's tool belt with all its compartment bags.

"When I want to get a lot of work done, I put my apron on," he said. "It's a mental thing. You've got your bags on."



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DIY with the library's help

The Home Issue

Online resources, workshops provide tools for home projects

By Lauren Campbell
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Many people dream of renovating their home or growing a beautiful garden, but don't have the necessary knowledge or even know where to start. That's where a quality resource like the local library can come in handy.

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library is a great source for all the information residents need to improve their home and garden. In addition to all the books that are available at the library and through the interlibrary loan system, patrons can also access high-quality databases from home.

"I think people don't realize that you don't have to come to the library to use our resources," said Shardé Mills, adult and reference services librarian.

The Hobbies and Crafts Reference Cen-

ter, Home Improvement Reference Center and Gale Virtual Gardening Collection can help users learn anything they are interested in — from basic electrical work to home brewing to growing your own vegetables.

"These resources are vetted and reliable, so you don't have to filter through 500 Google results to get good information," Mills said.

There are many other databases as well on any topic users could be interested in. These reference materials are open to anyone with a Liberty Lake library card just by visiting the library website. Since taxes help to pay for these resources, they are only available from home for Liberty Lake residents, but anyone can come into the library and use them from there.

"We're all about education and giving people the tools they need to learn new things and be successful," Mills said.



In addition to the databases, the library hosts regular events that can help you improve your DIY skills. On May 2, the library will host a "Gardening for Life" class with a Master Gardener that will offer information on gardening for senior citizens as well as time for questions and answers. Patrons are encouraged to keep an eye on the schedule on the Liberty Lake Library website to find events of interest to them.

If users can't find the information needed online, they are encouraged to talk to a librarian since Mills said they are founts of knowledge about

where to go to learn new things. They can probably direct you to an amazing resource you wouldn't have found on your own.

"If you're looking into DIY, there's no better place you could go than the library," Mills said.

For more, go to libertylakewa.gov/library.

Book Review

Literature, technology mesh in novel concept

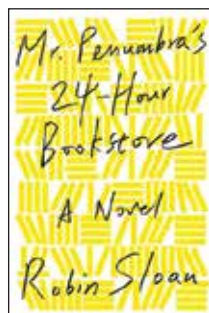


By Sharda Mills
LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

In Robin Sloan's "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore," Clay Jannon is an out-of-work web designer who finds employment at Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore. At first, the store appears to be the epitome of the forgotten bookstore, with few visitors and old books no one seems to buy. However, after a few days on the job, Clay notices that the few customers he has never buy books. Instead they "check out" strange large volumes that are stashed away in the store.

As Clay starts to investigate these mysterious books and the store's even more

intriguing owner, he enlists a group of technologically savvy friends — a Google employee, an engineer and an artist — to uncover a mystery he could never have imagined.



Sloan's story is not your average mystery novel but a funny and light-hearted read. While some of the plot relies strongly on coincidences and almost all the characters are likeable geniuses, the overall tone of the book

is uplifting and engaging. The setting of Silicon Valley and a smattering of technological language may be slightly intimidating at first, but with vivid descriptions and a comprehensive plot, they do nothing to diminish the overall story.

In the end, Sloan accomplishes the difficult feat of combining the historical world of books with the future of technology, making a seamless reality where both not only coexist but have a profound effect on one another.

Sharda Mills is the adult services and reference librarian at Liberty Lake Municipal Library.

Library Briefs



Grow in garden knowledge

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library is hosting a "Gardening for Life" class May 2 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Presented by master gardener Dorene Harter, learn about proper and adaptive tools, containers and simple movements that will make gardening easier. This class will also include a Q&A time where attendees can ask general questions and get tips on how to use gardening as a way to stay healthy or overcome physical challenges.

Cast votes for summer reading

This year's adult summer programs are all about books to movies, which means our summer book club will feature books made into movies. Vote on the books you want to read in the summer book club survey at <http://goo.gl/lw5NFd>.



MEET LIBERTY LAKE'S OWN A.R. SHAW

Author visit and book signing event

6 to 8 p.m. May 28

Liberty Lake author A.R. Shaw will be discussing her work as a self-publishing author and reading from her highly successful series, "Graham's Resolution." Books will be on sale after the reading. Learn more at authorarshaw.com.

ALSO IN MAY

ADULT EVENTS

Gardening for Life

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 2

Class to help make gardening easier, includes Q&A session

Library Tools

4 to 5:30 p.m. May 6

Learn about the library catalog, useful apps, access to free music and eBooks, and more

"Become Debt Free"

Noon to 1 p.m. May 20

Workshop by STCU; light lunch provided. Register at stcu.org/workshops.html

Movie Night

5:30 p.m. May 21

Showing of "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies," rated PG-13

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Fancy Nancy Tea Party

11 a.m. May 9

Dress in your fancy party wear and join us for a special event in honor of Mother's Day! Register at the library.

Butterfly Garden

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Calendar of Events

COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 2 | Hero/Princess Fun-raiser Party 10 a.m. to noon, Youthful Horizons Therapy building, 325 S. University Road. Kids are invited to come in costume to meet superheroes and princesses! Enjoy activities and obstacle courses, munch on tasty snacks, create a take-home craft and take a professional photo. Cost is \$15 per child; adults and children age two and under are free. All funds benefit Elevations, a children’s therapy resource foundation for special needs children. For more: 385-2116 or www.elevations-spokane.org

May 2 | Friends of the Otis Orchards Library book sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Otis Orchards Library, 22324 E. Wellesley Ave. Proceeds from book sales support various library programs, activities and services. For more: www.sclcd.org

May 2 | Gardening for Life 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Learn about proper and adaptive tools, containers and simple movements that will make gardening easier. For more: 232-2510

May 6 | Library Resources 4 to 5:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Learn the ins and outs of the library catalog, how to access free music and eBooks and how to download our library app. For more: 232-2510

May 6 | Potluck and meeting 6 p.m., Tri-community grange, 25025 Heather St., Newman Lake. New members are always welcome to this community-based, service organization. For more: 926-2517

May 7 | National Day of Prayer meeting Noon, Pavillion Park flag pole. Join with others to pray for the nation and community. For more: 927-8130

May 9 | Spring Bulky Waste Day 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Town Square, 1420 N. Meadowwood Lane. Those who reside within the incorporated city limits and subscribe to Waste Management garbage collection may participate. For more: wmnorthwest.com/libertylake

May 9 | Garden Expo 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Spokane Community College Lair, 1810 N. Greene St. Presented by The Inland Empire Gardeners Club, shop for the latest in garden art and décor, yard furniture, plants and more. Over 250 garden-related vendors will be at this free event that also includes door prizes, seminars and demos. For more: www.tieg.org

May 9 | Fancy Nancy Tea Party 11 a.m. Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Come dressed in your fanciest party wear, create a special Mother’s Day craft and enjoy refreshments after the reading of a Fancy Nancy Book. To register or for more: 232-2510

May 10 | Mother’s Day

May 13 | Sensory Garden groundbreaking Noon, Meadowwood Arboretum near City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Dr. The Liberty Lake Lions Club will plant the first tree for the Sensory Garden, a place where one’s senses will be activated by specific plantings for sight, touch, smell and hearing.

May 14 | City Hall Open House 5 to 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Dr. For more: 755-6700

May 15 | FOPP scholarship applications due For scholarship forms, go to www.pavillionpark.org/application.html or email David Himebaugh at davidh@pavillionpark.org.

May 16 | Liberty Lake Farmers Market opening day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Town Square Park, 1420 N. Meadowwood. The market runs Saturday mornings through Oct. 10. For more: www.libertylakefarmersmarket.com

May 16 | Water Resource Center spring open house 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Spokane County Water Resource Center and Water Reclamation Facility, 1004 N. Freya St., Spokane. The public is invited to experiential learning for about the river, aquifer and the area’s state-of-the-art facility. The event includes exhibits, tours and presentations from area experts. For more: www.spokanecounty.org/wrc

May 20 | STCU workshop: Become Debt Free Noon to 1 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Join STCU experts to learn about tools for debt-free living. A complimentary lunch will be served. To register: stcu.org/workshops.html

May 21 | Movie showing: “The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies” 6 to 8 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library meeting room, 23123 E. Mission Ave. For more: 232-2510

May 25 | Memorial Day

May 25 | Memorial Day Breakfast and program 8 to 10 a.m., Pavillion Park. Presented by Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club, a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and eggs will be served and a 9 a.m. program will include color guard and music. Veterans eat free; donations will be accepted to support Inland Northwest Honor Flight.

May 25 | Fallen Hero dedication ceremony 4 p.m., Trailhead Golf Course, Fairway #1. The fourth circuit in the course will be dedicated in honor of Army Corporal Kelly B. Grothe. For more: www.llfhcc.org



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The Memorial Day Breakfast is a tradition of the Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club. This year’s event is 8 to 10 a.m. May 25 at Pavillion Park.



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The Liberty Lake Farmers Market returns May 16.

May 28 | Hop into Spring tea 12:30 p.m., Tri-community grange, 25025 Heather St., Newman Lake. The Newman Lake Ladies Aid will hold their annual spring tea to support the local elementary school milk fund and the community Christmas families. A \$5 per person donation is recommended.

May 28 | Book signing with A.R. Shaw 6 to 8 p.m. Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. The Liberty Lake author will discuss her work and read from her newest book, “Last Infidels.” For more: 232-2510

May 29 | Dads & Dudes Night 6 to 9 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Dads, sons, uncles and grandpas of all ages are invited for a night of fun and games at the HUB. Cost is \$10 for a dad and dude; \$3 for each additional dude. For more: hubsportscenter.org

May 30 | Liberty Lake Kiwanis Foundation Golf Scramble 1 p.m., Meadowwood Golf Course. Registration is \$100 per golfer which benefits local kids by providing scholarships. To register or for more: www.libertylakekiwanis.org or 294-8500

May 30 | Silent auction and dinner for Lang family 5 to 9 p.m., Spokane Valley Eagles Club, 16801 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley. Proceeds from the spaghetti dinner and auction will go toward helping the family of Chris Lang who suffered a traumatic brain injury in December. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. For more: www.gofundme.com/oac9hw

Recurring

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

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

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

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

Liberty Lake Municipal Library 23123 E. Mission Avenue. Toddler and preschool story times, Create space for kids, Baby lap-sit story time, Lego club, Knitting Club, kids crafts and more. For times and more: 232-2510

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

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. For more: www.pancan.org or 534-2564

Senior Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, Talon Hills Senior Complex, 24950 E. Hawkstone Loop. Seniors age 60 and older invited; recommended donation \$3.50.

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

MUSIC & THE ARTS

May 1 | Jazz Under the Stars 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Central Valley High School, 821 S. Sullivan Road. This fundraiser includes performances by CVHS Jazz band, a dessert and silent auction. Admission is \$15. For more: 999-9880 or cvmbAuction@hotmail.com

May 1 | “The Little Mermaid” 6:30 p.m., Trent Elementary School, 3303 N. Pines, Spokane Valley. Pioneer School students will present this Missoula Children’s Theatre production. For more: 922-7818

May 1 | Praise concert 7 p.m., Lakeside Church, 23129 E. Mission Avenue. The public is invited to enjoy an evening of contemporary worship in a concert environment. For more: www.lakesidechurch.cc or 210-9779

May 2 | This, That or the Other 8 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. Tickets are \$7 for this PG13 improv comedy. For more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

May 4 | Photographic show 7 p.m. Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District building, 22510 E. Mission. Spokane Valley Camera Club members Harvey Brown and Rosemarie Bisiar will showcase “Botswana and A Touch of Zimbabwe” and “Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.” The club will not hold regular meetings during the summer, but will resume in September. For more: www.sv-cc.org or 951-1446

May 6-9, 11-13 | “The Martian Chronicles” 7:30 p.m., Central Valley Performing Arts Center, 821 S. Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley. Tickets are \$12 for this production by the CVHS Theatre Department. For tickets and more: www.cvtheatre.com

May 14 | “The Music Man” 6:30 p.m., Spokane Civic Theatre, 1020 N. Howard St., Spokane. A portion of the proceeds from this performance fundraiser will aid Partnering for Progress, an organization supported by local residents to bring health, education, water and economic development to those in developing countries. For ticket costs or more: www.partneringforprogress.org/civic-theatre-benefit.html

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COMMUNITY

Layout to include park for market's 14th season

By Valerie Putnam
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Once again, it's market season. For the 14th time.

"Fourteenth season," Liberty Lake Farmers Market board member Holli Parker marveled. "Wow, time flies."

That doesn't mean change isn't in the air. While much of what has made the market among the largest and most successful in the region returns, a revised layout to incorporate the city of Liberty Lake's new Town Square Park will greet market-goers on opening day, May 16.

As will an estimated 25 vendors, with that total growing to as many as 50 vendors every Saturday during the peak of the six-month season. The Liberty Lake Farmers Market will open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 10.

"We have amazing vendors who are true artists whether they are farmers, crafters or food," Parker said. "We have almost all of our vendors returning from last year. Yes, that does include Lenny and his amazing burritos."

MUSIC AT THE MARKET

The Liberty Lake Farmers Market is held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 16 through Oct. 10. The market is located at 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane. Live entertainment is planned every Saturday, including:

- Keith Harris: 5/16, 8/22, 9/5, 10/10
- Mike Ross: 5/23, 7/18
- The String Sisters: 5/30, 8/8
- Greenacres Elementary School's Marimba Ensemble: 6/6, 9/12
- Suhanna Cree: 6/13, 8/1, 9/19
- Ken Davis or In Transit: 6/27, 8/15, 10/3
- Michael Robinson: 7/11, 9/26

For the latest information and schedule updates, go to www.lifarmersmarket.com.

The lineup of vendors provides market-goers the options for fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers, crafts and food the community has come to enjoy. In addition to old favorites, nine new vendors are committed to the 2015 season. These vendors include Winter Woods Tea Company, Step on This Stepping Stones and Green Girls Goods soaps and lotions. Tommy G will provide hot espresso coffee and cold drinks along with bubble tea, a Taiwanese tea-based drink containing small balls of tapioca.

During the hotter summer months, Fannies Ice Pops will offer homemade frozen ice pops to cool off the crowds.

Parker said the market's board of directors spent the winter drafting plans for the new layout incorporating in the park.

"The biggest challenge for us was how to keep the essence of the market in this new space," Parker said. "We didn't want to lose that."

Last season, the market began its expansion into the field east of its location, behind CorkHouse Restaurant. Now that the field has been renovated into Liberty Lake's new Town Square Park, the market will continue to use the new space as well as keep part of the market in the original location.

"We see potential for expansion in the future," Parker said. "It allows us to have some room for our bigger events."

According to Parker, the number of vendors will increase slowly with the expanded site to ensure the integrity of the market as well as adhering to the Washington State Farmers Market vendor guidelines.

"We are not at a point with the market where we want to add more just because we have the space," Parker said. "We want to make sure we are keeping quality produce and service at the market."

As in previous years, the market plans to have live music every Saturday and a series of one-day events. One such event is the annual Italian day, sponsored by the

LIBERTY LAKE FARMERS MARKET 2015 MASTER MAP



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■ = Booth ● = Sitting Area ■ = Stepping Stones ▲ = Lawn Chair ■ = City of LL Booth ■ = Market Info Booth ■ = Band

This overview of the planned layout for the 2015 Liberty Lake Farmers Market shows how vendors will be shifting a bit east to incorporate into the new Town Square Park. For context: The upper portion of the photo shows Meadowwood Lane, and if the photo extended a touch further at the top, it would reveal the Liberty Square Building, which traditionally was the western edge of the market.

American Italian Club of Spokane, which will land July 25. The day features cooking demonstrations and entertainment as well as the Tower of Pisa replica available for selfies or group shots.

On Aug. 22, the market hosts Pie Day. "Buy out the Market" is scheduled for the last day of the season on Oct. 10. Parker said they are working on other special days that they plan to announce after the

market opens.

Parker estimates the market typically draws 1,500 visitors each week.

"It can more than double on event days and during peak season," Parker said. "We hope everyone comes out to see the new site, eat a great meal, shop for some fantastic produce, and connects with friends and neighbors."

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VENDORS

Among the crafters, farmers and others planning to set up shop at the 2015 Liberty Lake Farmers Market this season are the following.

New vendors: Autumn Creek Ranch, Fairfield Green House, Fannie's Ice Pops, Green Girls Goods, KC's Stir Fry Noodle, Peaceful Pastures, Step On This Stepping Stones, Tommy G's Espresso, Winterwoods Tea Company

Returning vendors: Aichele Farms, Ant'ny's Kickin Good Salsa, Bouzies Bakery, Chattaroy Cheese Company LLC, Cherry Bomb Organic Garlic Farm, City of Liberty Lake, Crepe Cafe, Desserts By Sara, Elithorp Farm, Full Bushel Farm, Gourmet Foragables & More, KC's Fresh Produce, Kia's Flowers and Produce, Leisure Lavender Farm, Lenny's Jalapeno Heaven, Maggie's Garden, Maple K Farms LLC, Nothing Fancy goat's milk soap, Ole World Oils, Ong's Garden, Ormond Valley Apiaries, Pacific Produce, Petit Chat Bakery, Piper Farms, Refreshed Prepared, S & P Homestead Farm, SCRAPS, SideWalk Floral & Produce, Spiceologist, Susie Davids Cattle Company LLC, Tall Grass Farms, ThistleDown Wools, Tonnemaker Hill Farm, Trezzi Farm, Twin Springs Farm, Vang Prodcce, Veraci Pizza, White Cane Sockeye Salmon, Wild-n-Sweet Rich Honey

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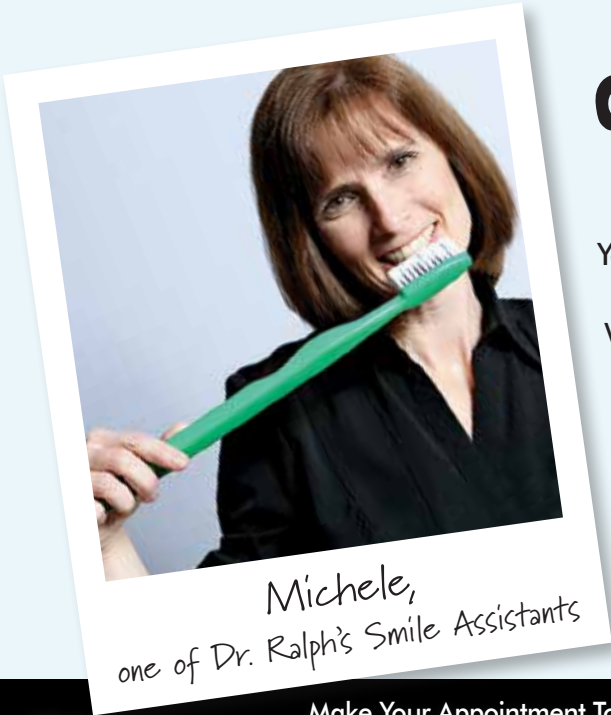
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LLES students participate in Fit for Bloomsday program

By **Tammy Kimberley**
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

On a recent April afternoon, a mass of students crossed the intersection between Liberty Lake Elementary School and Pavilion Park. After brief instructions, kids in bright-colored tennis shoes took off running on sidewalks around the park, and jackets were soon cast off in a pile on the grass.

The challenge? To collect a rubber band for each completed lap in order to earn the privilege of running a two-mile loop the following week. The purpose? To learn the importance of fitness, nutrition and safety during the afterschool Fit for Bloomsday program.

Over 150 LLES students signed up this spring for the training that helps prepare kids to run or walk Bloomsday in Spokane on May 3.

Some ran individually. Others walked in groups and chatted. As kids and their adult trainers passed one another, shouts of encouragement were heard such as, "C'mon guys. We gotta push it!" and "Great job!"

Brady Reding, 11, kept a good pace and was one of the first to earn the right to run the two-mile route. A regular in the program for several years, Brady tied with another student for the most laps completed out of the entire school when he was just in third grade.

"I'm not sure if I'm going to do Bloomsday this year, but I like being around friends while I run," he said.

Daelyn Wiese, 9, said participating in Bloomsday is a tradition that started when she was in a stroller. On this particular afternoon, she was pushing herself and her friends to complete the needed laps.

"I like having time to run after school with my friends and not bug my mom and dad about it," she said.

Denise Peterson, physical education teacher and Fit for Bloomsday trainer, said the program has been offered each spring since the school opened. The training was available to students in grades 2 through 5 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from mid-March through the end of April. Led by LLES teachers, the program helped students understand the importance of warm-up exercises and safety while developing self-confidence during the training.

"We talk to them about stretching and the importance of water," Ms. Peterson said. "We hope students learn a bit more about

spacing themselves and moving for enjoyment as well as keeping themselves healthy."

Second grade students Abby Nielsen and Victoria Usab were eligible to participate in the program for the first time this year. Abby said running is an activity her whole family (dad, mom and little brother) enjoys. Victoria said she might do Bloomsday for the first time this year, but even if she doesn't, she just enjoys running with her friends in the program.

Tyler Holmquist, 11, said he did Bloomsday last year with his mom and brother. The fifth grader joined the program for the first time this year.

"I enjoy hanging out with my friends and getting some good exercise," he said. "I play basketball so this will help me get better."

The Lilac Bloomsday Association offers incentives for the estimated 6,000 participating elementary-age kids in 60 schools. In the past, students have received certificates for each milestone they reach, and special coupons are often provided to places such as Riverfront Park, Mobius Kids and the Garland Theater.

But the personal achievement is a reward for many involved. Kelly Radmaker, second grade teacher and Fit for Bloomsday trainer, said students learn the importance of building endurance and setting goals for themselves.

Over a hundred Liberty Lake Elementary students like Kinnalee Zent (above), Brady Reding and Corbin Forsyth (below) spend two afternoons a week participating in Fit for Bloomsday, an after-school fitness program designed to help students prepare for the Bloomsday race.



"There are some kids who can barely run one lap at the park when they begin the program, and by the end can run the whole two-mile loop. Other kids run the whole thing from the beginning, but are trying to improve their times," she said. "We talk about the importance of just trying to beat yourself each time. That's one of my favorite things to watch!"

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Benefits of being on a bike

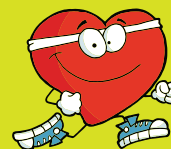
Compiled by Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Bicycling is the second most popular outdoor activity in America (after running).

Americans age 6 and older go on **17.5 million** bike outings in a given year.

Although 98 percent of North American bike commuters say they own a helmet, only 42 percent report using them when they ride.

Wearing a helmet while riding a bike can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.



Cycling makes your heart healthy by improving your cardiovascular fitness and is also believed to benefit mental health.

You can travel three times faster by bike than you can walk.



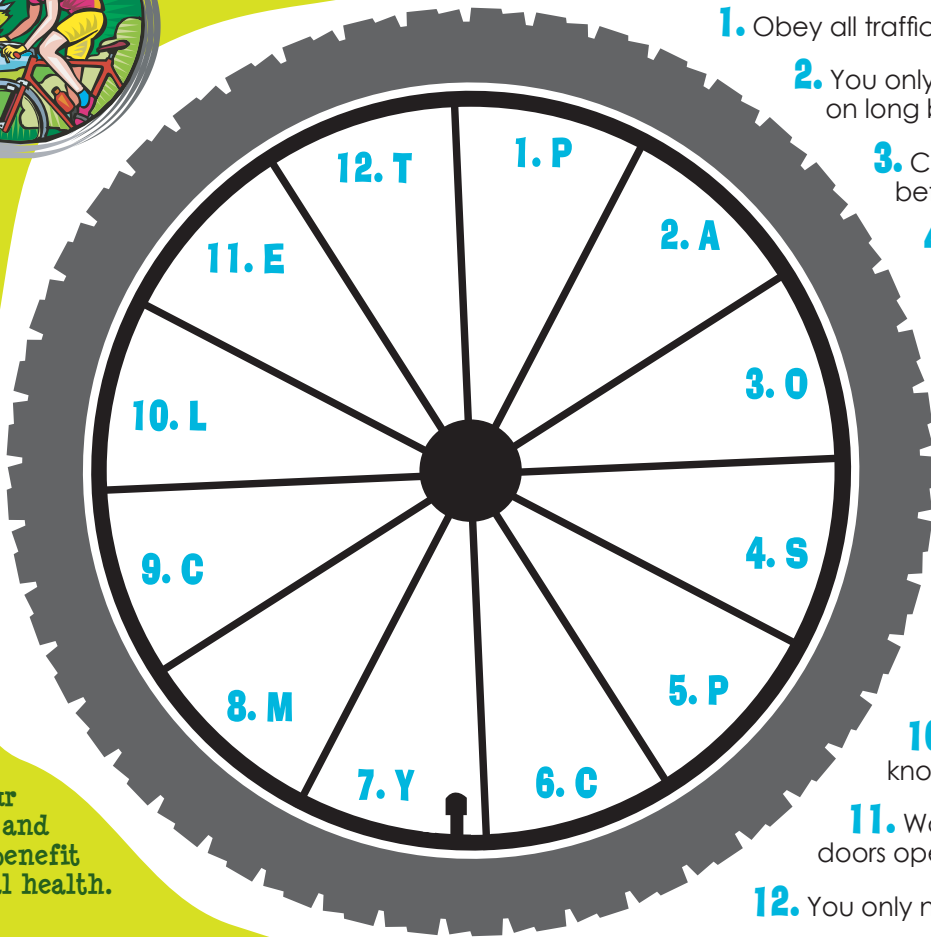
This year's National Bike to School Day will be **May 6.**

More than 2,200 schools participated in the first Bike to School Day in 2014.

In 1969, half of all kids walked or biked to school. Now that number is around 13 percent.



In honor of National Bike Month, discover the perks of cycling as well as various types of two-wheeled contraptions.



Safety solution

Solve the riddle by knowing the rules of the road

By Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

It's important to know the rules of bicycling so you can be safe while on the streets. Read the items listed below, and color in the corresponding number of all you believe to be true. Then write the letters in order in the spaces below to solve this bicycling riddle.

What did the bicycle calls its dad?

1. Obey all traffic laws and lights.
2. You only need to wear a helmet when going on long bike rides.
3. Check your brakes and tire air pressure before hitting the road.
4. Bicyclists have the right to weave or swerve in and out of traffic.
5. Yield the right of way to pedestrians.
6. Go with the flow by biking in the direction of traffic.
7. Warn others of your approach with a horn, bell or your voice.
8. It's okay to hitch rides or hang onto a moving vehicle while riding.
9. Slow down and look right and left before crossing intersections.
10. Use hand signals to let other drivers know your intent.
11. Watch out for other cars pulling out or doors opening unexpectedly.
12. You only need lights on the front of your bike.

Source: www.safekidsnystate.org/images/bicycle_safety/SafetyBchart.png

Kids who bike or walk to school are 30 percent more likely to bike or walk to other places such as a park, the library or a friend's house.



Twenty bikes can typically be parked in the same space as one car.



The penny-farthing, also known as a high wheeler, was the first machine to be called a bicycle.



The unicycle evolved from the penny-farthing when cyclists discovered they didn't need the smaller back wheel to balance.



Pedicabs are bikes that carry passengers. They are used in major cities around the world, most commonly in Southeast Asia.



Tandem bikes are designed to be ridden by more than one person. Some tandem bikes are designed for 10 riders!



Road bikes are used in races such as the Tour de France and cycling events in the Olympics.

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Kids' poems
wanted for
contest

Cinco de Mayo, celebrated on the fifth of May, recognizes the triumph of a small Mexican army over French forces in the 1862 "Batalla de Puebla." In this battle, French forces threatened to capture Mexico City and turn it into a French monarchy, but a small amount of troops rallied their resources and forced the French to retreat.

While the day is commonly mistaken for Mexican Independence Day (which is celebrated in September), this battle preserved the freedom of the Mexican people. To celebrate this idea of freedom, The Wave is asking kids to write an acrostic poem using the letters of the word freedom.

An acrostic is a type of poem where the first letter of each line spells out a word or phrase. It can be silly or serious, rhyme or not rhyme. You can use adjectives or action verbs, one word per line or an entire sentence. The fun thing about acrostic poems is that it's



entirely up to you!

If you need an example, here is an acrostic about spring that was entered by Benjamin Coe of Liberty Lake in a previous Wave contest:

Summer is around the corner
Pretty flowers begin to bloom
Rainy days
Insects start to crawl and fly around
Nests full of eggs
Good-bye to cold weather.

Entries will be judged on their creativity and use of descriptive words. The winner will receive a summer-themed prize package. In addition, the winning entry will be featured in the July issue of The Wave, just in time for celebrating our nation's independence on July Fourth.

Kids in kindergarten through sixth grade who live or attend school in Liberty Lake are eligible to enter this contest.

Only submit one poem per person, please. Be sure to include your name and complete all information on the sheet. Poems can be emailed to tammy@libertylakesplash.com or delivered to our office, 23403 E. Mission, Ste. 102 in Liberty Lake by May 29.

Kids Tell It Like It Is

In honor of Mother's Day, what does your mom do that makes you happy?

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley at Liberty Lake Elementary School



"She reads books with me."
Caden Andreas, 7, 1st grade



"When she sleeps with me. We like to snuggle."
Sierra Tate, 7, 1st grade



"She hugs me."
Gillian Lion, 7, 1st grade



"When she gives me money."
Ben Jensen, 7, 2nd grade



"She helps me clean my room."
Kelsey McDevitt, 10, 4th grade



"When she gives me extra video game time."
Joey Chartier, 7, 2nd grade



"She helps me when I'm sick."
Leo Worthlin, 6, 1st grade



"When she comes to lunch with me."
Ethan Nielsen, 6, 1st grade



"She tells me she loves me."
Allie Tate, 10, 4th grade

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – TV TERMS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What do cows watch on TV?**

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B	G	A	M	E	S	O	U	N	D

Riddle answer: _____

For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Pebble
2. Small horses
3. Faithful
4. Trench
5. Purple dinosaur
6. At no time
7. Silver-tongued
8. Marvel
9. Chin curtain
10. Vocation

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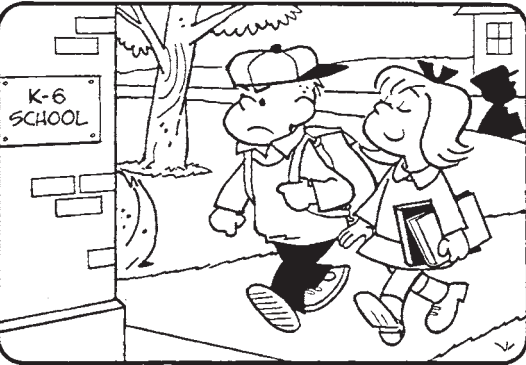
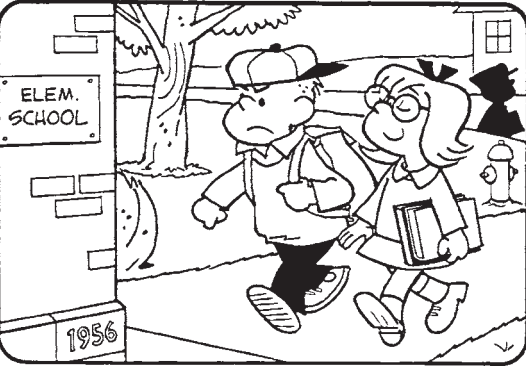
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Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Cornerstone is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Glasses are missing. 5. Book is moved. 6. Fireplug is missing.

Junior Whirl by Hal Kaufman

PIG DEAL! Let's say you are a farmer and that you have two pigs in each of the eight pens shown at right. That is a total of 16 pigs, with six on each side. Now, let's say your stock is increased by four pigs for a total of 20. How is it also possible to house the 20 pigs with six on each side? Time limit: 2 minutes.

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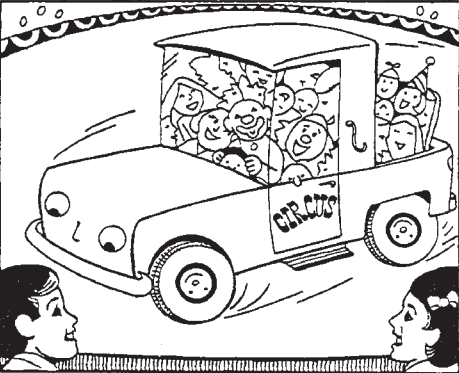
One pig in each corner, four in each center pen, will do it.

ALL A's! Five of the 50 U.S. state capitals have names that begin with the letter A. How quickly can you identify at least three of them?

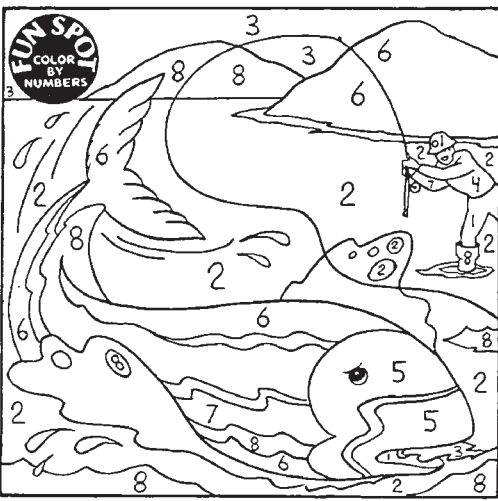
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Ice container (CHEST, in place).
Proverbial waste-maker.
Poly follower.
Ups and downs of stairways.
To the point.
Remember, words of a word square read alike both across and down.



FACE LIFT! How many faces do you observe in and about the circus car above? Twenty, 24, as many as 27? Make a count.



FISH TALE! Gotcha! Or will this be the big one that got away? Add these colors: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh tones. 6—Lt. green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Purple.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:
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THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.



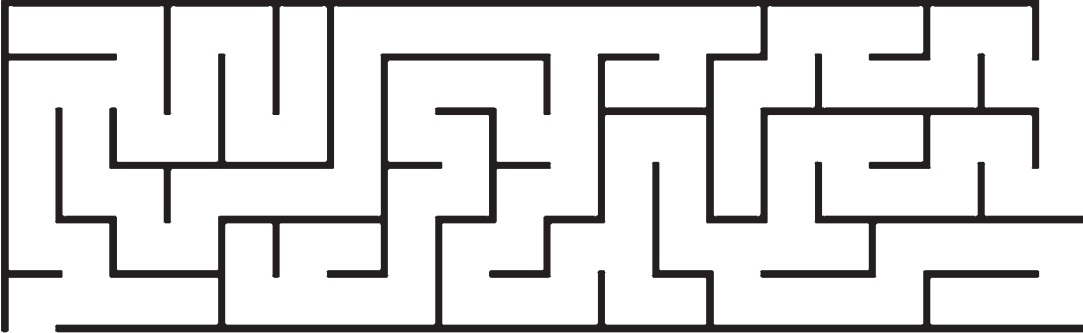
Even Exchange answers

- Stone, Alone
- Ponies, Posies
- Loyal, Royal
- Ditch, Dutch
- Barney, Barley
- Never, Newer
- Smooth, Smooch
- Wonder, Wander
- Beard, Board
- Career, Carter

Answer

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Kids' Maze



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Calling all local graduates

The Splash is featuring Liberty Lake high school graduates in the June issue. This invitation extends to all graduating seniors who live in the community, regardless of where they attend high school.

In order to participate, simply submit a photo with the following information to photos@libertylakesplash.com:

- Graduate's name
- High school
- Parents' names
- Plans after graduation

Information must be received by Friday, May 8. Contact 242-7752 or photos@libertylakesplash.com with any questions.



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Sisters who serve together

By Sarah Robertson
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Jackie Babin and Charlotte DiCiccio might be the sweetest pair of sisters you will ever meet. It's not hard to imagine them as Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen singing the "Sisters" lyrics from the 1950s movie "White Christmas:" "There were never such devoted sisters."

Both ladies happen to love theater and enjoy spending many hours volunteering with the Liberty Lake Community Theatre (LLCT).

It all started when DiCiccio's husband, Dan, auditioned for a part in a musical in 2010. After being cast, word quickly spread that DiCiccio was quite the seamstress.

"I ended up making the costumes," she said.

Since then, DiCiccio has taken over the volunteer management for all productions and become a member of the Liberty Lake Community Theatre board. That's how Babin became involved.

"We lacked volunteers, so I recruited my sister," DiCiccio said.

Babin helps with concessions, ticket sales, costumes and set building. She also helped rebuild the stage and construct a concession and ticket counter.

"She is a really good carpenter. She blew away the men," DiCiccio said.

The sisters take pride in coming from a long line of handy men and can-do women. Babin said their dad was a professional Boy Scout serving as a Boy Scout Executive. She



SPLASH PHOTO BY SARAH ROBERTSON

Charlotte DiCiccio and Jackie Babin, sisters who live in Liberty Lake, have both found fulfilling volunteer roles at Liberty Lake Community Theatre.

also recalled not only the fun of archery, boating and shooting at camp but first love and first kisses too.

"We were the first female Boy Scouts," Babin said with a smile. "We learned how to do everything staying at Boy Scout camp during the summers. It made us very self-sufficient and independent."

DiCiccio has been a Liberty Lake resident since the opening of the Safeway in town 15 years ago, from which she recently retired as the employment manager in human resources. Her husband, who helped open the store, is still the manager there.

Babin has been retired from teaching for a bit longer. After leaving her long-time teaching job at Freeman, Babin moved to Loon Lake. Just two years ago, she decided to relocate to Liberty Lake.

"I wanted to move back to civilization and the golf courses," she said, "but the best thing about living here is being close to Charlotte!"

"It feels like a small town from 50 years ago," she added. "I've never been in a community like this. I'm overwhelmed with that feeling. The golf and concerts are really cool too!"

While Babin and DiCiccio love the golf and outdoor adventures they find in Liberty Lake, the theatre has become a true passion for both.

Much to DiCiccio's surprise, Babin revealed that she had been in the Shadle Park High School productions of "Cinderella" and "Alice in Wonderland."

"I was so shy and had to sing," Babin said. "I was so panicked."

Her career continued after high school when she took a job as a singing bar maid

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Activities they love

Theater, golf and concerts at the park

Favorite Places to go in Liberty Lake

Liberty Lake Athletic Club (Babin) and the bike paths (DiCiccio)

Local restaurants they'd recommend

True Legends (Babin) and Palenque (DiCiccio)

What they love about Liberty Lake

"We love the community feel, the friendliness and the safety. They also have the best grocery store around, and we love our neighbors!"

at the Gazebo — now the Swinging Doors — where she had to dance and sing funny songs. DiCiccio was astonished by this revelation and couldn't stop laughing at the thought of her sister as a singing bar maid.

"Ever since then, I have had no desire to be on stage," Babin said determinedly.

Now it's DiCiccio's turn to take to the stage. She recently had a "breakthrough role" in "This Old Haunted House." It is both sisters' favorite play produced by the Liberty Lake Community Theatre to date.

"She (DiCiccio) came out and was supposed to have a gun and threaten someone, and she forgot her gun, and used her finger," Babin recalled. "She was wearing a black glove, and I didn't know she was supposed to have a gun. I thought it was really funny!"

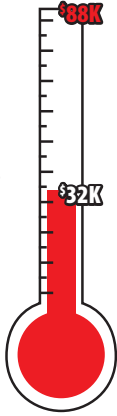
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Give Back

Spotlighting timely needs our community can meet together

To our friends and neighbors in the greater Spokane Valley:

Last month, we shared about the \$225,000 grant from the Washington State Legislature that Spokane Valley Partners is seeking to access. The only requirement: the grant can only be unlocked through a "match" of \$88,000 in private donations, so Spokane Valley Partners started a capital campaign to ask businesses and other donors to help. Since we last wrote, an additional \$9,000 was raised, bringing the total to date to \$32,000.



That's fantastic, but it's critically important that the rest of the gap is broached as soon as possible. You see, a capital campaign raises funds for capital projects that correlate directly with Spokane Valley Partners' ability to maintain lines of service and keep their many great programs running.

For example, the grant will replace the central roof. Currently, the roof is leaking into the food bank. It's a slow leak, but if the distressed area gives way and flooding occurs, the impact on the stored food and affected families would be catastrophic. The grant will also replace the heating system boiler. The present boiler is clunky at best, and if it goes down on a cold day, the organization will have to close until the boiler can be replaced or repaired.

The best window for construction is already upon us. Let's help Spokane Valley Partners get this funding so these projects can receive a long-awaited "go ahead." Call 927-1153 to help.

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Trivia Test

- 1. PRESIDENTS:** Which U.S. president graduated from Southwest Texas State Teachers College?
- 2. ASTRONOMY:** Which planet rotates on its axis once every 243 Earth days?
- 3. TELEVISION:** On "M*A*S*H," what was the real name of the character called "Hawkeye" Pierce?
- 4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which year's World's Fair had the theme of "The World of Tomorrow"?
- 5. LITERATURE:** Who wrote the nonfiction book "Working"?

- 6. HISTORY:** What was the date of the stock market's "Black Tuesday" in 1929?
- 7. MOVIES:** What movie based on a Henry Fielding novel won the 1963 Oscar for Best Picture?
- 8. RELIGION:** Which book of the Bible first describes how God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses?
- 9. GEOGRAPHY:** Where is Prudhoe Bay?
- 10. MYTHOLOGY:** Who was the Roman goddess of the hearth?

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DiCiccio remembers being slightly more mortified at the mishap but can laugh at it now. As it turns out, the gun was in her pocket. DiCiccio went on to take parts in other plays, and this fall, she will make her directorial debut with "Rumpelstiltskin."

Each sister has found different ways to serve with the Liberty Lake Community Theatre — ways that speak to their unique talents and aspirations.

Babin enjoys meeting people in the theater and helping to organize. Her favorite part so far has been helping to build the ticket and concession counters.

DiCiccio loves to sew and make costumes, but she also treasures the fabulous friends she has made through the theater.

DiCiccio and Babin encourage anyone interested in theater to volunteer. Their greatest current need is for actors.

"I want to help people understand that we are a local, community theatre, and you don't have to have experience to try out," DiCiccio said. "We're a learning theatre. We welcome veterans and newcomers."

And you can always support by attending a show at the theater, 22910 E. Appleway Ave., Suite 2. For more information, visit www.libertylaketheatre.com.



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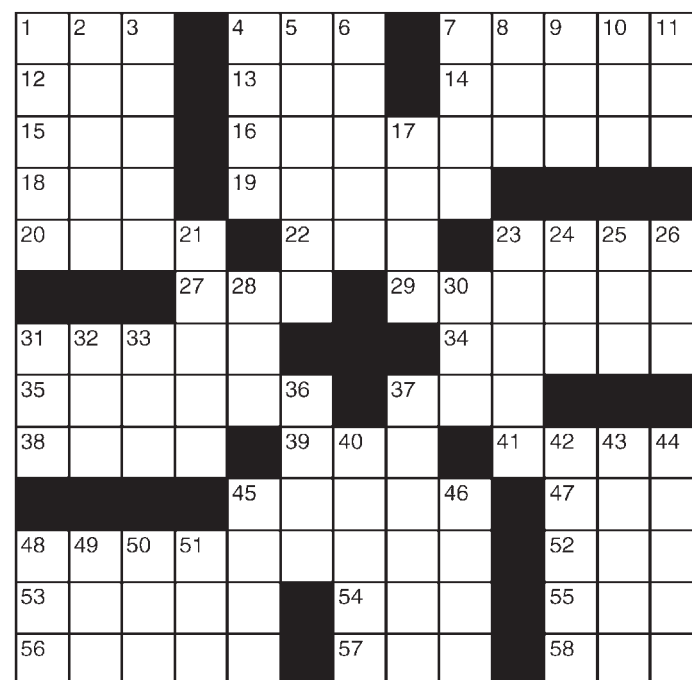
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- 18 Salamander
- 19 Teatime treat
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- 41 Pizzazz
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- 48 Fielder's concern
- 52 In olden days
- 53 Scent



- 54 Lubricate
- 55 Each
- 56 Fact
- 57 "Erie Canal" mule
- 58 Stab
- 10 "6 Rms — Vu"
- 11 Praise in verse
- 17 Recognize
- 21 Polish money
- 23 Viennese dance
- 24 90-degree angle
- 25 School grp.
- 26 Your
- 28 Ram's mate
- 30 Dine
- 31 Pirouette pivot
- 32 Storefront sign abbr.
- 33 Knock
- 36 Boot attachment
- 37 "Twelfth Night" countess
- 40 Farewell
- 42 Unsuitable
- 43 Niamey's nation
- 44 Magnificence
- 45 Leading man?
- 46 Snitch
- 48 Young fellow
- 49 Playwright Levin
- 50 "Kidding!"
- 51 Ostrich's cousin

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Answers to Trivia Test

1. Lyndon Johnson
2. Venus
3. Benjamin Franklin Pierce
4. 1939
5. Studs Terkel
6. Oct. 29
7. "Tom Jones"
8. Exodus
9. Alaska
10. Vesta



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May 28 to June 6 | “Deadpan” Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. With four songs of cabaret-style music and comedy, this musical will deliver murder, dinner club chaos and fantastic memories. Tickets are \$12. For show times and more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

May 30 | Art Auction 6:30 p.m., Center-Place Regional Event Center, address. The Spokane Valley Arts Council is holding its 9th annual artist showcase and will award four Valley high school art scholarships. For tickets and more: www.spokanevalleyarts.org

May 31 and June 1 | Auditions for “Tikki Tikki Tembo” 6:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. There are parts for all ages in this children’s show; no preparation necessary. For more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

CIVIC & BUSINESS

May 13 | The Business Showcase 3 to 7 p.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan. This trade show will feature the latest products and services. For more: www.spokanevalleychamber.org

May 20 | Road to the Cloud 2015 7:30 a.m. to noon, CenterPlace Regional Event Center, 2426 N. Discovery Place, Spokane Valley. This Windows Azure community conference is put on by IntelliTect. For cost and more: www.intellitect.com/rttcsokane/

May 8 | Women Executives of Liberty Lake (WELL) 12:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., Liberty Lake Portal, Mica Peak room, 23403 E. Mission Ave. Cheloye Penwell with Lakeside Insurance will be speaking about small business insurance. For more: www.womenexecutivesoflibertylake.com

Recurring

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Latest Fallen Heroes station honors CV grad

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The phone calls from nearly 7,000 miles away were the highlight of the week for Brian and Jan Grothe.

Each Saturday, their son, Kelly, an Army soldier, would ring in from somewhere in the Middle East, letting his parents know he was OK. Kelly had enlisted in the Army Reserve in 2003 while still a student at Central Valley High School and, four years later, his travels had taken him to the heart of Iraq.

“We really looked forward to those Saturday calls,” Jan recalls.

At the time, the section of Iraq known as Ramadi was one of the war’s highest casualty zones. Grothe was serving there with the Bravo Company 321st Engineers, an Army Reserve unit out of Hayden.

“It was definitely not a good place to be,” Jan recalls. “You could hear it in Kelly’s voice when we talked on the phone.”

Grothe, who graduated from CV in 2004, had been commissioned in Iraq since September 2006. His job in Ramadi involved route clearance, combing the area for explosive devices so vehicles and personnel could pass safely. On May 3, 2007, Grothe and Sgt. Coby Schwab were on a route-clearing mission when an American truck ahead of them was hit by an explosive device, injuring five soldiers. When Grothe and Schwab stopped to help, both were hit and killed by another bomb.

Kelly Grothe was 21 years old. “He was always looking out for someone else his whole life,” said Jan. “The military was his opportunity to do the same, to take care and protect. He was a very giving person.”

Grothe will be recognized this Memorial Day as the latest honoree in the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course, a project launched in 2013 by former Marine and Liberty Lake resident Bob Wiese. The May 25 ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. on the first fairway of Trailhead Golf Course, parallel to the Fallen Heroes station on the nearby trail. The CVHS marching band will be on hand for the event.

“Cpl. Grothe was chosen for many reasons,” Wiese said. “He grew up locally here in the Spokane Valley and attended Central Valley High School. Kelly was also killed in action during a selfless act to help his fellow soldiers. The virtues Kelly displayed as a soldier reflected great credit upon himself and the Army and are exactly the type of virtues we want to share with the public. It is our duty to keep the memories of these amazing people alive.”

The first three Fallen Heroes installments — featuring the latest in outdoor exercise equipment — are now part of the terrain at Rocky Hill Park, Pavillion Park and Town Square Park. In addition to the Grothe site, a fifth and final station is now being built at the arboretum next to City Hall. That location will recognize a Coast Guard Fallen Hero and be dedicated sometime this September. When completed, the entire course will cover 5.5 miles.

The city of Liberty Lake has stepped up to provide most of the funding for the Fallen Heroes project. This year, City Council has set aside \$75,000 for the Army and Coast Guard sites. Wiese and his fellow committee members have rallied community support for over \$14,000 to cover the signs and plaques at the various stations. They hope to collect another \$2,000 to complete all five locations.

Along with Wiese, the committee includes Amy O’Connell, Kristi Dodson, Tim Homer, Trish Usab, Kathy Whybrew, Jason Spinden and Jason Wills.

John Munro was part of the original group before moving out of the area.

“The people on this committee are true selfless professionals,” said Wiese. “They’ve donated so much time to this cause.”

Grothe joins a list of other Fallen Heroes from the area that includes Marine Cpl. Josh Dumaw, Air Force Cpt. Victoria Ann Pickney and Navy Corpsman Greg Vercruysse. Jan Grothe is friends with Dumaw’s mother, Jenifer, and attended the ceremony for Josh in September 2013.

“I appreciate everything those working on this project have done and continue to do to keep the memory alive of those that



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Kelly Grothe, an Army soldier and Central Valley High School graduate who died in 2007 in Iraq, will be honored on Memorial Day as part of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course.

have served our country and were willing to sacrifice everything for us at home,” said Kelly’s dad, Brian. “It’s an honor to have Kelly recognized on this part of the course, but it also reminds us of all those that gave their lives on our behalf.”

Jan said she appreciated the Fallen Heroes project “as a reminder to people of the cost of freedom.”

Kelly Grothe participated in football his freshman year at CV and was part of the track team for all four years. Despite being short of stature, he tackled the hurdles right alongside his taller peers.

“He liked track because it was a team sport, but you have to work really hard as an individual in order to help the team,” Jan said. “It’s a tough event, but he just kept working at it. He was pretty driven.”

Kelly grew up in the Spokane Valley area along with his older sister, Shelly, and his younger brother, Aaron. In his spare time, Kelly could be found drawing or helping out in the kitchen. Besides track and football, he enjoyed skateboarding and water sports.

“He was the type of person who had a handful of close friends,” Jan said. “He was very loyal, always there for his friends.”

Brian recalls his son stepping up to help in all kinds of situations. When he did, it was with a smile.

“He had a great sense of humor,” Brian said. “He was a good student and well-liked.”

Jan said honoring Kelly’s memory is one way of dealing with the loss.

“It’s something where you take each day as it comes,” she said. “I think the thing that helps us the most is talking about who he was. Our faith tells us that we’ll see him again. Otherwise, we wouldn’t have any hope.”

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HEALTH & RECREATION

May 3 | Bloomsday 9 a.m., downtown Spokane. The 12-kilometer (7.46 miles) race is open to all runners, walkers, wheelchairs, assisted wheelchairs and strollers. Late entry fee is \$35. To register or for more: www.bloomsdayrun.org

May 2-3 | USBA Northwest Regional Championship 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. This tournament is open to boys and girls teams in grades three through 12. Registration cost is \$200. For more: www.usbahoops.com

May 15-16 | May Mania Pickleball Tournament 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Men's and women's doubles are on Friday, and mixed doubles will play on Saturday. Cost is \$20 per person and \$5 per event; registration deadline is May 5. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

May 16 | Tennis clinics begin Rocky Hill Park. These free clinics put on by Liberty Lake Community Tennis Association for Liberty Lake residents will run through Aug. 15. Adult lessons will be offered 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday; ladies day will be 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday. Kids lessons are on Saturday at 9 a.m. (age 7 and under) and 10 a.m. (8 to 14 years old). For more: 255-9293 or larrywest1@live.com

May 16 | Warrior Camp MMA Event 7 to 10:30 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Tickets for the live cage fights are \$20 (\$30 for preferred seating) and available at Warrior Camp, 5027 E. Trent, Spokane. For more: www.warriorcampfitness.com

May 17 | HUB Invitational Volleyball Tournament 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

May 23-24 | Lilac City Volleyball Showcase 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Cost is \$400 per team; open to U14 open and club teams. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

May 23 | 'Run for the Son' scenic run/walk 9 a.m., Rockin' B Ranch. The cost to sign up for the 3.1-mile run/walk celebration is \$10; registrations must be postmarked by May 16. For more: www.libertycross.org

Recurring

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

Liberty Lake Ladies' Nine Hole Golf Club 9 a.m. Thursdays, Liberty Lake Golf Course, 24403 E. Sprague Ave. For more: 928-6854

Liberty Lake Running Club 6 p.m. Thursdays, Twisp Café & Coffee House, 23505 E. Appleway Ave. The club meets for a three-mile run weekly through October. This month's special events include a Crazy Sock Run on May 14 and a Strolling Story Time on May 21. For more: 954-9806

Spokane Valley Women's Evening Golf Club 4:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays, Liberty Lake Golf Course. This nine-hole club plays through Aug. 31. Membership fee is \$50 (includes your GHIN); county pass is \$30. For more: Spokanevalleywomensgolf@gmail.com or find "Spokane Valley Women's Evening Golf League" on Facebook

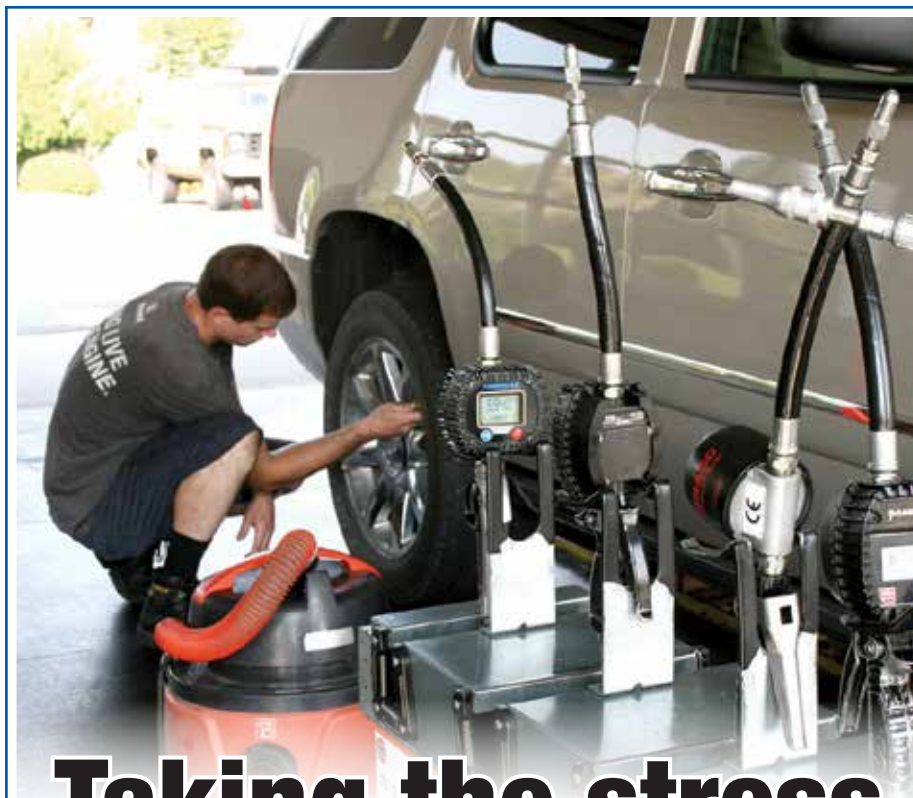
Trailhead Ladies Nine Hole Golf Club Play for this weekly league at Trailhead Golf Course is Wednesday mornings through September. For more: www.trailheadladies9.com or 879-7391

Windermere marathon registration open Registration for the June 7 marathon or half marathon from the Valley area to Spokane is open. For more: www.windermere marathon.com

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

- *Badminton open gym: 7 to 9 p.m. Tues., \$5/person*
- *Basketball open gym: Noon to 1 p.m. Tues. and Thurs., \$4/person*
- *Pickleball drop-in: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mon. through Thurs.; 6 to 8 p.m. Sun. and Wed. \$2/seniors (\$4/non-seniors)*
- *Table Tennis: 7 to 9:30 p.m., Mon. and Wed.; \$3/player*
- *Classes including Bootcamp Fitness Training, Keno Karate, Modern Farang-Mu Sul, Wing Chun Kung Fun and Sushu Kung Fu. See website for cost and times.*

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Beachcombers' influence, friendships span decades

By Karen Johnson
LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sitting around a campfire and sharing stories with neighbors is a Liberty Lake tradition. This month, as part of its 2015 "Neighbors and Neighborhoods" series, the Liberty Lake Historical Society invites you to visualize and enjoy a "fireside" conversation with the Beachcombers Garden Club. Before we introduce these neighbors, some background on the Club.

Like many great beginnings, the Beachcombers Garden Club began with a handful of neighbors in a living room with two goals: to beautify the area around Liberty Lake and to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening. While both of those aims have left a wonderful imprint on our community, our recent "fireside" chats unveiled even greater testimonies to the Beachcombers' true heartbeat. Join in the party with the following eight women who are our representative face on this 56-year-old legacy builder...

The legacy of beautifying through working together

Karen Ruef is the current and longstanding Beachcombers' co-president alongside Margaret Barnes. She was tireless in digging through, sharing and answering questions about the articles and pictures from scrapbooks and minutes lovingly collected and preserved by many hands for over 50 years. One of the first of their many accomplished projects was clearing out, planting and main-

taining the grounds surrounding the then-new Liberty Lake Community Church. They were also dedicated to their children's schools, donating and planting a few trees at Greenacres Elementary School (now Central Valley Kindergarten Center) and some landscaping work at Greenacres Junior High School when it was first built.

Their work also included table arrangements for the CV PTA ham dinner, favors for the Veterans Hospital and Edgecliff Sanitarium and craft favors for residents of Sunshine Gardens Nursing Home for nearly 40 years. For that, they were awarded a well-deserved Volunteer of the Year plaque in 2005. And the list goes on...

The legacy of stimulating knowledge and love of gardening

The Beachcombers joined the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs shortly after becoming an official club. That made for nine garden clubs in Spokane Valley. Together, they sponsored garden shows with flower arrangement competitions. As Mary Floy Dolphin, Liz Kiblen and Polly Soderquist recalled memories, I learned that most of the members claimed they had no flower-arranging ability. So many of them gathered driftwood and weeds (like thistles and cattails) and passed them on to the more creative ones amongst them (most notably Della Neyland, Mary Floy's mother). Polly and Liz laughed at the absurdity of their weeds winning prize money at the swank Davenport Hotel, but the Beachcombers came home with ribbons and money! Some even remembered that their beautiful weedy arrangements were purchased! All the money, of course, went to fund the club's projects.

While Polly talked of learning about and appreciating the art of flower arranging as well as being inspired to garden her own yard, Tobi Pfeifer (the Beachcombers' very first vice president) quipped, "I come across a worm (in the garden) and I'm all done!" So what is the VP (whom others claimed as the "fun one") doing in a garden club? Read on...

The legacy of fundraising for worthwhile causes

While records indicate that a love of gardening inspired the club, it certainly wasn't the driving force. As each gardener spoke, I realized their common "seed" had sprouted as love and generosity toward others. Shirley Payne, current club treasurer, summarized, "Our basic purpose is to make a little money and give it away." For example, after the initial Liberty Lake Community Church project was completed (about two years), the club entered it in the Sears Urban Renewal Contest. They were awarded a \$100 prize for outstanding beautification work, which was poured back into the church's site. For many years, the Beachcombers continued to maintain the grounds and trees, many of which were planted in memory of church members.

Other fundraising efforts included: a Christmas tree decorated with handmade ornaments and sold to Washington Mutual Savings Bank for their lobby, the proceeds of which went to the church project; reprinting and selling of the "Memories of Liberty Lake" booklet by Mildred Brereton and Evelyn Foedish, the proceeds of which went to the development of Pavillion Park; and years of fun but exhausting luncheons for the community, the proceeds of which went to a lengthy list of



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One of the first projects of the Beachcombers Garden Club was the beautification and care of the grounds of the then-new Liberty Lake Community Church, pictured here in 1963.

worthwhile causes, including the Liberty Lake Fireworks Fund (always), Valley Food Bank (Spokane Valley Partners), Second Harvest, the Valley museum, and one of Karen's favorites: needy families at Christmastime. Shirley exclaimed, "I used to make 14 ba-zillion pillows!" used as additional fundraisers at the luncheons.

Regarding fundraisers in more recent years, Dona Lettelleir, present club secretary and host of the annual Christmas party, enjoys their relationship with the Liberty Lake Arboretum. The club donates plantings for a designated Beachcombers' area, and each planting is in memory of a former Beachcomber. (The most recent are lilacs which will soon be added in memory of Margaret Rasmussen and Sunny Lancaster. The two dogwoods at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library are also Beachcomber memorials.)

The legacy of lifelong relationships born out of united hearts

Most of the ladies shared personal sentiments about the friendships they've developed over the years of serving together. Tobi recalled that early on they took turns babysitting so others could attend the meetings. "Everybody's kids shared the playpen! (It was a) fun

group ... a fun way to get together. I was thrilled it was started."

Longtime Beachcomber Lorna Freeman said, "Everything about it was fun. Monthly meetings are always fun to get together. ... (They are) good, good, good friends."

Karen fondly remembered the Beachcomber's 50th anniversary party: "It was special ... so good to gather with members from over the years. It was good to connect again."

This legacy-building organization has poured its life into this community for over a half century. Its hard-working, wonderful women are older now; gardening is mostly behind them, and fundraising requires more stamina. Others might be tempted to hang it up, but not these ladies! Age simply means a change of format. Soon, they will be baking cookies to sell at the annual Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales in June. One of the younger gals, who is in her late 60s, shared her thoughts about a recent Yard Sales when it was pouring rain and blustery. The Beachcombers were "tough little ladies out there selling stuff," she recalls. But they persevered. "They're just wonderful little ladies!"

You can hear the smile in Mary Floy's voice as she added, "We don't take on any big (fundraising) projects anymore. We raise dues on ourselves so we don't have to!"

Karen Johnson enjoyed sitting down with members of the Beachcombers Garden Club to glean the stories and reflections in this article. Johnson serves on the board of the Liberty Lake Historical Society.

DID YOU KNOW?

- You will find the Beachcombers raising money at 1331 N. Mitchell during the annual Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales on June 13. Stop by to

- buy cookies or talk to them about joining the club.

- The Liberty Lake Arboretum (also known as Nature's Place) is located adjacent to and east of City Hall off Country Vista Drive.

- Beachcombers Garden Club is still active today as a nonprofit community club. Monies raised are donated to local needs like Spokane Valley Partners, Liberty Lake Fireworks and helping local children have a better Christmas.



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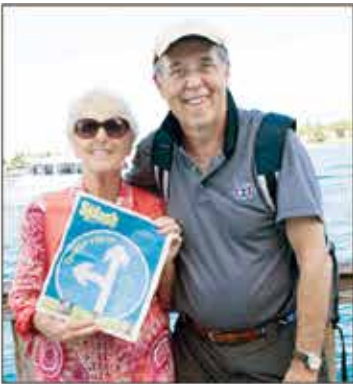
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Tucker and Carter Stocum made sure to pack a copy of The Splash when they were on spring break with their family in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.



Rich and Ginny Semler explored the southeast coast (Charleston to Florida and then up to New Orleans) this spring and paused for a photo with The Splash in Key West.



Stephanie Vanlandingham took The Splash along on a recent mini vacation to Fort Worth, Texas, to visit her older sister, who is a Texas Christian University alumni.

Camping at Colville



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Boy Scout Troop 413 took a backpacking trip in the Colville National Forest where the group camped at frozen Trout Lake and hiked to Emerald Lake, experiencing pouring rain on Friday night and hundreds of ticks on Saturday. Pictured are Nathan Leland, Kathy Whybrew, Calvin Whybrew, Bruce Hotchkiss, James Hotchkiss, Nelson Whybrew and Andrew Ferraro. Not pictured is Rob Leland.

Shutterbug Snapshots



Susie Middaugh, member of the Spokane Valley Camera Club, shared this photo that she titled "Fishing on Liberty Lake." The club resumes its local meetings in September.

SUBMITTED PHOTO



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Michael Hassett continues to keep tabs on the great-horned owls and their babies in the Saltese Flats area. He also spotted a yellow-head blackbird and a red-winged blackbird.

Kids compete in Math is Cool



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Liberty Lake 5th Grade Math Is Cool team placed third at the regional Math Is Cool competition on March 20. Team members included (back row) Carter Schafer, Emily Schulhauser, Madison Russell, Ashley Boswell, Nora Fassler, Rilee Homer, Sam Carter, Coleton Shinneman, Tyler Kemple; (middle row) Sydney Spraggins, Brayden Herndon, Jonah Gartner, Brady Reding, Ansel LaPier; (front row) Annemarie Rau, Blakelee Evans, Owen Miller, Jordyn Gartner, Ethan Sheneman and Dylan Shadd. The team was coached by Tanya LaPier and Katie Boswell.



The Liberty Lake 4th grade team won first place in the Math is Cool division 1 regional competition on April 17. The team will compete at the Masters Competition in Moses Lake on May 16.



Pioneer School claimed first place in the small schools division at the competition. Pictured are (front row) Sophia Thompson, Neharika Sharma, Aniketh Parlapalli, Mathew Wasson, Seth Vandergrind, Varun Ambalavanan; (middle row) Emily Rasmussen, Rachel Stelling, **Neha Kommaredy**, **Sanjana Sharma**; (back row) coaches Joel Rasmussen, Shesh Parlapalli, Chris Bachman, **Dominic Kommaredy** and **Betty Burley-Wolf**. (Liberty Lake residents are highlighted in bold.)

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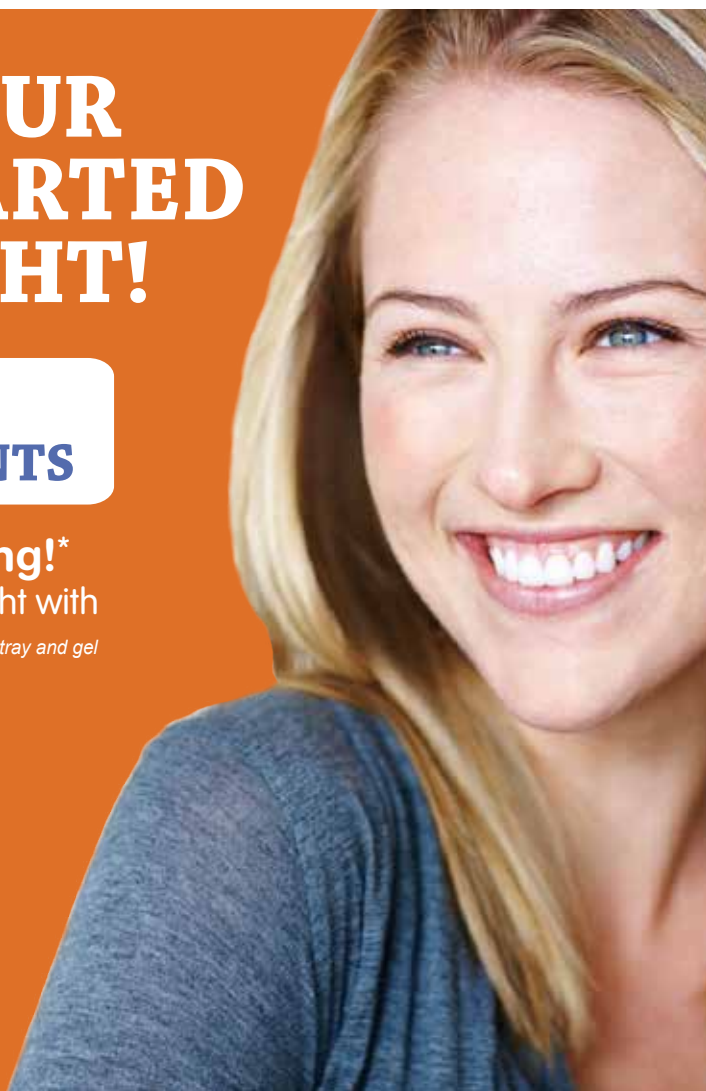
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Education Briefs

Spokane Scholars Foundation announces grant recipients

A total of \$60,000 in scholarships was awarded to 24 students at the 23rd annual Spokane Scholars Foundation Banquet on April 20 in Spokane. The organization is dedicated to recognizing the exceptional academic achievement of high school seniors from the Spokane area.

Scholarships awarded to Central Valley High School students are as follows:

- English: Jenna Vasquez, \$1,000
- Mathematics: Alexander Plagman, \$4,000
- Science: Trevor Brown, \$3,000
- Social Studies: Sidney Orr, \$3,000

Brown receives scholarship

Kyle Brown of Liberty Lake was recently named a 2015 Goldwater Scholar. Brown, who is studying mechanical engineering and on the track team at Brigham Young University, was one of 260 recipients.

The scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,206 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

Siddoway inducted into honor society

Kyle Siddoway of Liberty Lake was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at Brigham Young University.

Siddoway is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. The top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership.

Colleges honor local students

The following Liberty Lake students were recently recognized by colleges for their academic performance or meeting graduation requirements. Information was provided via press releases submitted from schools or parents.

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Washington State University

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Washington State University

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2 Mail-in form: \$15

Complete the registration form below and submit it along with your fee. Remember, **registration must be received by June 5** to be included in the official guide.

3 Pavillion Park vendor (online only): \$100

Join the festivities in the middle of it all at Pavillion Park by being a vendor. Both commercial vendors and private sales are welcome at the \$100 fee and receive a 12-foot by 12-foot section at the park. This registration option is available at www.libertylakesplash.com/yardsales, and it includes a listing in the official guide. Double the space is available for \$200. Registered Pavillion Park sellers who decide not to come must notify organizers at least five days in advance in order to receive a refund. Contact information is at the bottom of the page.

Name _____

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Description (Not to exceed 20 words) _____

Payments should be made out to the Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake. Mail them to The Splash, PO Box 363, Liberty Lake, WA 99019 along with the completed registration form. *No phone or in-person registration is available.*

Questions?

► For **registration-related inquiries**, contact The Splash at 242-7752 or yardsales@libertylakesplash.com.

► For **general yard sale inquiries** or **with vendor questions**, contact Liberty Lake Kiwanis member John Niece at 509-294-8500.

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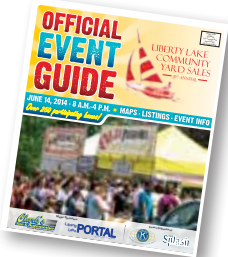


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- **Thousands of shoppers:** Liberty Lake is flooded with shoppers for this event every June, so timing your yard sale to correspond with the annual sales is just smart business. Please pay the registration fee to ensure the future of the yard sales. After expenses, all proceeds from the event will be reinvested by the Kiwanis Club into the community.
- **A listing "on the map":** Attract customers before the sale even begins by featuring your sale in the official event guide. A 20-word description of your sale is complimentary with your registration fee, and 10,000 copies of the guide will be distributed to not only every address in Liberty Lake — but at businesses and newsstands throughout the area in the days leading up to and during the sale.

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COMMUNITY

Community Briefs

Splash to feature local grads

The Splash plans to recognize Liberty Lake high school graduates in its June issue. In order to participate, graduates are asked to submit name, high school, parents' names, plans after graduation and photo to photos@libertylakesplash.com by May 8.

This invitation extends to all graduating seniors who live in the community, regardless of where they attend high school. Contact 242-7752 with any questions.

CV class to hold reunion

The Central Valley Class of 1975 will celebrate their 40th class reunion July 17-18. The weekend will begin with a reception Friday night. On Saturday, there will be a golf tournament and spa day, as well as a dinner and dance at Highlands Golf and Country Club.

For more information, contact cvclassof75@gmail.com, Terri Reavis at 406-253-4867 or Brenda Graham 509-928-3067. You can also search CV Class of 1975 on

Facebook or visit www.cvclassof75.com.

Community yard sale to occur June 13

The 22nd annual Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales will happen 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 13. The event is being organized by the Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club, with registration support and the official guide coming from The Splash.

The deadline to register to be included in the official event map and guide is June 5. Registration for Liberty Lake homes is

\$10 online at www.libertylakesplash.com/yardsales or \$15 with the mail-in form (included in this issue). In addition, Pavillion Park sale and vendor spaces are available for \$100 at the online link. Fees collected for the event go toward the event's expenses as well as support Liberty Lake Kiwanis efforts in the community.

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Obituary

James R. Hitter

April 27, 1931, to April 4, 2015

James R. Hitter, 83, beloved father, grandfather, husband and brother, passed away April 4, 2015.

Jim began an exceptional life on April 27, 1931, in Monticello, Minn. Growing up in the cold climate gave Jim a love for winter sports that he enjoyed his entire life. Elmer Edward and Mable Lannon Hitter provided a good home with lots of love for Jim, older brother Terry, and sister Joanne, during the challenging times of the depression and through World War II.

Jim enjoyed his rural upbringing and especially his grandfather's farm. He made friends easily, was an exceptional athlete and a good student. Jim graduated from Park Rapids High School in 1949, where he played varsity football, basketball, baseball and track. He really enjoyed the contact of football and used his gift of speed to go on and play halfback for North Dakota Agriculture College (now NDSU).

Jim combined his college teaching degree with an ROTC commitment to join the U.S. Air Force as an officer in 1954. Flying jets during the post-Korean War era, Jim was responsible for flying a bomber armed with nuclear weapons during some very tense times in U.S. military history.

After leaving active military duty, Jim remained a dedicated member of the Air National Guard, ultimately attaining the rank of Lt. Colonel, and retiring in 1991 with nearly 37 years of service.

Jim and Janiece Sitz were married in 1958 and brought two beautiful children, Kimala and Tony, into their lives. Jim's professional teaching and coaching career began in earnest in Goldendale, Wash., where he stopped to have a flat tire repaired. Hearing that the high school football coach had left, he interviewed and landed the job.

Jim was the quintessential coach and his athletes had great success in many sports. This success led to new opportunities in



1966 where he took on coaching and teaching roles in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Jim eventually earned his Ph.D. and turned his passion for kids toward the administrative side of public education. From principal and then superintendent in Milton

Freewater, Ore., to superintendent roles in Grand Coulee and Colville, Wash., Jim was well liked by his peers, staff and students.

Jim married Charlotte Johnson Gaines in 1981 and was instantly adored by her three children: Cammy, Marc and Cheriene. Jim and Char maintained a second home in Coeur d'Alene until he retired from public education in 1996 and started his "retirement career" as a Real Estate agent for Century 21.

While Jim led an exceptional life professionally, it was his personal life that provided so much meaning for so many people. Jim was everybody's friend. From his church membership (he was an active member of the Hayden Friends Church) to civic roles with Kiwanis to the volunteer work he did with the VA Hospital, Jim was simply a friend to all.

His role as grandfather/great-grandfather was his most cherished. He was never too busy to make a ball game, a play or a recital. He would always put the grandchildren first. He was simply there. Always. And that is why we love him and will miss him so much.

Jim is survived by his wife, Charlotte Hitter; children Kimala Coleman, Cammy Lawrence, Cheriene Dinoia, Tony Hitter and Marc Gaines; sister and brother-in-law Joanne (Hitter) and Gene Brietbach; former wife Janeice Hitter; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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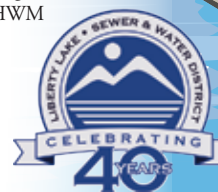
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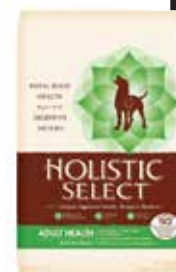
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The familiar red Safeway branding that has been a fixture along Liberty Lake Road since 2000 will turn green in early June as the store transitions to a Haggen market.



Grocer 'family' brings heart for community to conversion

Longtime core of employees will transition from Safeway to Haggen along with store

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Before Jan Marquez moved to Liberty Lake six years ago, she would make the drive from her home in Post Falls to shop at the Safeway store on Liberty Lake Road.

"I like the customer service here," Marquez said. "They work with us. They listen. I tell everyone about this place."

When she heard her favorite grocery store would be changing hands from Safeway to Haggen this summer, Marquez wanted to make sure those who work at the site wouldn't be going anywhere.

"As long as the people are the same, I'll be

shopping here," she said. "They're amazing."

It turns out the employee roster of around 90 will not undergo the transition expected down the aisles this June. Despite being given the option to transfer to other Safeway locations in the area, the staff in Liberty Lake, starting with longtime Manager Dan DiCicco, will remain intact. The current team includes a core group of 13 that have been with the store since it opened in 2000.

DiCicco, a Spokane native, began his career with Safeway in 1970, washing pans in the bakery when he was still a student at North Central High School. He gradually moved up the company ladder and was serving as manager of the Sandpoint store when he got a call to run the company's new venture in Liberty Lake. Now, DiCicco will lead his crew under the banner of Haggen, which purchased 146 stores following the merger of Safeway and Albertsons earlier this year (see sidebar below).

items were hauled in under Haggen's signature green and white banner.

Such is the agenda these days for Haggen, a franchise that bills itself as "the Northwest's leading family-owned grocery chain." After acquiring 146 stores earlier this year in the wake of the Safeway/Albertsons merger, the company that began in 1933 with Ben and Dorothy Haggen's small neighborhood business in Bellingham now finds itself as a burgeoning retail powerhouse.

Haggen's transformation began shortly after the Federal Trade Commission approved the purchase of Safeway by Cerberus Capital Management, a private investment company that already owned Albertsons. The acquisition in January —



SPLASH PHOTOS BY CRAIG HOWARD

Pictured are 13 originals from the first year of Safeway in Liberty Lake — 2000. A 14th pictured, Mike Aragon, has been with the Liberty Lake Safeway since 2003. The team's long-lasting core and heart for the community will remain intact as the grocery store transitions to a Haggen market in June. Pictured front row, from left: Crystal Ruchert, Aragon, Lynn Owen, Tony Townsend, Tammy Nixon Potts and Dana Smith. Back row, from left: Dan DiCicco, Pete Peterson, Scott Beckett, Nancy Moore, Stan Sorensen, Connie Colwell, Jean Simpson and Vickie Peplinski.

"After 45 years with Safeway, I'm looking forward to a new job and a new beginning," DiCicco said. "From what I've read about Haggen, I think our customers are going to be very happy. For one thing, they're really involved in the community."

The civic-minded approach will be par for the course as far as DiCicco and his employees are concerned. The man known

as "Safeway Dan" brought an emphasis on community causes from his days in Sandpoint, rallying support for local events like the Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales, the July 4th Parade, Liberty Lake Relay for Life and organizations like Kiwanis and Lions. Each month, employees donate a portion of

See HAGGEN, page 41

Haggen brings NW pedigree to Safeway transition

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

In March, it took 36 hours, 100 workers and around 65,000 price tags to convert an Albertsons store in Lake Oswego, Ore., to a sparkling new Haggen market.

The rapid transition entailed everything from changes in signage to switching out cash registers and stocking the shelves with new products. Perishable food was donated while fresh produce and deli

reportedly in the range of \$9.2 billion — meant the FTC requiring Cerberus to divest Safeway and Albertsons sites in 130 markets, including Liberty Lake, where the two brands had the potential to create a supermarket monopoly.

Enter Haggen, which increased its inventory nine-fold in what amounted to the largest grocery divestiture in U.S. history. Associated Wholesale Grocers Inc., SuperValu and Associated Food Stores Inc. were also winners in the massive change of chains. Haggen will take over Safeway and Albertsons sites in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona.

John Clougher, chief executive officer with Haggen-Pacific Northwest, said

shoppers should not expect much change in price with the new format. Haggen also has a reputation for carrying plenty of organic products and working with community farmers to bring in local produce. The store's hours and shopper favorites like the scratch bakery will remain.

The changeover in Liberty Lake is expected to take place in early June, according to longtime Safeway Manager Dan DiCicco. Haggen will honor the tenures of current Safeway staff as well as vacation time balances. Any Safeway pensions will transfer to Haggen plans.

"The best thing is that all the people in this Safeway will still be here when it becomes Haggen," DiCicco said.

BUSINESS

In Biz

Quality Inn & Suites recognized as pet-friendly establishment

Pet travel experts BringFido.com recognized Quality Inn & Suites Liberty Lake as a 2015 Fido's Favorite Award winner. The annual award recognizes hotels, inns and bed and breakfasts that achieve superior pet-friendliness ratings from BringFido's annual visitors. Fewer than 10 percent of all pet friendly accommodations can claim this distinction.

As the world's leading pet friendly travel website and app, BringFido relies on its website visitors and app users to review and rate properties on a 1 to 5 "dog bone" scale. Only 4-bone or higher rated properties are eligible for a Fido's Favorite Award. The Quality Inn & Suites ranked 5 out of 5 on this scale.

Denenny joins Lee & Hayes

Lee & Hayes PLLC, an intellectual property law firm, has hired business executive and corporate attorney Richard Denenny to grow the firm's corporate, tax and securities practice.



DENENNY

Based in the firm's Spokane office, Denenny will assist with the development of the firm's corporate practice in Spokane, Seattle and the other five cities where the

firm is located.

"Rich's addition to our team is a coup for Lee & Hayes," said Shaun Cross, CEO of Lee & Hayes. "Rich's unique experience as an attorney and business executive ideally positions him to serve as an extension of our clients' management teams, finding business solutions to legal issues."

Denenny joined the law firm from Telect, where he was the vice president of sales, marketing and product development. Denenny also served as the COO, CFO and board member of Next IT from 2011 to 2013 and previously as a securities attorney with K&L Gates in Seattle.

Denenny, who is a Liberty Lake resident, holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law and a bachelor of arts in political science from Western Washington University.

STCU promotes Flood, hires new directors

STCU recently announced the hiring and promoting of employees to key positions within the credit union.

David Flood, who most recently served as the credit union's director of consumer lending, was promoted to Vice President of Lending. Flood started as a loan and member service officer in 2000 and he worked his way up the ranks to the senior management team. He earned his master's degree of business administration from Eastern

Washington University is also a graduate of the Western Credit Union National Association's management school.



FLOOD



GALTIERI

Robyn Galtieri has been promoted to Director of STCU's contact center. The company hired Derek Tyree to fill her previous position as the Director of Training. The Credit Union also announced Brian Scott's promotion to the Director of Accounting and Finance.

Galtieri, a 17-year STCU employee, is a full-time student at Western Governor's University studying business management. She also sits on the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery Auxiliary Board.

Tyree joined STCU after working at Kootenai Health and Washington Trust Bank. A graduate of Leadership Spokane, Tyree holds a master's degree in human resource development

from Webster University in St. Louis, and a bachelor's degree in workforce education and development.



SCOTT

Scott, who has worked at the credit union for eight years, previously served as the financial reporting manager. He graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration, finance.

IntelliTect hosts 'Road to the Cloud'

A special event to help businesses capitalize on the benefits of the cloud will be held May 20 at CenterPlace Regional Event Center, 2426 N. Discovery Place in Spokane Valley.

Hosted by IntelliTect, this Windows Azure community conference "Road to the Cloud 2015" will offer two concurrent sessions—one focused on introducing the cloud and the other on the development of the cloud. The keynote presentation will be given by Mark Michaelis, Microsoft MVP and Regional Director.

Registration and networking breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. followed by the keynote address at 8 a.m. and sessions at 9 a.m. For cost and more, visit www.intellitect.com/rttcspokane.

HAGGEN

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their paychecks to the Safeway Foundation, which backs a variety of nonprofit groups.

"It's great to be part of a family-oriented store that is so involved in the community," said Tony Townsend, who has been with Safeway 25 years and is part of the original Liberty Lake crew. "We're close knit as employees, and that makes it fun to work together. It's all about the team."

During the yard sales, Safeway employees set up a tent in the parking lot and bring items from home to sell. Each year, 25 percent of the proceeds go toward a cause selected by staff.

"It's fun to be a part of," said Vickie Pepinski, who began at the store in 2000 and coordinates efforts for the yard sales. "We're glad to support good causes."

In 2014, Safeway honored Jean Simpson as Volunteer of the Year for the company's Western region, which includes around 40,000 employees. A bakery employee since 2000, Jean has served on the Relay for Life committee and has also co-chaired the event. She is active in the Liberty Lake Community Theatre, another local effort taken up by a number of Safeway employ-

ees, including DiCicco.

Simpson said the store's positive environment starts at the top.

"The thing is, Dan is not a boss, he's a leader," she said. "He works with us; he's not up on a pedestal. He's always asking if there's anything he can do to help."

DiCicco and other co-workers were there for Simpson in 2002 when her husband was diagnosed with cancer. After a valiant fight of over two years, he passed, but Jean said the reinforcement at the store was priceless during her journey.

"I felt supported by everyone here," she said. "They held me up during that time. That's what these people do here. We've all been through something of some sort, and we always know we'll be there for each other."

Stan Sorensen, a 22-year Safeway veteran, lives in the Mead area but has commuted to Liberty Lake since he was hired in 2000.

"I just love the Liberty Lake Safeway and the crew that I work with," he said. "People ask me why I work in Liberty Lake when there are stores closer to Mead. Well, Dan's not at those stores. The people I work with are the reason I drive over here every day. They are my family."

In a decade and a half, employees have

seen an array of changes in the community that surrounds the store. Toddlers are now in high school while some longtime shoppers have passed on. Liberty Lake celebrated its official incorporation in August 2001, just about a year after the store opened. Of course, DiCicco made sure the city had Safeway cake from the scratch bakery to mark the occasion.

"We like talking to the regulars and being part of the community," said Nancy Mace, part of the inaugural team and a Safeway employee for 30 years, 29 of those as a deli department manager.

When Pete Peterson moved to the Inland Northwest from Northern California after being hired by DiCicco in 2000, he had never heard of Liberty Lake.

Outside DiCicco's office, a collection of plaques salutes efforts to support various causes, including the annual picnic at the Joint Base-Lewis McChord near Tacoma where Peterson, an Army and Marine vet, has been stationed. The display is known as "Dan's Wall of Honor," though in typical humble fashion, DiCicco refers to it as "Pete's Wall."

"Dan understands that the employees are the store," Peterson said. "He cares about his people and the community. Dan definitely made the work fun. That's a real tribute to

him. I'm just lucky to be here. I know with Dan here, it's going to be a smooth transition."

Scott Beckett, known as Safeway's "trivia king" for his practice of tossing out random questions at the store, said DiCicco created the foundation for a flourishing work environment when he picked the first group of employees back in 2000.

"We owe a lot to him as to why this is such a good group to work with," Beckett said.

Tammy Potts, another inaugural employee, has worked at the Liberty Lake store five times as long as any stop in her 30-year career.

"I didn't realize how different it was until I worked here," she said. "It's true, we have the best people, the best management, the best community."

DiCicco, who acknowledges the looming need to change his nickname to "Haggen Dan," is quick to deflect credit to his team as they look ahead to a new chapter defined by the same generous priorities.

"This is all about the employees, not me," DiCicco said. "They are the success story. We're successful because of them and the community. I'm just so fortunate to be able to work with these people. They are the store."

Shellhorn returns to CV mound as coach

By Mike Vlahovich
CURRENT CONTRIBUTOR

From Central Valley pitching star to Bears pitching coach, Rusty Shellhorn has come full circle.

The Liberty Lake athlete's sturdy left arm took him throughout the United States as a collegiate and professional baseball pitcher. A balky knee brought him back home to embark on the next phase of his life.

"I did the knee in Clinton, Iowa," explained Shellhorn, who was playing in the Seattle Mariners' organization. "It was in the middle of the game, there was a ground ball to first base and I went over to cover the bag. The first baseman flipped me the ball and 'pop,' there went the knee."

It was a routine play, but Shellhorn tore his ACL, the dreaded ligament injury that is the bane of all athletes. He "worked his tail off" in rehabilitation, but the Mariners released him nonetheless.

"Sometimes they don't want a guy with knee injuries," Shellhorn shrugged.

He played one more year in an independent league, but after three years as a professional, the 2008 CV graduate knew his time was over. Not long after returning, he got a call from new Bears baseball coach Mike Amend and joined the staff of his alma mater this spring.

His early years in youth baseball were scarcely a harbinger of things to come.

"I didn't play a lot," he recalled, "I was the smallest kid on the team."

Raised in a family whose passion was baseball, that all changed. By high school he would be part of a gifted six-pitcher Greater Spokane League group that all went on to play collegiately and/or professionally.

By his freshman year, he was focused on pitching. Colleges began showing interest when he was a sophomore. He signed a letter of intent with Washington State his junior season.

Armed with a lethal curve ball, once, in

a seven-inning GSL game against North Central, Rusty struck out all 21 batters. He was named Washington Gatorade Baseball Player of the Year with a 7-3 record, 0.78 earned run average, had 125 strikeouts in 59 innings and was drafted in the 39th round by the Chicago White Sox.

From there, the story becomes intriguing. Rusty opted for the Cougars instead of turning pro.

The summer after his freshman season, Shellhorn played in Ohio on a team in the Prospect League, a summer showcase for college players, and whose coach was an assistant at Texas Tech. He was named Pitcher of the Year with 8 wins, 89 strikeouts and a 1.45 ERA.

At WSU, however, things didn't go well during his two years.

"I didn't pitch a whole lot down there," he said, diplomatically. "They had a lot of lefthanders, and I was kind of down at the bottom of the depth chart."

There were philosophical differences, and he said they had him ditch the curve for a slider.

"It just wasn't the right fit for me," he said. "Sometimes you need a change of scenery."

Having the contact through summer league, he transferred to Texas Tech, sat out a mandatory year, and in his season there was 5-3. Drafted by the Mariners, Rusty went 7-3 with three teams during his rookie season, but the next year in Iowa the knee betrayed him. Last season, he played with Traverse City, Mich., in the Independent League.

"It's professional baseball but not affiliated with any big league teams," Shellhorn explained. "It's mostly guys kind of like me who got hurt, are too old and are released. There are actually ex-big leaguers. A lot of those guys get picked up again by affiliated teams. I wasn't one of the fortunate ones."

He could have gone back, he said, but being a newlywed and with both he and his



SPLASH PHOTO BY MIKE VLAHOVICH

A few years removed from CV's pitching mound, where his sterling career included being named Washington Gatorade Player of the Year in 2008, Rusty Shellhorn is the Bears' new pitching coach.

wife in college, it wouldn't have been fair. Although he originally had an eye on teaching and coaching, as a former president of the Central Valley debate team, he envisions becoming involved in some form of business law.

In the meantime, he and ex-Major Leaguer Kevin Stocker — whom he'd never met prior — are imparting their wisdom on Bears baseball players.

"Mike just found me," said Shellhorn, who knew Amend from high school. "He said, 'I have an opening and want you to jump on board.' It's a nice opportunity to be back at Central Valley."

And there he was, a few weeks back, standing in the first base coaching box at Shadle Park, less than a decade after he'd stared down the Highlanders from the pitcher's mound.

It's been eye-opening, he admitted, envisioning himself as a high schooler through an older set of eyes.

"You don't see things in the big picture

when you're that young," he said. "There's a stage of maturity you have to get through to get to the next level."

Although he never rose above Advanced A classification minor league baseball, Shellhorn said he has no regrets.

"It's an absolute grind, let me tell you that," he said. "It's very hard to describe unless you're actually doing it. You have to be a grown man to handle it. I know if I'd have signed out of high school I wouldn't have been able to. I wasn't mature enough at the time."

It was an opportunity he couldn't pass up after college, however, and said he wouldn't trade the experience for anything.

"It is a memory I'll always have with me," Rusty said. "Do I miss it? Oh, yeah. Kevin Stocker told me it took him five years to let it go."

"I imagine I'll be saying 'what if' for a while, but it is what it is. I'm happy with my decision and happy with the way things are going right now."

Scoreboard

COMMUNITY GOLF

4/1 Trailhead Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club

Flight A: Gross, Sammie Fletcher, Mary Ellen Wall, 49 (tie); Net, Kathie Krestyn, 36
Flight B: Gross, Jeanne Hamacher, 48; Net, Ann Parman, 32
Flight C: Gross, Susie Hansen, 55; Net, Sherry Lopez, 32
Chip In: Sherry Lopez

4/2 Liberty Lake 9-Hole Golf Club

1st Flight: Gross, Kathy Camyn, 51, Birdie/Chip-in #7; Net, Bette Devine, 37
2nd Flight: Gross, MaryLou Nowels, 59
No Handicap: Sharon Woolf, 60

4/7 Liberty Lake Women's Golf Club

Liberty Cup and Putting
Overall winner: Lee Sonderman, net 72
Putting A Flight: Joyce Skidmore, 33
Putting B Flight: Chrissie Tamura and Ann Eure, 36 (tie)
Putting C Flight: Lee Sonderman, 37

4/8 Trailhead Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club

Flight A: Gross, Bea Carroll, 49; Net, Kristy Bartlett, 31
Flight B: Gross, Jeanne Hamacher, Deanna Hauser, Ann Parman, 56 (tie); Net, Eleanor Badinger, 36
Flight C: Gross, Susie Hanson, 56; Net, Sherry Lopez, Sylvia Hansen, 36 (tie)

4/9 Liberty Lake 9-Hole Golf Club

1st Flight: Gross, Bette Devine, 50; Net, Kathy Camyn, 48
2nd Flight: Gross, Vicki James, 58; Net, MaryLou Nowels, 36; Rebecca Curry, Chip-in #5
3rd Flight: Gross, Emma Long, 69
No Handicap: Gross, Sharon Woolf, 57

4/15 Trailhead Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club

Flight A: Gross, Susan Fuller, 45; Net, Mary Ellen Wall, 34
Flight B: Gross, Diane Rudnick, 50; Net, Nancy Wendelburg, 32
Flight C: Gross, Susie Hanson, 51; Net, Sherry Lopez, 29
Birdie: Diane Rudnick

Runners recognize Earth Day



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Liberty Lake Running Club took to the streets to deliver flowers to houses along Malvern Road during the group's Earth Day run in April.

SPORTS

Busy spring nets mixed results for CV teams



By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Spring sports, we hardly knew ye.

Half of all 18 Central Valley athletic teams play from March through May. Those seasons, it seems, are over before you know it. And with the exception of a handful of league games, the postseason, as of this publication is set to begin.

Herewith are smatterings of mid-April competition highlights:

Bears sweep Titans

In the track and field rivalry against University, Central Valley won both boys and girls meets to begin the season to 4-0 through the second week of the Greater Spokane League season.

The defending GSL champion girls routed the Titans 110.5-34.5. A testimony to depth, they won 14 of 18 events yet had no individual double winners (relays excluded).

Junior **Brielle Crump** finished first and second in the hurdles, the latter behind

Hannah Reiman. The rest of the wealth was spread among a host of athletes, including numerous talented freshmen.

One, **Katie Hawkins**, raced to a 12.86 victory over incumbent 100-meter sprint star **Kelsey Turnbow**. Two others, **Erica Pecha** and **Lacie Hull**, finished one-two in the 400, and Hull won the triple jump over another freshman, **Hailey Christopher**. CV had the top three 300 hurdles placers, frosh **Kassidy Keller** and **Bryn Anderson** finishing behind Crump, and freshman **Noelle Bowden** was second behind veteran Reiman in the long jump.

All told, CV girls finished one-two in half of the 18 events.

The boys meet was closer, CV winning 82-63. **Parker Bowden** won both long and triple jumps, the latter over Titan **Noah Martin**, who won the pole vault at 15-feet and high jump, where his best at 6-10 and vault both ranked second in state among 4A class athletes. Bowden is among the state leaders in the triple jump.

Key events were the 200 meters, where newcomer **Taylor Caudill** and fellow junior **Jaydon Russ** placed one-two, and a sweep of the shot put by sophomores

Jordan Talafili, ranked among the state's top throwers, and **Travis Hawkins** and senior **Aaron Stintzi**.

Key meets on April 30 and May 7 will determine their title fate. District, regional and state follow.

Bears lead in soccer

Early in the year, coach **Andres Monroy** said he liked CV's chances to win GSL soccer. The unbeaten Bears haven't disappointed, holding first place midway through the season.

They have one match, Ferris on April 29, standing between them and the championship.

CV had allowed but four goals in nine matches, and 11 different players scored on offense.

J D Hauenstein had nine goals, **Brian Choate** five and **Noah Whitman** four.

How the other half lives

Softball finishing at or near the top of the GSL has been a given in recent years, but this season has been a struggle.

The Bears found themselves in sixth place, at one point with a 4-6 record, al-

though third among Class 4A teams and in position to reach the playoffs.

For the most part, it hasn't been for lack of offense. And three one-run losses loomed large.

Shayla Vegas led the way offensively with 24 hits through 10 games, including a four-hit game and another with three that all went for extra bases. **Macie Reynolds** also had a four-hit game, and she missed the cycle by a single, hitting double, triple and home run in another.

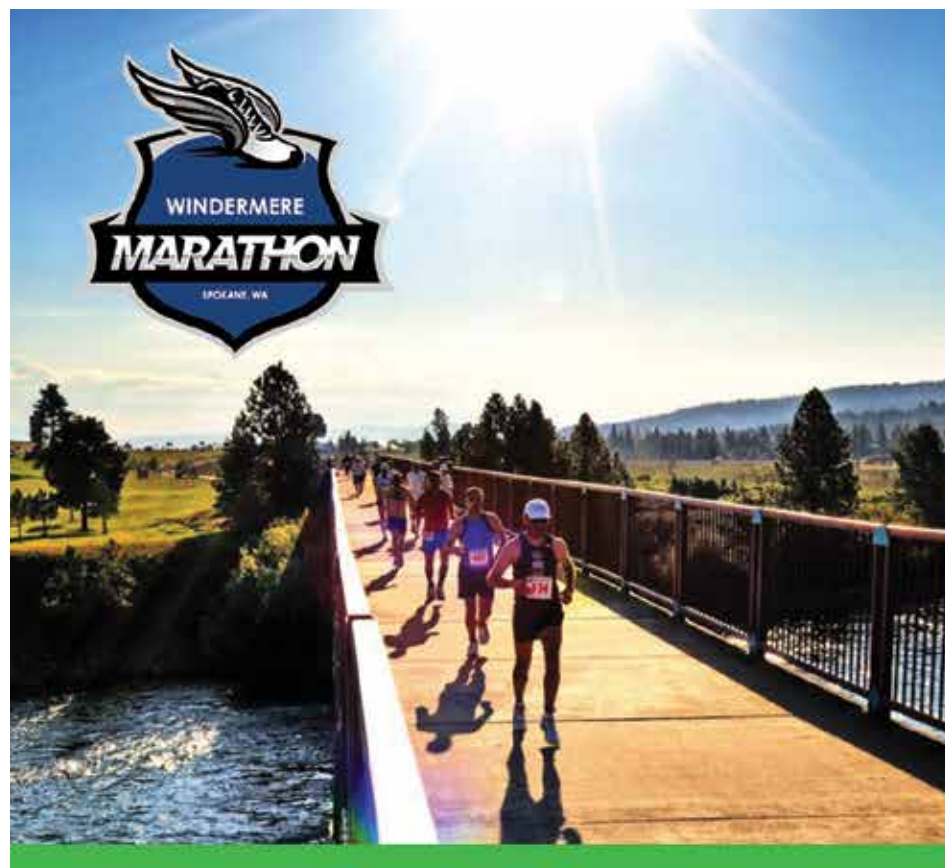
Baseball learning curve

Learning under **Mike Amend's** new regime, Central Valley's baseball team found itself struggling to reach the playoffs.

But even though the Bears were in eighth place, they still had hopes given a fast finish, including a pair of games against rival University.

Bears' veterans **Colton Peha**, **Jackson Axtell** and **Austin Bergdahl** have been offensive constants. And **Connor Degeest** was making a late-season surge.

But pitching had been problematic during the season.



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Lessons learned in love



By Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH COLUMN

Teachers are held in high esteem in our home.

Mainly because I live with one. My husband's creativity, connection to students and passion for learning never ceases to amaze me. And it's not something he turns off when he leaves the classroom. Family dinner conversations revolve around books we are reading, places on the map where current events are taking place and calculating the probability of the Chicago Cubs making the World Series this year.

But I also have close family members and friends who serve in education. I've observed them invest time, energy and resources to be better at what they do. From preschool to high school, they teach not just letters, numbers and writing, but also train students in charac-

ter, compassion and caring for our world. I also was fortunate to have an influential group of educators while growing up who molded my perspective on life and learning. But there was one teacher who stood out above the rest — my mother.

My mom was my first teacher, as well as the one I've had the longest. Even though her own formal schooling did not go beyond high school, her impact on my education exceeds that of any other individual. My mom's influence is silently woven into the fabric of my own family, impacting the mundane as well as the magical moments of everyday life.

Long before Common Core came about, my mom taught me common sense. Before I had to worry about meeting school standards and tests, she modeled a standard of living and responded to life's trials in ways that I still strive to emulate.

It seems appropriate that May brings the opportunity to pay tribute to both teachers and mothers, since their roles mirror one another in so many ways. While thinking back on lessons my mom taught me through the years, here are some that especially stand out:

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Give the moms and teachers in your life a hug, high five or handwritten note. Just don't let the opportunity pass by to express your appreciation.

Growing takes time.

Whether it was in the garden or in life, my mom recognized that space was needed for things to truly take root. I made my share of mistakes growing up, but my mom's encouragement and confidence in me never wavered. Weeding beans, shucking corn or digging potatoes was not always my idea of a fun Saturday afternoon, especially as a teen. But my mom modeled that hard work and patience often results in worthwhile (and delicious) results.

Baked goods can work magic. My mom's sugar cookies, snickerdoodles and cinnamon rolls have won the hearts of

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Courage is a conscious choice



By Diane Paxton
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN

Courage. What a powerful word! What do you think of when you hear the word courage? Possibly a firefighter rushing into a burning building to save the person trapped inside with no concern for their own safety? Or a bystander jumping into a raging river to save a drowning person? Words like hero, strength and bravery come to mind.

I am an orthodontist, and I do not spend my day facing life threatening events. When I first thought about writing this article, my thought was to write about my experiences

in the Air Force, about physical courage as exemplified by our young military men and women, our police and firefighters. But the more I thought about it, I wondered what courage really means.

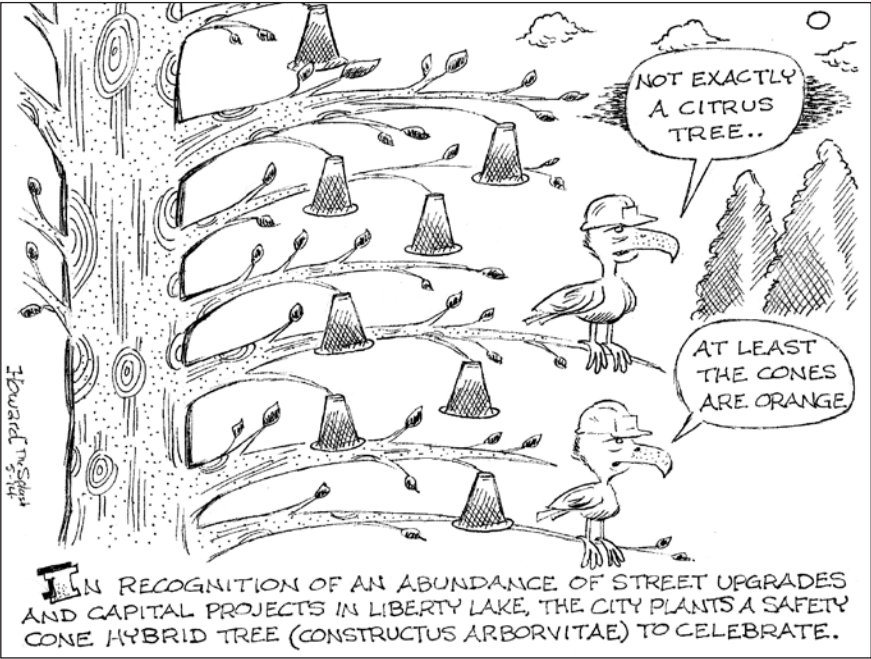
There are many famous quotes about courage. According to Mark Twain, "Courage is not the absence of fear. It is acting in spite of it." John Wayne put it, "Courage is being scared to death... and saddling up anyway."

The dictionary defines courage as the ability to act in the face of fear, bodily danger or even death, to do something you know is difficult or dangerous. Physical courage is the mental quality that recognizes fear or danger but enables a person to take a risk and proceed in spite of it.

Consider the origin of the word courage. The root of the word is the Latin word cor, or heart. In Middle English (1250- 1300) the word corage meant "the heart as a source of feelings, spirit, confidence."

Courage is a heart word, the ability to act according to one's beliefs and convictions; to follow one's heart. Moral courage is the

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Letters to the Editor

LLPD lauded for closed case

I would like to thank Officer Thomas and Detective Bourgeois on the fine job they did in locating the tools that were stolen from me in a recent burglary. They should be commended.

Tom Manfred
Liberty Lake

Anonymous act appreciated

I would like to thank the kind soul who returned my purse earlier this month. I don't know who you are because you humbly did not leave your name with the Liberty Lake Albertsons customer service.

Apparently my very small, lightweight bag slipped off my shoulder without notice as I wrestled with groceries. You found it in the busy parking lot and turned it in completely unscathed and intact.

For all honest individuals, recognized or not, I thank you with sincere appreciation. You're a bright spot in the world!

Sheila Carson
Newman Lake

Respect the land

On our morning walks up Bella Lago we often enjoy seeing deer, owls or a friendly lab named Zoe. Imagine our dismay to ever

more frequently coming across garbage carelessly strewn at the top. Fast food bags and wrappers, beverage containers (some alcoholic, most not), even a few items more ... delicate in nature.

Really, people? Is this the best we can do? Can we not teach our children better than this? The world is not your trash can. Have some respect. Pack out what you pack in. This stuff doesn't just blow away. It ends up somewhere and lessens the quality of life for everyone and everything.

Think about what you're leaving behind. Is that how you really want to live?

LuAnn Ragge
Liberty Lake

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many neighbors, co-workers, friends and sons-in-law. They have been known to turn a child's bad day into a brighter one and make a college kid's homesickness a little more bearable. Made with love and lots of sugar, her homemade goods always make me think of home.

Family time is priceless. Shopping with aunts, sleepovers with cousins and playing outside with sisters were regular occurrences during my childhood. As family grew older, my mom modeled how to truly care for others. Whether it was giving the home-bound a ride to church services, visiting grandparents in the nursing home or caring for her own parents as they battled health issues, she simply showed up and was present for others.

Words are beautiful and powerful. Reading Richard Scarry's "Best Word Book Ever" with my mom started me on the path to appreciate the beauty of the written word. Not an avid reader herself, she supported my need for weekly trips to the library and also placed high value on the hand-written note. We were required as kids to write notes expressing our appreciation to gift givers, and she practiced what she preached, sending cards of encouragement and gratitude to others. I still have a collection of childhood notes from my mom that were hidden in my lunchbox or luggage.

Short-term sacrifice equals long-term gain. My mom (and dad) resisted frivolous spending to live below their means just so they could have the freedom to support their church and give to others in need. While we seemed to be the last possible people on the planet without cable TV, my parents created a strict budget to ensure I and my sisters could afford college. And my mom humbly worked whatever jobs she could find to help her three kids get through college debt-free.

Was my mom perfect? By no means. But that's what makes me respect her even more. She made mistakes and humbly asked for forgiveness, even from a sometimes stubborn, know-it-all daughter.

She's made an incredible impact throughout my lifetime. And she's not done yet.

Mom, thank you for the lessons — big and small — that you are still teaching me to this day. I love you.

Tammy Kimberley is general manager of The Splash and a Liberty Lake resident. Far more importantly, she is the daughter of Judy Dunaway.

Correction

Fall 2014 graduates and honor roll students from Washington State University were listed under an incorrect school in the education briefs included in the April issue. WSU students are reprinted under the appropriate heading on page 36 of this issue.

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COURAGE

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ability recognize what you believe is right, and to act accordingly despite criticism, popular opposition, shame, scandal or discouragement. It is the courage to follow your heart. Courage is the decision to do the more difficult right.

Social activists, such as Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela, chose to speak out against injustice at great personal risk. Innovators and entrepreneurs such as Steve Job and Walt Disney risked financial loss by

persevering in the face of the unknown, the unpredictable. Business leaders make decisions that are better for their customers and employees but might not be better for their profit margin. Decisions are made to reduce pollution for the betterment of our world, even if it may lose votes and cost more money to take these precautions. These are people who portray courage through their actions to support their beliefs, to follow their heart. Courage acknowledges fear and uncertainty, but perseveres because of conviction, beliefs and personal resolve.

Few of us will likely be faced with life threatening events that might challenge our

physical courage.

However, we are all faced daily with events where our moral courage is tested. As I think about the people that Partners Advancing Character Education (PACE) are reaching out to, I think of students and families we meet each day who exhibit courage in the face of significant challenges. Among these challenges might be:

- Attempting a new sport or trying out for a team, not knowing whether it will work out, but taking that risk anyway
- Standing up for someone that is the brunt of teasing or bullying, adhering to

values you believe are right, regardless of any embarrassment or repercussions from the "popular" crowd

• Knowing who you are and having the courage to be that person; not following the crowd and buckling under peer pressure but acknowledging your own true beliefs and honoring them

• Facing a challenge that frightens you, but meeting that challenge by doing something for no other reason than it is the right thing to do

Who is that person who overcomes fear when the odds are against them? Who is that person that exhibits the courage needed to stand up for what is right? To follow their heart? Who is that person who is afraid of doing something but does it anyway, because it is the right thing to do?

Be that person. Know yourself. Be courageous.

Diane Paxton is an orthodontist with offices in Spokane Valley and on the South Hill. She served with the United States Air Force as a dentist and orthodontist for 14 years before returning to Spokane in 1995. Ellingsen-Paxton Orthodontics has been a Silver Level supporter of the PACE Awards Program and proudly promote the PACE Character Trait of the Month in their offices. She wrote this column as part of a series highlighting the PACE trait of the month. The trait for May is courage.

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Garage hobby grows into small business for Martin

By Staci Lehman
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Tony Martin wants to work on your bike. In his garage. Not because he needs the money, but because he loves the work.

Martin has been building, repairing and riding bikes since his childhood in England. For the past six years, he's been doing this out of his garage in a Liberty Lake neighborhood. A mechanical engineer by trade, Martin says he diverted his energy to repairing bikes for neighbors around the time he retired in 2009. About the same time, he volunteered to fix the bikes of a couple missionaries from the nearby Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, who put a lot of miles on their bicycles. Soon, the church started bringing all their bikes to him, and a small business was born.

With May being National Bike Month and Bike to Work Week in Spokane being May 18-22, Martin will be busy getting bicycles tuned up for the busy season ahead. He also sells restored bicycles. When he's not repairing both adult and children's bicycles of all kinds, Martin spends his time restoring bikes that he picks up cheap, then resells for a reasonable price. Affordability is part of his garage business's DNA, Martin said.

"I'm not here to make money, just here to enjoy myself," he said. "I want a reason to get up every day."

Another reason Martin gets up every day is to ride. He takes a 6-mile bike ride seven days a week, which he says keeps him young. Martin also credits bicycling with helping him quit smoking. He didn't ride when his children were young, but once they left the house and he decided to quit smoking, it all kind of fell together.

"I quit smoking, bought a bike and never thought about smoking again," Martin said.

A self-trained bicycle mechanic, Martin's expertise dates back to the 1960s. At that time, bikes were very important



SPLASH PHOTO BY STACI LEHMAN

Tony Martin attends to a bicycle in his Liberty Lake garage. The retired mechanical engineer spends several hours each week repairing, restoring and riding bicycles.

in the United Kingdom where he grew up.

"That's how you got around — by riding bicycles. We couldn't afford cars," he said. That changed in a decade. "There was no interest in bicycling in the 1970s, in the U.K. or the U.S. It's been steadily coming back since the '90s though."

He says that's mainly because more bikes began to be manufactured in China and Taiwan, making them more affordable for the average family.

Phoning Mr. Fix-it

Bicycle mechanic Tony Martin, who works out of his Liberty Lake garage, can be reached at 998-2359.

"Eighty percent of my business is Walmart bikes," Martin said.

Which he's fine with. He says he fixes many gears, replaces tires and tunes-up many "everyday" bikes. With a serious biking population in Liberty Lake, though, and the nearby Coeur d'Alene Triathlon taking place every year, Martin is eager to work on more of the higher-end triathlon bikes and vintage bikes. He has several vintage bikes himself, ranging from ones made in the late 1960s to the 1990s. For older

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bikes, Martin combs eBay and other on-line sources for the proper parts, as well as local second hand shops.

The growth of local bike culture, evidenced by events such as Bike to Work Week that have become popular in recent years, makes Martin happy not just because it's good for business but because the shift in attitude has brought more bicycling infrastructure with it, such as recreational trails and bike lanes. He also believes that, along with the increase in biking, an increase in bicycling education is necessary. Martin says he tries to avoid riding in traffic because many drivers aren't willing to share the road with bicyclists or just don't see them like they do other cars. Conversely, he also sees many bicyclists who don't follow the rules of the road, which can cause conflicts with drivers.

Even so, Martin says he's a bicyclist for life. And the best part is that he gets to see and experience all kinds of bicycles that come in and out of his garage, a garage that is very convenient for many Liberty Lake residents because it's right in the community. Not having the overhead of a shop also allows him to keep his prices low. Martin doesn't charge by the hour. Mostly he says he charges for parts, a little for his time, and the rest of his pay comes from the fun of being around bikes all day.

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