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Michelle Griffin, Liberty Lake parks and recreation coordinator, and William Miller, Barefoot 3v3 Soccer Tournament organizer, are catalysts for Barefoot in the Park, July 24-26. Originally known as Liberty Lake Days, the event was cancelled last year but is being revived by the city with a refurbished schedule.

Recreation recalibration

Griffin, Miller bring new flair to city's summer event

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

If you missed Liberty Lake Days last summer, you weren't the only one.

After a four-year run as the city's signature summer celebration, the event was placed on hiatus, leaving a void in the warm-weather schedule for many residents. The vintage cars, festive booths in Pavillion Park, even the classic carnival games — all nowhere to be seen when July rolled around.

When the 2015 municipal budget was approved by the City Council last winter, Liberty Lake Days made a triumphant return, earning a \$30,000 earmark. The revised agenda would feature three days of festivities, including a new collaboration with a popular event known as "Barefoot 3v3 Soccer," a tournament that premiered in Liberty Lake in 2013.

William Miller, organizer of the soccer bracket, had approached the city about blending the return of Liberty Lake Days with a tournament that had taken the area by storm. As the docket developed, a 5K run, pro soccer demonstrations, a Friday night concert and more were added. Miller says he expects the field this year

to be around 200 teams, with a number of entrants traveling to Liberty Lake from across the region.

"Taste of Liberty Lake," a community culinary celebration featuring local restaurants, will be part of the lineup Friday while a talent show and movie ("Big Hero 6") will take the stage at Pavillion Park Saturday evening. The emphasis on local commerce will also carry over from the original itinerary with vendors in the park and a showcase on Friday from noon to 5 p.m., offering specials at area businesses for event attendees.

City representatives like Parks and Recreation Coordinator Michelle Griffin say that Miller has brought much-needed enthusiasm to an event looking for exactly that. After providing an overview of the fast-growing sport and his successful tournament during a presentation at City Hall, City Council rose from the dais with a standing ovation.

Griffin, meanwhile, has made sure the event will include an abundance of creative activities beyond the soccer tournament. Traditional components of Liberty Lake

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Days like the car show and carnival games will be joined by new features like footgolf at Trailhead, bubble soccer (players wear the equivalent of giant bubble wrap) and a golf cart parade.

The Splash caught up with Miller and Griffin recently to preview the much-anticipated return of Liberty Lake Days and the first rendition of Barefoot in the Park. Both were wearing shoes.

Q. When Liberty Lake Days was introduced in 2010, city representatives talked about the importance of providing a free community event that would promote local businesses and generate civic goodwill. Do you think the first four years accomplished that?

A. *Michelle Griffin:* Yes, I believe we did accomplish the goal of providing a free community event that promotes local businesses. We had participants from throughout the region as well as the business community that came back multiple years and really supported the event. Liberty Lake Days would not have been possible without their continued support.

Q: Why was the decision made to put Liberty Lake Days on the shelf in 2014?

A: *Griffin:* As the recreation services division has a staff of one, staffing levels required to put on this event were analyzed, and it was decided that a community-driven approach to events would more effectively utilize resources and allow for greater connection between what the community wants and what the city provides. Having the opportunity to better utilize volunteers and maximize resources by partnering with an existing community event such as Barefoot 3v3 Soccer, would better serve the residents of Liberty Lake. This collaboration will help draw more tourism dollars to Liberty Lake and the two local hoteliers, allows for more family activities at the events and helps build a strong support base for community events.

Q: Was there much feedback from the community about bringing back Liberty Lake Days?

A: *Griffin:* The city did receive feedback from some business owners that they were disappointed with Liberty Lake Days not occurring in 2014. While we were conducting the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan Update survey, we had numerous comments about how residents enjoy community events, the free concerts and movies in the parks. Being able to hear from residents as to what types of community events they want to have helps direct staff to providing those types of events and be more responsive to community needs.

Q: What do you think Barefoot 3v3

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Soccer will bring to the revised three-day schedule?

A: *Griffin:* I believe that partnering with Barefoot 3v3 will give the former Liberty Lake Days a broader draw and add a higher level of energy and excitement since playing barefoot soccer is such a blast. Working with William Miller is fantastic, and his restaurant and tournament experience adds a new skill set and ideas to the coordination team. His many connections in the community help to recruit volunteers and get more local groups, such as the Liberty Lake Running Club, the HUB and Friends of Pavillion Park interested in joining in the event.

Q: Tell us about the origins of Barefoot 3v3 Soccer. What were your hopes for the tournament when it premiered in 2013?

A: *William Miller:* With my daughters all playing soccer, it always seemed as if one would get hurt. When they played barefoot soccer, they played better finesse soccer and didn't get hurt. It was better soccer with great results. This in combination with traveling to Costa Rica with Valley Assembly Church and seeing soccer as a way to reach out and provide soccer balls and even shoes to kids that couldn't afford them. These things along with several local soccer coaches like Chaz Valdez, Mike Cousins and Rik Robles all inspired me to move ahead with Barefoot. I had approached (former Liberty Lake City Council Member) Josh Beckett with the idea, and he thought it would be a great success in Liberty Lake.

Q: How would you describe the popularity of barefoot soccer right now?

A: *Miller:* Around the world, barefoot is the typical play for soccer. They don't really have a choice. Here in the states, you will commonly see barefoot in the parks or beaches during the summer, but here in Liberty Lake and surrounding area, it is becoming more popular.

Q: Why did you think blending the tournament with the return of Liberty Lake Days might be a good idea?

A: *Miller:* Anything we can do to support local businesses and bring people to the Liberty Lake area is a good idea. The city of Liberty Lake and their staff have been so great and supportive to work with from the very first year. When we had our 2014 debrief, we discussed working together to make Barefoot a bigger event and festival. This year will be great.

Q: Will this year's rendition of the tournament be any different than the first two years?

A: *Miller:* This year will be the biggest Barefoot yet, and we hope to be expand adult divisions with recreational and competitive for both men and women. We may even have a 40-and-over division.

Q: You've said the weekend has the potential to be like "Liberty Lake's soccer version of Hoopfest." What do you think will need to happen to get to that level?

A: *Miller:* Hoopfest is an unbelievable event. We just need to keep adding new and exciting things that people will have fun making memories. I know that in soccer, my kids will remember a few tournaments, but they have great memories at our tournament. I'm hearing this same response from past participants and coaches that the entire family had a great time, and they leave with so many great memories.

Q: The promotion of the original Liberty Lake Days often referenced the All Valley Picnic that began in 1922 and ran through 1941. Will you still try to bring some historical perspective to this year's agenda?

A: *Griffin:* Yes, we are coordinating with the Liberty Lake Historical Society to bring back the historical display. We also are bringing back the historically based contests again such as the gunnysack race, three-legged races and brick walk as well as carnival games.

Q: The introduction of footgolf at Trailhead is another new feature being added to the schedule. What do you say to the golf purists who are concerned about this golf/soccer hybrid taking to the city's course?

A: *Griffin:* I see footgolf as an opportunity to help grow the game of golf and as a way to add a new recreational opportunity for residents who may not play golf to get to enjoy Trailhead Golf Course. This will be an opportunity to get feedback from purists, regulars and soccer players alike to see if this sport is a good fit for Liberty Lake. The course was laid out with minimal investment and utilizes only a portion of the golf course. If the purists are open to footgolf and residents love it, then the temporary course was designed to be easily expanded in the future. Footgolf would be scheduled during slower times at the golf course when there are fewer golfers. It will be up to city staff to ensure that footgolf players are educated on course etiquette such as staying off the greens and being respectful of others on the course.

Q: How do you think the improvements to Pavillion Park will benefit the return of Liberty Lake Days?

A: *Griffin:* Once the construction is completed, it will offer additional restrooms and storage space along with a new concession stand. The Liberty Lake Historical Society has photos of the original design of the concession stand on the lake and the intent was to model this new concession stand after the original concession stand design. Having these new improvements in the park will allow the event to accommodate more people and having the concession stand will be a wonderful addition to the park. Tournament registrations can be taken in the concession stand in the future along with having room for a food vendor who might be able to sell root beer and popcorn like they did back at the original concession stand on the lake.

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SVFD Report

A total of 67 emergency calls originating within the city of Liberty Lake were reported by the Spokane Valley Fire Department between May 21 and June 22, as follows:

Emergency medical services	52
Motor vehicle accidents	2
Building alarms	5
Service calls	2
Unauthorized Burning	1
Cancelled en route	5

Highlights

- **Infant locked in car** — Shortly after 7 p.m. June 1, crews responded to a report of an infant locked inside a car in the 23100 block of East Sinto Avenue. The door was unlocked without incident.
- **Dog trapped** — On June 4, a report of a dog trapped in barb wire at the 21500 block of East Country Vista Drive was determined to be a dog stuck behind the fence of the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District’s pump house. The dog had apparently chased a cat into the area.
- **Accident** — On June 15, SVFD crews responded with the Liberty Lake Police Department to a low-speed, rear-end accident in the 21900 block of East Country Vista Drive just after 11:30 a.m. The crash involved a Ford Ranger and Denali. There were no major injuries.
- **Unauthorized Burning** — An illegal outdoor bonfire was reported on June 21 in the 20200 block of East Baldwin Avenue in Liberty Lake just after 9:30 p.m. SVFD crews responded, and the homeowner complied with firefighter instructions to extinguish the fire. On June 17, SVFD and the city of Liberty Lake issued a burn ban making unauthorized open burning and recreational fires illegal until further notice. Violators may be fined up to \$1,000. If the illegal fire is found to cause another fire, criminal charges may be filed.
- **Fire chief report** — On June 17, Fire Chief Bryan Collins spoke with members of the Liberty Lake Kiwanis about the summer fire season. He announced the ban on outdoor burning and noted that the order comes a full month earlier than last year. He also talked about the new automatic aid agreement with the Spokane Fire Department and shared a preliminary timeline for construction of the new fire station on Country Vista at Henry Road. Watch for the SVFD booth at the Liberty Lake Farmers Market periodically this summer.

Police Report

The following items were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department from May 18 to June 22. The report is listed in chronological order.

Incidents and arrests

- **Gas theft** — At 9:56 a.m. May 20, LLPD responded to the 22000 block of East Appleway Avenue after a complainant reported a female drove away from the location without paying for \$41.54 in gas.
- **Rape investigation** — At 11 p.m. May 23, LLPD responded to the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive for a report of rape. The incident was referred to the Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney for investigation and follow up. LLPD said that as a sex crime, more information was not available, but that it was an isolated incident.
- **Vehicle prowl** — At 5:47 p.m. May 25, LLPD responded to a vehicle prowl at the 1700 block of North Aladdin Road. A man reported someone had entered his vehicle and stolen over \$1,200 in items from inside.
- **Fraud** — At 3:49 p.m. May 27, LLPD received a report of fraud from a complainant who reported receiving a letter from the IRS advising someone had already filed taxes in their name.
- **Domestic violence arrest** — A 29-year-old Spokane Valley man was arrested at 4:40 p.m. May 27 at the 1300 block of North Liberty Lake Road for domestic violence assault. He was booked into the Spokane County Jail after witnesses reported observing him arguing with a female in the parking lot before reportedly grabbing the female and pushing her near her vehicle.
- **Eluding police** — At 12:52 a.m. June 1, LLPD assisted another law enforcement agency with an attempted eluding at Appleway Avenue and Greenacres Road. Spikes were deployed in the roadway after a female traveling 85 mph in a posted 35 mph zone refused to stop near Barker Road. The vehicle stopped prior to hitting the spikes, and the subject was taken into custody by another agency.
- **Fraud** — At 4:27 p.m. June 1, LLPD responded to the 23000 block of East Sinto Avenue for fraud after a man reported his son had used his credit card fraudulently to charge over \$700 in goods. This incident was placed under investigation.
- **Criminal mischief** — At 11:30 a.m. June 2, LLPD responded to the 1400 block of North Meadowwood Lane for criminal mischief when juveniles were reportedly seen causing significant damage to newly planted trees during the Liberty Lake Farmers Market. The trees were replaced at the city’s expense.
- **Vehicle prowl** — At 7:59 a.m. June 6, LLPD received a report of a vehicle prowl

- at the 1800 block of North Peppertree Lane. Complainants reported that sometime during the night, the rear passenger side window of their vehicle had been broken out and over \$50 in items stolen from inside. Damage to the vehicle is estimated at near \$250.
- **Eluding police** — A 26-year-old man identified as a transient was arrested June 6 after attempting to elude police. An LLPD officer attempted a traffic stop at 8:39 p.m. at North Liberty Lake Road and East Appleway Avenue after the vehicle was observed to have no license plates. The vehicle turned into a parking lot and slowed before accelerating and traveling back onto the roadway where it entered onto the interstate and headed west. The officer continued pursuit of the vehicle until the vehicle exited at Sullivan Road, at which time it left the roadway near Indiana and Sullivan, drove over an embankment, and the driver and passenger exited the vehicle and swam across the river in an attempt to lose officers. However, deputies assisting in the pursuit apprehended the two subjects on the north side of the river. The 26-year-old was found to have warrants for failure to register as a sex offender and was charged and booked for eluding police.
- **Vehicle prowl** — At 11:39 a.m. June 8, LLPD received a report of a vehicle prowling that had taken place June 5 at the 1800 block of North Pepper Lane. A woman reported someone had broken the passenger side window of her sister’s rental vehicle while at the location and taken items from inside. Damage and loss is estimated at near \$560.
- **Missing child found** — At 12:30 p.m. June 13, LLPD responded to the 700 block of North Knudson Street where a child was reported as missing during the Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales. The child had somehow been separated from his guardian but was located a short time later.
- **Hit and run** — At 10:15 a.m. June 16, LLPD responded to a hit and run at Pavilion Park. A man reported he had come to Liberty Lake to attend a rugby game and upon returning to his vehicle found an estimated \$1,500 in damage had been done to his vehicle.
- **Shop-lip-ting** — A 47-year-old Liberty Lake woman was arrested at 5 p.m. June 16 at the 1500 block of North Liberty Lake Road after she attempted to leave the store without paying for \$376.45 in lipstick. An officer arrived and arrested the woman on charges of third degree theft.
- **Two more vehicle prowls** — At 7:22 a.m. June 19, LLPD responded to the 1800 block of North Pepper Lane on a vehicle prowling call that turned out to include a second victim. Once at the location, an officer observed the complainant’s rear

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Alarm	2
Animal problem	2
Citizen assist	6
Citizen dispute	4
Custodial interference	1
Deceased person	1
Domestic violence	5
Drug possession	2
DUI	1
Family fight	1
Fraud	2
Fugitive	5
Harassment	1
Juvenile runaway	1
Lost or found property	5
Malicious mischief	1
Message delivered	1
Not classified	5
Obstructing justice	1
Property theft	5
Rape	1
Recovered stolen property	1
Suspicious person/circumstance	6
Traffic accident	2
Traffic offense	17
Trespassing	1
Vehicle prowling	5
Vehicle theft	2
Welfare check	5

Citations

Allowing unauthorized to drive	3
Assault	1
Controlled substance violation	3
Criminal trespass	1
Disabled parking	1
Driving without license with ID	3
DUI	1
DWLS	17
Expired registration	3
Failure to secure load	1
Failure to stop/yield	1
Failure to wear safety belt	1
Following too close	1
Ignition interlocks	1
Illegal use of studded tires	2
Liability insurance	12
MIP/MIC Alcohol	3
Negligent driving	1
Obstructing law enforcement	1
Reckless driving	1
Speeding	13
Theft	2
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POLICE

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inside the vehicle. With the replacement cost of the window, the loss is expected to be near \$1,000. While at the scene, an officer observed a second vehicle had been entered. The victim was contacted and reported his wallet had been taken from inside the vehicle. Upon checking his credit cards, the victim found over \$500 in charges had already been made fraudulently. An estimated \$800 in loss was documented.

• **Cat harmed** — At 5:52 a.m. June 20, LLPD received a report of an animal problem at the 800 block of North Swing Street. A woman reported that upon letting her cat out that morning, it had returned a short time later limping and appeared to have been shot. Confirmation was given from the veterinarian that the animal was shot with some kind of airsoft pistol. Complainant reported she lets the animal out every morning at the same time and could not imagine who would harm the animal.

• **Harassment** — At 3:23 p.m. June 22, LLPD responded to the 23000 block of East Maxwell when a woman reported receiving a call from an unknown male that told her if she called 911 he'd be there to "hurt" her in 12 minutes.

• **Theft** — Following a confession that cleared an initial suspect, charges were forwarded to the prosecutor for third degree theft against a man who claimed responsibility for a June 22 theft at the 1200 block of North Liberty Lake Road. A store employee shared a photo of a vehicle and males who left the store with items they did not pay for. The driver was identified and charges forwarded in his name. At 11 a.m. June 23, police heard from another one of the men who claimed sole responsibility of the theft. The charges on the driver were then rescinded.

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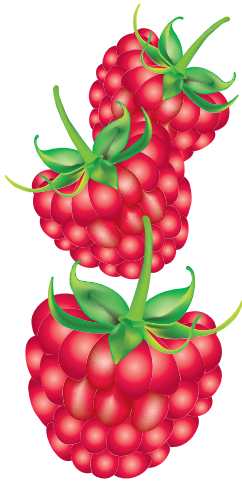
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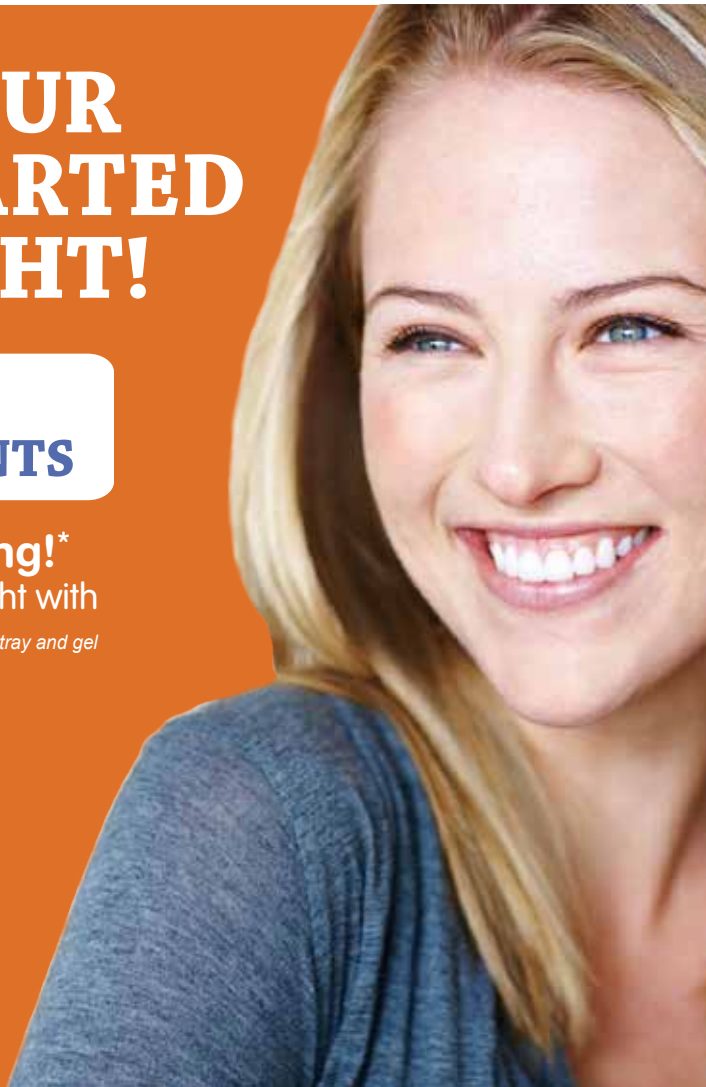
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NEWS

Council talks road projects future and present

Appleway's under-budget completion, upcoming expenditures discussed at June meetings

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

If the Liberty Lake City Council were to name a theme song for its two June meetings, a likely candidate would be "Takin' It To The Streets."

The thoroughfare theme dominated the month, with discussion of a six-year road map for road projects discussed June 2 and an update on this spring's just-completed Appleway makeover highlighting the June 16 meeting.

June 2: A city's roadmap

By the time City Engineer Andrew Staples finalized the list of proposed road projects in Liberty Lake over the next six years, the document resembled a cross between a very circuitous tour map and a multi-layered tropical dessert.

The Transportation Improvement Plan,

distinguished by its color-coded breakdown of funding sources, will guide Liberty Lake's agenda for road upgrades from 2016 to 2021. City Council unanimously approved an update of the plan June 2, with an overall cost of just over \$15 million.

"If you don't have these projects on there, you can't get grants, you can't move forward," said Mayor Steve Peterson following the vote.

Cities must organize and update their respective street maintenance strategies to qualify for government funding. While Liberty Lake sets aside revenue from a 3 percent tax on cable, phone, electric, gas and garbage bills for road preservation, major work like the Appleway Avenue renovation this year and a similar project scheduled for Liberty Lake Road in 2016 both lean heavily on state dollars.

"I think everyone should realize that this is mandated by state law," said Council Member Bob Moore.

Next year's project list will be headlined by improvements on Liberty Lake Road from Country Vista to Appleway at a cost of just over \$1.5 million. Also on the agenda are street, pathway and pedestrian

upgrades and improvements at a pair of intersections — Mission and Molter and Harvard and Wellington.

Staples said the recommendation at Mission and Molter "would most likely be a roundabout." He added that positive reviews of the Harvard Road roundabout, completed in the fall of 2013, have bolstered support for the traffic-calming feature.

"We know that roundabouts can be successful if they are designed and constructed correctly," Staples said.

Staples added that the city is also looking at ways to improve pedestrian safety, including the completion of a sidewalk on Sharp Avenue by Liberty Lake Elementary and illuminated crossings at two more intersections — Boone and Molter and Country Vista and Molter.

Staples added that the city would look to "tack the Mission/Molter project onto the Liberty Lake Road work" as a way to save money.

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IN THE BOOKS, ON THE DOCKET

A look back and ahead at news from City Hall

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

In the Books (June)

- A citizen-based task force/steering committee has been meeting with city representatives to discuss future capital projects. City Administrator Katy Allen said the group will focus on ideas for an aquatic center, library and community center. Allen noted that similar capital projects in other cities typically go to voters for a decision on bond funding.

- Sales tax revenue is up \$15,000 over this time last year due in large part to an increase in auto sales, according to Council Member Shane Brickner, who sits on the finance committee.

- The city has reported that the ginkgo tree damaged by vandalism in May at Town Square Park may not be replaced until this fall or even next spring. The city needs to find a suitable replacement that fits the site where the original tree stood at a cost of around \$300. Several other trees were also bent in the incident. City officials have reminded residents that any destruction of property should be reported immediately by calling 911.

- Allen said the city has put a burn ban in place based on a recommendation from the Spokane Valley Fire Department. Hot, dry conditions mean a sanction against outside burning.

- Tami Yager of Waste Management Inc. presented contributions of \$2,000 to Jeff Duncan of Liberty Lake Rotary and \$1,000 to Joe Frank of Friends of Pavillion Park. Duncan proceeded to donate the Rotary funds to the Fallen

Heroes committee, Friends of the Liberty Lake Library and Honor Flight.

- Council voted unanimously to side with the county hearing examiner on a decision to remand the Trutina preliminary plat for an additional public hearing. Concern arose that a notice regarding the property had not been posted for the required 14 days. The plot of just over 137 acres sits north of Indiana and east of Harvard and is slated for 400 lots, 363 of which would be residential.

- Mayor Pro Tem Cris Kaminskas gave a finance committee report noting the city's debt on Trailhead Golf Course will be paid off in two years. Overall, the city's debt stands at \$1.2 million. Kaminskas said the city continues to keep an eye on budget talks in Olympia with the state legislature in extended session. Decisions on the state liquor tax and the transportation budget will have a particular impact on the city.

On the Docket (July)

- Due to an unusually light agenda, the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on July 6 has been cancelled. Council will meet again at 7 p.m. July 21 at City Hall.

- Finance Director R.J. Stevenson will give a report on the city's budget for the second quarter of 2015 at the July 21 council meeting. Stevenson's presentation will also include a financial forecast.

- The first public hearing on the 2016 municipal budget will take place at the July 21 council meeting.

- A date and time have been confirmed for the annual City Council retreat. The governing board will convene at 6 p.m. Aug. 11 at City Hall to discuss an agenda that includes the comprehensive plan, the sign code, direction on an aquatic center, community center and new library as well as an update of council priorities.

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"If we have a contractor who is already here building, we'll save a significant cost," he said.

Moore called the overall plan for roads "aggressive" and said the city "would face a challenge over the next six years to raise that kind of money."

The TIP includes nearly \$2.4 million for street preservation over the next six years. City Administrator Katy Allen said that after projects like the Harvard Road roundabout and the overhaul of Appleway, the city should be focusing on restoring funds for future construction.

"We really need to build up our reserves again," she said.

Staples indicated that all intersection revisions in the TIP — including the possible addition of a traffic light at Appleway and Signal — would be funded through the Harvard Road Mitigation Fund, established in 2002 to collect funds from developers whose projects add to the traffic volume.

In a related transportation discussion, Peterson asked Staples to set up a meeting between city officials and representatives from Whitewater Creek and Greenstone Homes to address high-speed traffic along Country Vista Drive not far from Whitewater Creek's Lakemore development on the east end of the city. Both companies own property in the vicinity, where the entire road has yet to be paved.

"I want people to know that we're working to mitigate speeding in that area," Peterson said.

June 16: Appleway under budget

At the June 16 City Council meeting, Allen reported that renovation of Appleway Avenue will come in 12.5 percent, or \$271,000, under budget, numbers that weren't lost on those around the dais, including Council Member Moore.

"I know I've been critical of budget amendments and capital projects going over budget, but I want to congratulate city staff on being under budget for the Appleway project," Moore said.

Initially tabulated at \$2.16 million, the overhaul of the east/west thoroughfare will emerge with a final price tag of \$1.89 million. The work included repaving from Liberty Lake Road to Fairway Lane along with landscaping, lighting, pedestrian safety improvements and medians. Staples served as the project manager with Poe Asphalt Paving Inc. handling contractor duties.

The project budget featured a blend of \$974,223 from the state Transportation Improvement Board and \$916,819 from the city's 3 percent utility tax on cable, gas, electric, phone and waste collection

services. Allen said the savings will be reflected both on the TIB side and in city coffers.

Jen Camp, parks and open space superintendent, told council that the landscaping improvements along Appleway will require less maintenance and lower costs than some might speculate. Camp said that while it would take a year to determine the specific budget, care was taken to install a cost-efficient irrigation system and low-maintenance foliage along the street.

"We worked with the landscape architect before the project to make sure of that," Camp said.

A dedication ceremony for the refurbished rendition of Appleway is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. July 11.

Library annual report

Half of the crowd at the June 16 council meeting consisted of volunteers, board members and other proponents of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library. Carol Johns, representing the library's board of trustees, provided a detailed annual report that featured no shortage of good news from the city's bastion of literature.

The library had 59,224 patron visits in 2014 and a total of 131,220 check-outs. Attendance for a myriad of programs checked in at 5,871, with 756 enrolled in summer reading. The shift away from paper continues at the library, with 63 percent of the collection now digital.

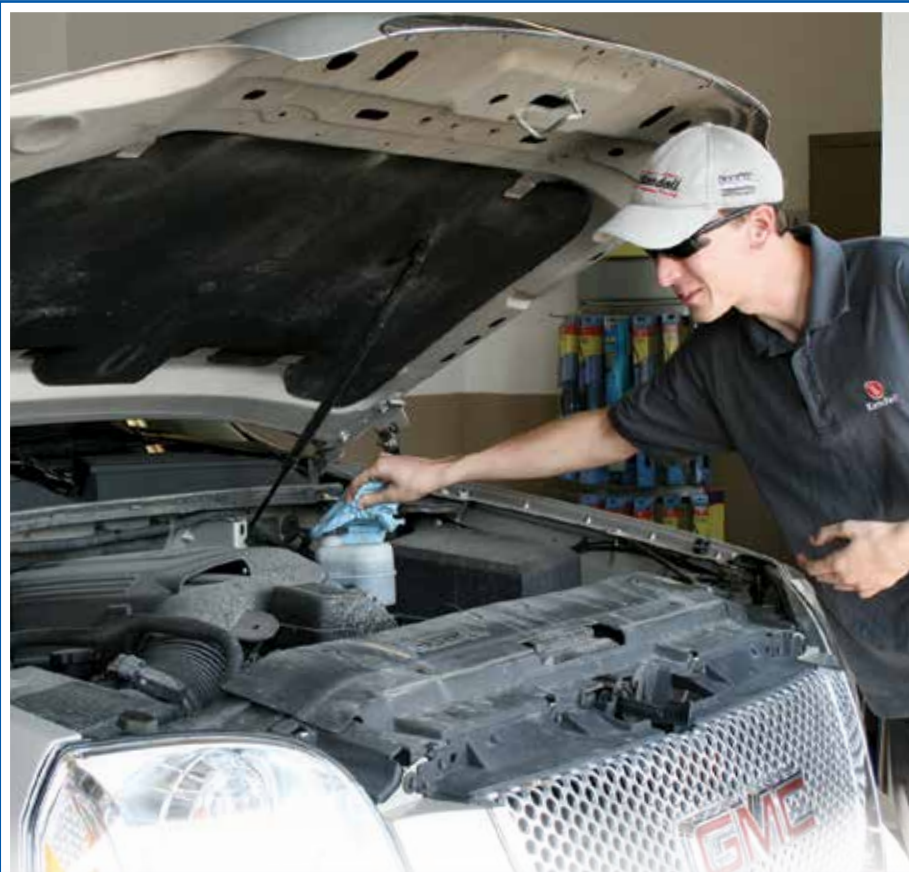
To illustrate the diversity of programming, Johns provided the schedule for one week in June when the library hosted meetings of the Needlework Society, the Spokane Valley Writers Group, the Sandy Beach Homeowners Association and the Tweens Book Club as well as three story times for kids. A gathering of the Lego Club, a superhero training academy and a Dads and Donuts event observing Father's Day was also on schedule that week.

The number of annual visits to the library has nearly tripled since 2005. Johns said library staff and supporters realize that the current site will need to be re-evaluated as the city continues to grow. Work continues on a strategic plan that Johns said is focused on "answering some of the questions the library has going into the future."

"We think this library is a wonderful space, but we do have concerns about the future and meeting the needs of the community," she said.

A few of the highlights from last year included a display of historical collages showcasing local history, the development of a cybersmart program for teens and a sold-out Friends of the Library annual tea event.

"We'd like to thank the city for dedicating the resources we need for the library and for your continued support," Johns said.



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NEWS

Weeding out unfair practices

Peterson leads charge for equitable noxious weed reimbursements

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board defines a noxious weed as “any invasive, non-native plant that threatens agricultural crops, local ecosystems or fish and wildlife habitat.”

When it comes to Spokane County’s long-ingrained system of facilitating noxious weed control, Liberty Lake Mayor Steve Peterson has his own definition — “unfair and inefficient.”

Peterson was part of a civil lawsuit filed last May in Spokane County Superior Court that called into question the county’s methods of collecting property tax revenue to fund noxious weed enforcement. The litigation eventually earned class-action status on behalf of some 50,000 property owners in Liberty Lake and the city of Spokane Valley.

At issue was what Peterson saw as inequity between the fees paid by Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley residents compared to those paid by cities like Spokane, Cheney, Deer Park and Airway Heights. The Spokane County Noxious Weed Control Board has long been funded by a per-acre assessment on unincorporated county property along with established amounts paid each year by area cities.

After the incorporation of Liberty Lake in 2001 and Spokane Valley in 2003, the county continued to collect the minimum parcel assessment of \$3 per year from property owners instead of negotiating with the new jurisdictions on an annual fee like those paid by long-standing cities. The approach resulted in a windfall for the county — a yearly average of \$9,000 from Liberty Lake and \$95,000 from Spokane Valley.

In the meantime, Spokane — with a population of over 200,000 — was paying a lump sum of \$6,000 a year while Cheney, Airway Heights and Deer Park paid around \$600 annually. In all four cases, the city covered the cost; individual property owners were not taxed.

In December 2013, Peterson happened to see newspaper notice of a public hearing being held to address revisions to the county code on noxious weed enforcement. The proposal would have installed a \$2 minimum charge for all property owners within every city in Spokane County, including Liberty Lake. If approved, the change would have brought the board’s annual budget to \$485,000, an increase of 16 percent.

“We were puzzled because we had not been made aware of the proposed changes,” said Liberty Lake City Administrator Katy Allen.

In a Dec. 17, 2013, letter addressed to Spokane County commissioners, Liberty Lake City Attorney Sean Boutz referenced the hearing, indicating that “the city was disappointed, to say the least, that the Spokane County Noxious Weed Control Board (SCNWC) would not have informed the city beyond a public hearing notice ...” Boutz went on to state that “any noxious weeds within the city of Liberty Lake have been addressed and maintained by the city since its incorporation since 2001, and the city will continue to handle any noxious weed issues in the future.”

Since becoming a city in 2001, Liberty Lake has independently addressed the control of weeds and noxious weeds, installing an ordinance and code enforcement policies. The city has also brought on licensed pesticide sprayers and even added a herd of goats that roam various sections of the city, clearing invasive foliage.

Peterson recalls the county’s feedback to the letter and the inequity of fee collection as being less than responsive.

“We were told basically to ignore this unfairness as the budget was set,” Peterson said. “Over 2014, I delved into the Noxious Weed Board and attended several meetings in regard to their budget and services to our community and all of the other cities in the county. The result of that work brought me to file a class-action suit to reclaim our taxpayer money that should not have been taken from our city in the incorporated years.”

The lawsuit included Peterson, his wife, Charmaine, Stanley Jochim and Cheryl Hull as plaintiffs. All own property in Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley. The group was represented by attorney Paul J. Burns.



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“In this instance, the law was on our side and that the only appropriate recourse to change was through the court,” Peterson said.

Peterson and Allen provided updates to City Council throughout much of 2014 as they attended SCNWB meetings that would determine a 2015 budget and establish a new assessment for noxious weed eradication. Representatives from Spokane Valley also attended the meetings.

“Our goal was to return money to our taxpayers and fix inconsistency in funding of the Noxious Weed Board so all are treated the same,” Peterson said. “I was also hoping to decentralize board services and get them under every individual city. We can be more efficient and effective because of our concentrated resources of people and equipment in city boundaries. We are elected by the people to challenge the system to make it more efficient.”

The 2015 SCNWB budget included a transition of a \$1.80 annual assessment for every property owner in Spokane County. The board also received instructions from the county commissioners during budget talks last December to work with cities on creating a negotiated agreement for notification and eradication of weeds to improve outcomes. Peterson said Liberty Lake staff is currently working with the director of the board to address those issues.

Liberty Lake Mayor Pro Tem Cris Kaminskas said the noxious weed snafu was the latest example of Spokane County

overcharging the city of Liberty Lake and its residents.

“They continue to not include us in these discussions,” Kaminskas said. “We need to hold them accountable and represent the best interests of our taxpayers.”

On Jan. 8, the class action suit was settled in favor of Peterson and his fellow landowners. Spokane County, in turn, hired outside counsel to negotiate the settlement. In mid-June, post cards were mailed to property owners in Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley informing them they were eligible for a reimbursement. The average restitution is \$4.98 per parcel.

“It’s not much money, but it is a reflection of the principle and stewardship of resources that defines good government,” Peterson said. “In the 2015 Noxious Weed Board budget, the playing field was leveled for all communities to be treated exactly the same.”

Allen said she is encouraged that the SCNWB will move forward with fairness for all cities.

“We are hopeful that the noxious weed enforcement program will seek best practices and ensure that taxpayer funds are spent on improved outcomes and reduced administrative costs,” she said.

At the June City Council meeting, Peterson urged residents to mail back the cards.

“The county is banking on people not returning them,” he said. “This is to ensure that the funds are returned to those who paid them.”



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The people that make a Liberty Lake summer possible

By Treva Lind
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Summer lets most of us relax a bit to enjoy the outdoors, a barbecue, perhaps some lounging.

Lift the curtains behind Liberty Lake's events from June to September, and you'll see groups of people at work, quietly employed in unpaid shifts by choice. They're the volunteers of Friends of Pavillion Park, Kiwanis, the Fourth of July Parade and the community-funded fireworks display — some who have two decades or more of public service under their belts.

Many will tell you they serve to ensure the community has these events, memories, chances to connect. Volunteers also describe bonds cemented over making hot dogs or setting up concerts, and fun times connecting with neighbors and watching kids relish summer days.

"It's something we enjoy doing, giving back to the community," said Denise Coyle, 59, who for about 23 years with her family has dedicated days before, during and after the Fourth of July to fundraising, organizing, setting up and cleaning after the fireworks show over the lake.

Born and raised in Liberty lake, Coyle is the fifth generation of her family living here. Coyle's grandfather first shot off the lake's firework shows for a few years in the 1950s. Maintaining such traditions are part of keeping community spirit alive, she said.

"It's a great way to honor our country and a great way to top off the Fourth."

Volunteers of the nonprofit Friends of Pavillion Park have handprints on another generational legacy: providing affordable recreation, education and entertainment for families since 1992. The organization, with no paid staff, organizes and sets up its events and gives annual scholarships to local seniors. FOPP

members are behind the Liberty Lake Loop fun run and the annual Summer Festival with free concerts and outdoor movies.

Joe Frank, current FOPP president, said the group is always looking for new volunteers and ideas to create activities. He estimates the nonprofit's members log about 1,000 volunteer hours between June and into September.

The key is to find volunteers who are excited about what the nonprofit does and its mission, Frank added.

"Friends of Pavillion Park is dedicated to giving opportunities for people here to get together and create a sense of community for Liberty Lake," Frank said.

The group benefits from a core group of volunteers, many who are longtime board members and their families, but its activities also get fueled by some who work only limited times or offer specific skills. FOPP welcomes them as well, Frank added. For example, FOPP is seeking someone with expertise to run a skate park competition.

Recruitment for new members has changed some in recent years, he said, including asking established volunteers to talk to friends and family on social media. FOPP also is putting more effort toward finding helpers during its summer season and reaching out to teens, Frank said. FOPP recently posted on its Facebook page a call to parents about whether their high school students might want to be Summer Festival volunteers to accrue community service hours.

"We want them to have that civic experience, providing that sense of place and how that impacts the community," Frank said. Support from youth or others helps. "It's important we do not overtask our volunteers and board members, because it has the chance of resulting in burnout.

"Every year, we get a couple of new faces. It's helpful for the organization. Our website has a digital application to fill out. If someone is interested, we invite them to a meeting."



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Making memories

For 24 years, Dave Graham has helped organize the annual Fourth of July Parade in the Alpine Shores neighborhood. At 71, he has fond childhood memories of the Fourth, and he's motivated to see such kid-friendly options for future generations.

"The little ones start making memories that they have when they grow up," he said. "We want them to understand what Independence Day means."

He added that neighbors lend talents in committees to ensure the parade, games and patriotic theme go off annually without a hitch.

"We have roughly half a dozen committees to put this on now," he said. "Each one might have three people, or they might have up to nine for traffic. If you're interested in volunteering and supporting the kids — it's all for the kids — just telephone me. We still have room for volunteers."

The group doesn't make money from the festivities, he said. A few vendors are on site, but the group doesn't charge them to set up. Proceeds from selling an event T-shirt, each year designed by resident Rodney Kern, all go toward costs such as game prizes and ribbons.

"If we don't get enough money,

Above, Tim and Denise Coyle have organized the over-the-lake fireworks show for 23 years. Below, Dave Graham and Annie Tichy have been a consistent part of the Alpine Shores Fourth of July Parade over the years, both organizing at the start and announcing and celebrating the finish.



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our little group of people will toss in some money; we don't make a big deal of that," he said.

Even from the start, parade attendance ran high, as a scrapbook kept since shows.

"The scrapbook has gotten a lot bigger," Graham said.

A similar neighbors-pitching-in story brought the fireworks display back to life, around 1990, then headed by Ross Schneider with help from four others. Within a few years, Coyle agreed to take over the organizing and

has kept at it, mostly helped by her family.

However, she wouldn't turn down volunteers.

"There's never time I wouldn't accept help if someone could man the labor to put plywood on docks the morning of the Fourth, or taking off the plywood," Coyle said.

Much of her annual work involves fundraising toward the \$12,000 fireworks cost, but her husband, Tim Coyle, garners

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VOLUNTEERS

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donations as well, as “firecracker man,” marching in the parade wearing a firecracker-decor hat.

“My husband helps, my two daughters and two sons-in-law help,” Coyle said. “I hire a company that sets off all the fireworks because nowadays you have to be licensed. I just do the raising of the funds, setting of the docks; they have to be covered. Someone tows the docks out. He’s another Liberty Lake resident who volunteers too. That’s essentially it.”

Ross Schneidmiller marvels at the 23 years of dedication by Denise Coyle and her family.

“I was burnt out after heading it up for three years,” he said. “On a day when most of us at the lake host guests and enjoy family, Denise and her family have served the community for nearly a quarter century. We can show our appreciation in part by sending in our donation to the fund and asking our neighbor to do the same.”

Get those hot dogs

Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club members are another steady presence each summer, offering concessions for Pavillion Park’s concerts and movies. They also organize the June community yard sale.

This month, the club will get to break in the city’s permanent concession stand in Pavillion Park to sell hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy that was approved in this year’s budget and started construction this spring.

Kiwanians are looking forward to the switch from a longtime use of a concession trailer, said member Pat Lutzenberger. She and her husband, Mike Lutzenberger, estimate they have spent at least 15 years working summer concessions.

“There’s a lot of planning that goes into the summer and park schedule,” Lutzenberger added. “We hand it around at the meetings because everyone gets busy. People sign up for what they can do, so that not just a few have to do this. We try to get everyone engaged to try to do at least two or three events.”

The group plans still to use its trailer elsewhere for car shows and elementary school events. For summers, Kiwanians have done the behind-the-scenes work buying food, hauling and cleaning the

trailer. They set up tables, utensils, awning and prep equipment and machines.

“It’s a big production to set it all up,” she said, and followed in reverse to tear down.

The Kiwanis group usually needs up to 10 volunteers for movies, while concerts often require 10 to 15 people, sometimes more. Still very active, Lutzenberger and her husband are both in their 70s. She serves on the board and her husband is treasurer. Both are past presidents of the club.

Some members are aging and can’t do as much physical work these days, she said, or people get busy and travel, so the group could always use help at events. A person doesn’t have to be a member of the club.

“They can just come up and volunteer,” Lutzenberger said. “It’s always nice to have backup people who can give someone a break. If you’re making cotton candy constantly two hours, you get pretty tired. It’s busy, nonstop, at a concert anyway; at the movies, you get kind of a break.”

Pat Dockrey, also a member of the Kiwanis board, said the group has about 45 members. They provide service for such programs and events as backpacks for kids, Key Clubs, the father-daughter dance and much more.

A charter member since the club started in 2001, he said some challenges today do come from getting and maintaining volunteer time.

“Getting new club members is always something we’re thinking about,” Dockrey said. “For some people, it really clicks and for others it doesn’t, and we understand that. Any volunteer club, they have the same problem. It’s difficult these days getting people under age 60 interested in your club, but it’s the youth that keeps things going.”

New members will see and experience benefits, he said. Working together during the summer on concessions also builds cohesiveness.

“You really get to know people,” he said. “We’ve been doing it long enough, the community kind of expects it now. We look at it as kind of a community service as well as fundraiser.”

Lutzenberger said other rewards come from Kiwanis serving the community so many ways, especially children and schools. The



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Above, from left, Linda and Pat Dockrey and Pat and Mike Lutzenberger have been a consistent presence at the Kiwanis concession stand and throughout the community for well over a decade. The Kiwanis Club started in 2001. At left, volunteers for Friends of Pavillion Park unpack a trailer to help set up another summer concert. FOPP logs about 1,000 volunteer hours a summer.



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YOUR TURN?

To volunteer this summer in Liberty Lake, contact local organizations the following ways:

Friends of Pavillion Park:

www.pavillionpark.org/want-to-volunteer.html

Community Liberty Lake Fireworks Show:

Email denisecoyle1@msn.com

Fourth of July Parade:

Call David Graham at 255-6131

Liberty Lake Kiwanis:

Call current club president John Niece at 294-8500

group has a lengthy list of organizations it supports from its fundraisers, a few that include sponsoring school Key Club leadership, Ronald McDonald House, local food banks, Meals on Wheels, and Children’s Miracle Network. More than \$150,000 in scholarships has gone to graduating high school kids in Liberty Lake, East Valley and West Valley.

The Lutzenbergers also enjoy fellow volunteers.

“I do it because I love it,” Lutzenberger said. “I love helping the

kids and being out there in the community. You get to know people. All my friends are Kiwanians. They’re all genuine people with a heart for serving.”

Dockrey said the club uses Facebook and emails more, but he advocates another step to attract new members.

“I’ve always felt that being in the community is what’s important to get the word out, talking about what we’re doing or just being present at activities. We have a lot of projects, and there’s value in

community service. You can pick one. You can bring in new ideas, new projects.”

Plus, Dockrey admits he enjoys a turn at making popcorn.

“I’ve been on the popcorn machine for four hours and you never stop, but that job is fun. A lot of the kids have gone through our program. You see people you know, and it’s really fun to interact with the crowd. Many of our members are teachers or they know people. There’s that sense of community.”

FIREWORKS AND festivities

A roundup of Liberty Lake Fourth of July events

By Treva Lind
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Liberty Lake's annual Fourth of July celebrations promise a full day of fun, from the community parade to a free concert in Pavillion Park followed by fireworks.

Families can even launch the weekend's entertainment a night early, with the July 3 free outdoor movie "Rio 2" shown at dusk in Pavillion Park.

New this year, the city of Liberty Lake will provide a Fourth of July fireworks show to be launched from near the new ballfields area, a celebration coinciding with the longtime favorite pyrotechnic display over the lake. Both displays are expected to shoot off around 10 p.m.

Much earlier that day, the fanfare kicks off about 10:30 a.m. Saturday, when people start to line up for the annual community parade at noon in the Alpine Shores neighborhood. The parade focuses on patriotism and what U.S. Independence Day means for the benefit of young kids, said organizer Dave Graham.

Each year, people decorate their bikes, scooters, trikes and wagons in patriotic themes to complete the route. Organizers give out awards to participants in multiple categories, and they don't require registration to march, Graham said. Although organizers previously announced plans to expand it, the parking situation remains unchanged from years past. It is available on neighborhood streets and at Liberty Lake Church, 704 S. Garry Road.

Parade awards will be given at about 11 a.m. prior to the event's start for participants that include families and friends, clubs, teams and neighborhood groups. The event doesn't allow gas-powered cars or pets as part of the festivities. However, decorated golf carts are allowed.

The parade's grand marshal selection this year honors Margaret Vandiver, longtime community resident and active homeowner's association member. At noon, the Boy Scouts present the colors of the American, state and local flag, followed by the "National Anthem," Graham said, and the parade officially begins.

Although Central Valley High School's Marching Band and alumni attended last year's event, the group won't this year to focus on a return in 2016, said Eric Parker, di-

rector. He said CV members plan to march in Liberty Lake's parade for each even calendar year as a balance for its members in a busy family-focused holiday time.

Each year, the Liberty Lake parade draws many families with young children who enjoy games afterward, Graham said, but he again emphasized that people need to leave dogs at home.

"One issue we need to say is people should not bring their pets," Graham said. "We want to keep dogs at home because we have little ones out there playing games, and we have lots of food out there."

T-shirt sales

The Liberty Lake Fourth of July T-shirts will be available for purchase around 6 p.m. July 3 on the upper street island on Liberty Drive near Liberty Circle in the Alpine Shores neighborhood.

Quantities are limited and are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis with cash or checks only. Any remaining shirts will be sold at the parade, and all proceeds go to supporting the parade celebration costs.

Resident Rodney Kern annually creates the design for the celebration's collectable shirt. This year, the image displays a silhouette of a person riding a stand-up paddle board. Shirts will be Carolina blue. For the first time, there will be a limited number of women's style T-shirts. Others will be adult sizes, S through XXXL, and children's sizes small and large.

Last year, T-shirt prices ran between \$10 for youth up to \$16 for extra-large sizes.

Parade's after-party

After the parade, volunteers run kids' games and family activities in the Alpine Shores common area. Vendors also are on site who charge for food and other wares.

Activities run for about two hours, and games typically include egg toss, water balloon toss and sack races, among other family activities.

The Fourth of July parade organizers rely on a volunteer force who would welcome additional helpers from any area of Liberty Lake or Spokane Valley, Graham said. People who are interested in volunteering for the day's events can call Graham at 255-6131.

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Alpine Shores is Liberty Lake's daytime destination on the Fourth of July before events shift to Pavillion Park and over the lake in the evening. The annual parade begins at noon, with activities such as a water balloon toss immediately following. This year's official parade T-shirt, design below, will be available for sale July 3 at 6 p.m., with any leftovers sold at the parade.



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At 6 p.m., the patriotic party moves to Pavillion Park for a concert followed by a pair of fireworks shows. The new city-sponsored show will be set off near the new Liberty Lake Ballfields, and the traditional over-the-lake show (right) will coincide further south.

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Concert

By late afternoon, people will start setting up blankets and chairs in Pavillion Park for the traditional Fourth of July concert, starting at 6 p.m. Friends of Pavillion Park presents the free concert that this year features the headliner group Milonga, a Spokane band that plays musical traditions of Latin America, Spain and the Caribbean.

Founded in 2001, the group plays regularly throughout the Northwest.

Parking will be available at Liberty Lake Elementary School, and a free shuttle from the school to the park will begin running around 5 p.m. Kiwanis also will sell food concession items at the park, including hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy.

For more information, go to www.pavilionpark.org.

Fireworks

For the city's fireworks display near 23900 E. Boone, people can enjoy the Milonga concert and then remain in Pavillion Park to view the fireworks at 10 p.m. The city is asking the public to stay safely away from where crews shoot off the actual fireworks, which is adjacent to the new ballfields in an area coned off for security.

Western Display Fireworks is the Oregon company contracted to handle the city's display, at a cost of \$10,000.

Meanwhile, the community-funded fireworks are set up from floating docks to go off high over the lake, which reflects the bright aerial colors. People often watch that display from Liberty Lake County Park or join private gatherings of residents from near-shoreline locations,

AT A GLANCE: FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 3

6 p.m.: T-shirt sales begin, corner of Liberty Drive and Liberty Circle

Dusk: Free movie showing of "Rio 2" (rated G) at Pavillion Park

SATURDAY, JULY 4

10:30 a.m.: Parade lineup begins at the corner of Shoreline and Liberty drives

Noon: Parade begins, followed by games and festivities at Alpine Shores common area

6 p.m.: Concert at Pavillion Park featuring T. Scot Wilburn and the Shutup-N-Playboys, followed by Milonga (shuttle from LLES begins at 5 p.m.)

10 p.m.: Fireworks displays over the ballfields area and the lake

but parking is limited.

The community fireworks show over the lake is paid solely through donations from residents and local businesses. The total cost is about \$12,000, said organizer Denise Coyle. Look for places to donate at the Farmers Market, outside Albertsons and online at www.libertylakefireworks.com. The Liberty Lake Fireworks Fund also receives donations by mail at P.O. Box 430 in Liberty Lake.



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Milonga frontman Nicolas Vigil leads the Spokane-based band during a recent performance. The Latin-inspired band will play the annual Fourth of July concert at Pavillion Park.

Milonga headlining July 4 park concert

By Mary Kate Koch

SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The blaze of the summer sun and the blistering crack of the fireworks will have some competition for the hottest thing around during this year's Liberty Lake Fourth of July festivities.

Milonga, a Spokane-based band manned by local Latin music aficionados, is set to headline the evening's festivities with a Pavillion Park concert featuring the band's signature sizzling style.

Lead vocalist Nicolas Vigil started Milonga in 2001 after the break-up of his former jam band. Vigil wanted more direction and purpose in his next band, specifically a focus on Latin music. Out of desire to add more diversity to the local music scene, Vigil resolved that Milonga would not adhere to any one style of Latin music, but would encompass them all.

"We play Latin music, but there are so many styles within that sort of umbrella term," Vigil said. "People are usually most familiar with the styles of mariachi and salsa. We play those styles, but we aren't a mariachi band or a salsa band."

With a full horn and percussion section, Milonga mixes together everything from reggaeton, cumbia, merengue to mambo and much more. As the band likes to put it, Milonga is not just salsa, but the whole enchilada.

"There are so many different styles from different Latin traditions that we try to play a bit of everything to give peo-

ple a Pan-Latin experience," Vigil said. "We want to expose people to a lot of different Latin styles of music."

According to Friends of Pavillion Park President Joe Frank, it is this unique Latin music blend that made Milonga the main draw for this year's concert.

"Our goal for the Fourth of July show is to bring in great local talent," Frank said. "We landed on Milonga because they are a great family-friendly band that brings a ton of energy. The band style and genre of music are quite different from last year's bands. Milonga has a Latin focus that neither of last year's bands had."

According to Vigil, "milonga" translates as "party and dance," with its roots in more urbanized Latin countries like Cuba and Argentina. At parties in these communities, musicians and dancers feed off each other's energy, movement and music to fuel the fun into the early morning. Although informal at first, such gatherings became a tradition that Milonga now proudly brings to the Inland Northwest.

Noted for their raw energy and emotion, Milonga has taken off since its inception almost a decade and a half ago. Milonga has toured across the Western United States and opened for major acts like Los Lobos. The band is also very active in the local scene, with appearances at ArtFest, Borracho's, or the Night Market in Kendall Yards. It's certainly not Milonga's first go-round at Liberty Lake, but the band is more than happy to be back.

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Tip of the cap to grand marshal

profiles:
MARGARET VANDIVER

Margaret Vandiver and her famous hat to lead Fourth of July Parade

By Staci Lehman
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

After almost 30 years as a spectator, 93-year-old Margaret Vandiver will lead the Liberty Lake Fourth of July parade this year as the Grand Marshal, riding in the lead golf cart.

Living in the Alpine Village condos, the parade has literally been at Vandiver's doorstep since she purchased her condo in the 1980s. Not only does she always have a chair in the front row of the audience, Vandiver has often put her stereo speakers in the window and played marching band music to accompany the marchers, decorated bicycles and patriotic-themed golf carts. And it wouldn't be a Liberty Lake tradition if she wasn't wearing her red-and-white hat for the occasion.

Vandiver ended up in Liberty Lake after living in Alaska with her husband and youngest son for several years. After her husband died in a boating accident there, she stayed a few more years but eventually ended up moving to Washington to be near a friend who lived in Spokane.

"One day, we went for a ride out here around the lake. I got a realtor right after that and bought my place," Vandiver said.

She immediately became involved in the community and spent over 20 years serving on the board of the Alpine Village Condo Association as secretary, treasurer and president. Those who know her confirm that Vandiver is a feisty lady, and she is quick to say that she wasn't a pushover when it came



SPLASH PHOTO BY STACI LEHMAN

Margaret Vandiver poses in the hat she has been wearing for the Liberty Lake Fourth of July parade for at least 20 years.

to association politics.

"I kind of put my foot down if I didn't like what was going on," she said.

Vandiver also held several jobs over the years, including arranging flowers at Appleway Florist and Greenhouse in Spokane Valley, owning her own flower shop in St. Maries, Idaho, and serving as the secretary at her church.

While her three adult children and seven grandchildren are spread out around the country (Seattle, California and New York), Vandiver has a backup family in the Liberty Lake community.

"They look after me. I've known them since I first moved here," she said of next door neighbors Rick and Lois Martin. The Martins, in turn, say Vandiver is extremely independent and has done it all — and then some.

"A lot of people affectionately call her our Annie Oakley," Rick Martin said. "She's

done more stuff in her life. She drove around the country in a van, she was a pilot and she rode her horse three miles to go to school."

Vandiver didn't slow down much as she got older, either. Until a few years ago, she traveled and camped out of her camper van, often with a neighbor and sometimes with a group of other people her age looking for adventure. She particularly liked going places where she could fish, including Washington and north Idaho for fly fishing. The van that many people knew her by was originally purchased in Alaska, and Vandiver drove it to Washington when she moved here. She drove it for years, taking it on all kinds of adventures, including the one over 20 years ago where she acquired the iconic hat that she wears for the Fourth of July parade every year.

While she can't recall what state it was in, Vandiver says she was camped near a group of what she describes as gypsies who were selling goods out of their camp. She spot-

LIBERTY LAKE PARADE GRAND MARSHALS

The following have been honored as grand marshals since the inception of the Fourth of July Parade in Alpine Shores in 1989:

- 2015 Margaret Vandiver
- 2014 Tom & Bev Markson
- 2013 Harley & Lorraine Halverson
- 2012 Dave & Susan Graham
- 2011 Bob & Barbara Gamble
- 2010 Lois Hatch
- 2009 Darlene Stokke
- 2008 Dick & Donna Hoover
- 2007 Ray & Karen Ruef
- 2006 Harold & Joan Hughes
- 2005 Anton "Ras" Rasmussen
- 2004 Howard & Mary Floy Dolphin
- 2003 Lyle Stephenson
- 2002 Floyd & Betty Johnson
- 2001 Lud Kramer
- 2000 Lee Smith
- 1999 Elmer Schneidmiller
- 1998 Rosie Brady
- 1997 Ruth Barnes
- 1996 Bob Blair
- 1995 Jim Brumm
- 1994 Bob Wills Sr.
- 1993 Della Neyland
- 1992 Alex Farrante
- 1991 Ann MacKenzie Wyatt
- 1990 June Bailey
- 1989 Sigwell Knudsen

ted the red and white cowboy hat made out of beer cans and quickly bought it. As she walked around the campground wearing the hat, many people asked where she'd gotten it.

"They could have sold a dozen of them if they'd had them," she said. "But I got the only one."

While she no longer drives or travels and has seen a lot of changes in her time, Vandiver says she hasn't noticed any negative changes in the Liberty Lake community.

"The neighborhoods haven't deteriorated a bit," she said. "Everybody takes care of their property and keeps the area clean. All the people are very nice."

The Martins, Vandiver's next door neighbors, are the nicest to her, Vandiver says. They will be riding with her in the lead golf cart on the Fourth of July or finding another neighbor to do so.

"She's a near and dear friend," Rick Martin said. "She's a very deserving person for the honor that she's going to have. She's been iconic for the parade over the years."

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Obituary

**John Duenow**

April 29, 1936, to
May 27, 2015

On May 27, 2015, John Duenow died following a year-long battle against pancreatic cancer.

John was born in St. Ansgar, Iowa, on April 29, 1936, son of Carl and Edna Duenow. He had four brothers and three sisters. John enjoyed music from an early age, performing in church and school events. He graduated from St. Ansgar High School in 1954. That fall, he traveled with Carol Parkinson of Le Mars, Iowa, presenting musical assembly programs for schools. He graduated from the University of Iowa with a BA in Education and went on to receive his MA and MFA in music performance. He was a member of Delta Chi fraternity. While at the university, he met Sally Shook of Burlington, Iowa. They were married in 1959 and had three boys: Eric John, Andrew Alan and Christopher Todd.

John had a teaching career in music which included positions in Moline, Ill.; Davenport, Iowa; Macomb, Ill., and 30 years at Eastern Washington University in Cheney. He enjoyed teaching private voice lessons, opera workshop and music theatre. He himself performed in opera, oratorio, music theater and gave yearly voice recitals. He was part of a USO tour which traveled to Korea and Okinawa presenting the musical, "Godspell." He was church choir director and worked with Lutheran Women in Harmony and other musical groups both in Spokane and Mesa, Ariz., where the couple spent many winters.

In 1975, John and Sally were instrumental in starting Lutheran Marriage Encounter and presented encounter weekends throughout the U.S. John was active in Emmanuel Lutheran church in Cheney and Advent Lutheran in Spokane Valley. In 2000 they moved to Liberty Lake for retirement. There he was a member and treasurer of the Liberty Lake Kiwanis.

John was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Sally, three sons, four grandchildren, two brothers, one sister and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. July 25 at Advent Lutheran Church. Suggested memorials are Lutheran Community Services of Spokane or Pancreatic Cancer at www.pancreatic.org.

Of golf carts, fireworks and knowing your neighbor



A summer safety Q&A with Police Chief Brian Asmus

By Tammy Kimberley and Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITERS

Triple-digit heat isn't the only thing Liberty Lake may experience in July but not in January. Summer brings with it a share of unique law enforcement challenges that are as rare in the winter as a glass of cold lemonade on the patio.

The Splash caught up recently with Liberty Lake Police Chief Brian Asmus to ask about a few of these uniquely summer challenges, from golf cart rules to fireworks to leaving that pesky garage door open.

Q. This is the time of year where activities and events are seemingly ever-present at local parks. Is alcohol allowed in local parks or at special events like summer concerts?

A. Under state law RCW 66.44.100, alcohol is not allowed to be open or consumed in public places. This includes in our city parks and city-owned facilities. People can obtain a banquet license from the liquor control board for special events; however, very specific rules regarding signage, security, monitoring and the checking of identification is required.

Q. What are the laws concerning fireworks in Liberty Lake?

A. The city of Liberty Lake passed Ordinance 95 that makes it a misdemeanor for anyone to purchase, sell, possess or use any type of consumer firework within the city limits. The ordinance also allows for the confiscation and seizure of the consumer fireworks. The city will be sponsoring a public fireworks display by a professional organization that is permitted to do so on the Fourth of July.

Q. At The Splash, we receive a lot of calls and complaints about golf carts zooming around the city, and probably just a fraction of the calls you receive. What are the basic rules and requirements for golf cart operation?

A. Liberty Lake passed a Golf Cart Use Ordinance several years ago that outlines the rules and regulations for operating a golf cart in the city. We receive numerous complaints every spring and summer about golf cart violations. There are too many regulations to list for this article, but for a full description of the ordinance, please contact the police department or go to the

city website for additional information. The common violations that are reported to us include:

- Underage operation: You must be 16 years old or older to operate a golf cart.
- Exceeding capacity or occupants not seated: You are only allowed to have as many passengers as there are seats. People standing on or in the back of a cart where the clubs go is a violation.
- Not equipped with the required equipment: Golf carts must have seat belts, mirrors and the proper lighting equipment.
- Negligent operation: We receive many complaints of golf carts not yielding to pedestrians, not obeying the rules of the road and being driven in a manner that may cause injury to a person or damage to property.
- Where allowed: Golf carts can only be operated on city streets with a speed limit of 25 MPH or less.

Q. How does the police department approach the golf cart issue from an enforcement standpoint? Indeed, there are probably some who would say you can't clamp down strongly enough given safety concerns and others who think monitoring golf cart regulations is a waste of law enforcement time.

A. For the past several years, we have been trying the best we can to educate the community on the golf cart regulations by putting information in your paper, our website, our Facebook page and through the library newsletter.

Last year, we had a brochure made up that officers hand to violators that explains the regulations outlined in the golf cart ordinance. We were surprised to find that most people we contact and provide the written warning to are still unaware of the golf cart ordinance and the rules and regulations associated with it.

This year, we will be researching the possible implementation of a golf cart registration program that may go into effect next year. The plan would be to require all golf carts operated within the city limits to be registered with the city. In order to receive a registration, those responsible for the golf cart would have to sign an acknowledgment that they understand all the rules governing golf carts in the city. We will then provide them a copy of the ordinance. A sticker will be issued with a registration number that will be placed on the golf cart so officers can readily identify those responsible for the operation of the golf carts and provide us with good contact information.

The fee associated with the registration

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ADULT EVENTS

Painting Flower Pots

6 p.m. July 9

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Protect Your Credit Score

Noon July 15

Lunch is provided at this STCU sponsored event. Register at stcu.org/workshops.html



Explore the Family Tree

12:30 p.m. July 21 & 23

Learn how to research family history and then actually do it in this two-part genealogy class.

Snacks — and a limited number of laptops — will be provided. RSVP at 232-2510.



CHILDREN EVENTS

Touch a Truck

2 p.m. July 1,
Town Square Park

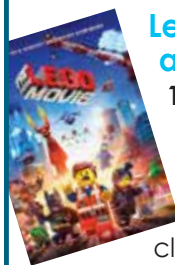
Meet up to see all your community vehicles and heroes in one venue!



Lego Marathon and Movie

10:30 a.m. July 29

Movie starts at 10:30 a.m. Then, build as long as you like, until the library closes. Ages 4+



Happy Birthday, Harry!

2 p.m. July 31

Refreshments, crafts and games in celebration of the boy wizard, Harry Potter! Ages 4+



Liberty Lake Municipal LIBRARY

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Library goes outdoors to engage community

By Lauren Campbell
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

In the heat of summer, we all want to get outside — even librarians. Far from the stodgy, controlling librarians of lore, the staff who run Liberty Lake Municipal Library are passionate about getting people involved in reading, and they're finding creative ways to make just that happen this summer.

On June 27, July 11, July 25 and Aug. 22, the library will be present at the Liberty Lake Farmers Market at the city of Liberty Lake's booth. Librarians will be on hand to answer questions, look up information and even issue library cards on site. Additionally, they will have a "Wheel of Fortune" with giveaways.

Library staff are also considering other ways to make the booth even more enticing, such as possibly having a collection of popular books that can be checked out directly from the market, giving patrons a place to feed both their bodies and their minds all at once. By being out at events in the community, the librarians are hoping to attract new patrons to take advantage of all the library has to offer.

"Our library patrons really love the library and we're so grateful for them," said Pamela Mogen, director of library services. "But there are still a lot of people in Liberty Lake who don't know what modern libraries are all about."

As part of their summer reading series, "Every Hero has a Story," the library is also hosting a "Touch a Truck" event 2 p.m. July 1 in Town Square Park. Fire trucks, police cars and other large vehicles will be on hand for kids to see and touch. They will also have the opportunity to talk to the community heroes who use them every day.

"Our biggest goal is to keep kids reading and encourage adults to read too," Mogen said.

To that end, the adult book club for the summer has a "Books to Movies" theme. The June book was "The Remains of the Day," with the movie adaptation shown for free at the library and a book discussion held at Barlow's Restaurant. The July selection was not selected at the time of publication, but will be listed on the library's website, www.libertylakewa.gov/library. The movie adaptation will be shown 5:30 p.m. on July 27 with book discussion at Barlow's at 6:30 p.m. July 30.

Continuing the books to movies theme, the library is partnering with Friends of Pavillion Park to host two events in August featuring books turned into movies. Patrons are encouraged to check out a copy of the

book to read and then attend the movie in the park. "Big Fish" (Aug. 28) and "Charlotte's Web" (Aug. 29) are the featured selections. More details will be on the library's website later in the summer.

Finally, the wrap-up celebration for the summer reading program will be held 2 p.m. Aug. 15 at Rocky Hill Park and will feature an ice cream social and water gun fight. The summer reading program is open to all ages — toddler to adult — and online registration is easy at libertylakewa.readsquared.com.

The library encourages groups and businesses that would like to partner with the library on an event, schedule a lunchtime presentation, or has other ideas for ways to keep the library integrated with the community, to get in touch.

"We really want to show more people in the community what we have for them in the library," Mogen said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Books to movies!

This summer, your library is spotlighting books made into films. At the end of every month the library will host a movie showing and book club meeting.

Check out our vast selection or contact the library for July's book club selection. The movie viewing and discussion will be held July 27 and 30.

For more, stop by the library or visit the meetup.com group, "Books & Beyond: The New Library Experience."

Book Review

'Big Fish' reads like family folklore



By Shardé Mills

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In "Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions," Edward Bloom is an extraordinary but mysterious, basically legendary man. He has be-

come wealthy through an import/export business but has spent little time at home. While he lies dying, his son William tries to piece together his father's astonishing life, to understand the man behind the myth.

The author, Daniel Wallace, accomplishes this task through a series of adventures and stories, written as modern-day folklore. Through these stories William starts to understand his father's greatest triumphs and failures, and Wallace exposes the always-complicated and beautiful relationship between parent and child. Invoking the lyrical voice of classic legends and myths, this story is both outrageous and epically endearing.

The Liberty Lake Library is promoting this story in collaboration with Friends of Pavillion Park. A short but powerful novel, read the book before viewing the movie at Pavillion Park's Pages to Picture Weekend. A visually stunning and heartwarming film, "Big Fish" will be shown at Pavillion Park Aug. 28 at dusk. Copies of the book are available at the library for your reading pleasure, and a book discussion will be held at the library Aug. 31 at 5:30 p.m.

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



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The super summer seven

By Chad Kimberley
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

It is summertime. That means it is time to hang out in the sun, play with friends and have some new adventures you can write about when you get back to school in the fall.

If you are stuck coming up with ideas or if you are about to utter the two worst words of summer—"I'm bored"—then take a peek at the seven suggestions below. Most importantly, have a blast this summer!

Go Barefoot

Many of you may already spend most of your summer break without shoes, but in late July there is an opportunity to be "Barefoot in the Park." Head on up to Pavillion Park July 24-26 for some barefoot soccer, inflatables, a petting zoo, bubble ball and more. You can even show off your abilities in a talent show. Best of all, you can go barefoot!

March Down the street

There is nothing quite like a Fourth of July in Liberty Lake. Head on down to Alpine Shores and enjoy the local parade. Maybe even hop into the parade yourself with a float, wagon or posse of scooters that can bring some joy to those watching. Once the parade is done, head on over for some games, dip your toes into the lake, or hang out with family before the fireworks light up the night sky.

Pick up a Book

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library's summer reading program, "Every Hero Has A Story," gives you the opportunity to earn points for the amount of books or



SPLASH PHOTOS BY
TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Avery Boswell (above) digs in the new sand feature at Pavillion Park, while Dylan Darling (right) shoots around with friends. Local parks provide plenty of opportunities to play or learn a new sport such as tennis.

time you read over the course of the summer which allows you to earn a certificate and prize bag. There are also grand prize drawings for Silverwood or Mobius passes. But most importantly, you get to be a hero in the eyes of your teachers because you spent time during the summer reading.

Play at a Park

One of the things Liberty Lake is known for is the awesome parks. This summer plan to play some different games at different parks. Head over to Rocky Hill Park for a classic game of capture the flag or play H-O-R-S-E at Pump House Park or Little Bear Park. If you would like to get wet, spend a day at Pavillion Park or Half Moon Park or spend a few dollars to go on out to Liberty Lake Regional Park and hit the beach.

Learn a sport

For those who have already spent time playing basketball, baseball, softball or soccer this past school year, try something new this summer by taking a swing at golf or tennis. Ask your parents to pay for some golf lessons at a local course or head up to Rocky Hill Park for free tennis lessons on Saturday mornings. Try something new—you just may love it!

Watch a movie

The summer is a great time to catch up on some movie viewing while you are staying up late or having sleepovers with your friends. If you would like to watch a movie on the big screen and under the stars, head out to Pavillion Park to watch "Rio 2" (July 3), "How to Train Your Dragon 2" (July

18), "Big Hero 6" (July 25), or "Rise of the Guardians" (August 8). Half Moon Park is also hosting "Epic" (July 17) and "McFarland USA" (Aug. 14).

Start a collection

If none of these ideas seem interesting, maybe this is the summer you can start a new collection. Collecting something gives you a chance to learn how to manage money (you might have to save up to buy something), take care of your treasures, and design creative ways to display your collection. You might want to start with baseball cards, state quarters, cool rocks, Pez dispensers or stuffed animals. As you travel on vacation, visit the store, or search bargains at garage sales, you can add to your collection and have a pretty awesome one by the end of the summer.



COMMUNITY

Calling all heroes for summer program

By Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Kids will have a chance to enjoy the world of super heroes as well as meet some local heroes during the summer reading program at Liberty Lake Municipal Library.

This year's theme is Every Hero Has a Story, and summer programming will include activities along the same lines through mid-August.

"The library is offering free and fun programming all summer, including a magician, superhero day and an ice cream social with water games," Melanie Boerner, youth services librarian, said.

In addition, elementary-age kids are encouraged to finish at least 10 books or complete 10 hours of reading in order to earn a free book and a prize bag including a superhero dog tag and coupons to local restaurants. With the help of a family member, kids can register and keep a reading log at libertylakewa.readsquared.com.

Kids who read during the summer months are more likely to retain what



they've learned throughout the school year and be better prepared for the start of school in the fall, Boerner said.

"Reading during the summer will not only help you keep your smarts all season, it's a fun way to relax and escape into other worlds and lives," she said. "Bring a book to the lake, listen to an audiobook with your family on a road trip or take some downtime from the sun to explore a new magazine."

For more information, visit www.libertylakewa.gov or 232-2510.

Fox claims first with freedom poem

Wave announces winner of summer contest

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In the May issue, The Wave asked kids to write an acrostic poem using the word freedom. We received lots of interesting entries from Liberty Lake kids who expressed what freedom meant to them.

Our judges selected Annie Fox's poem as first place in the contest. For her prize, the 12-year-old was given a basket full of sand toys and summer treats.

We appreciate all the kids who entered this writing contest. Be sure to watch for more contests in future issues of The Wave!



SPLASH PHOTO BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Annie Fox won a summer-themed basket for her acrostic poem on freedom.

Freedom in America is everywhere the eye can see.
Remember how it started with the Boston Tea Party.
Every man at Bunker Hill fought with bravery and might.
Even the King of England was amazed by American's put up fight.
Decaring independence on the Fourth of July.
Obedience to the laws they said will let our freedom fly.
Memories of the great souls who fought for this free land. Makes me want to stand for freedom and do whatever I can.

— Annie Fox, age 12

Kids Tell It Like It Is

What is your best memory of school at Liberty Lake Elementary?

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley at Pavillion Park



"The very first day of first grade when I saw my teacher and everyone."
Charles Johnson, 11, 5th grade



"Field Day because you get to hang out with friends who aren't in your class or are in different grades."
Rilee Homer, 11, 5th grade



"Playing duck, duck, goose at recess in fifth grade. Everyone got along and nobody fought."
Reese Brickett, 10, 5th grade



"How funny Mr. Stallings was. He taught different and made it fun."
Mackenzie Cavanagh, 11, 5th grade



"Eight Base. It's kinda' like baseball but with a kickball, and you can kick it as far as you want."
Sam Carter, 11, 5th grade



"In Mr. Stallings' third grade class, we had checkbooks and got to buy things at the white elephant store."
Savannah Spraggins, 11, 5th grade



"In Mrs. Swenson's class we played a bunch of games like Four Corners and Would You Rather."
Jonah Gartner, 11, 5th grade



"Mrs. Gothmann's second grade class. She still picks me up in the hall and hugs me."
Summer Oakes, 10, 5th grade



"June 12, 2015, the last day of school. I'm free!"
Jack Gauvin, 11, 5th grade

This summer at the Library

Touch a Truck
July 1 at 2 p.m., Town Square Park
All ages are invited to see community vehicles and heroes in one venue.

Shrinky Dinks
July 9 at 2 p.m.
Kids going into fourth grade and up can come make a superhero themed keychain.

Minute to Win it!
July 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
This fun night of games and

prizes is for the whole family!
Minecraft Club
July 22 and Aug. 5, 2 to 4 p.m.
Whether an expert or beginner, kids age 6 and up are invited to gather with others that like the game too.

All day Lego Build marathon and movie
July 29
Movie starts at 10:30 a.m. Build as long as you like until the library closes. Lego Club also takes place most

Fridays during the summer at 4 p.m.
Happy Birthday, Harry Potter!
July 31 at 2 p.m.
This afternoon of refreshments, crafts and games for ages 4 and up are in celebration of the boy wizard.

Family Game Night
Aug. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m.
Come try out some games the entire family will enjoy.

The Noise Guy
Aug. 8 at 2 p.m.
A sound

impressionist and storyteller will help kids make some noise in the library.
Ice cream social
Aug. 15 at 2 p.m., Rocky Hill Park
All ages are invited for ice cream and water games.

Pages to Pictures: "Charlotte's Web"
Aug. 29 at dusk, Pavillion Park
Check out the book to read, and then enjoy the show on the big screen at the park.

Answers to "Ice cream scramble": 1) Banana, 2) Chocolate, 3) Cookie Dough, 4) Rocky Road, 5) Whipped cream, 6) Cookies and Cream, 7) Cotton Candy, 8) Butter Pecan, 9) Peanut Butter Cup, 10) Hot Fudge, 11) Brownie, 12) Chocolate Syrup, 13) Cherry, 14) Neapolitan, 15) Caramel, 16) Strawberry, 17) Vanilla, 18) Mint Chocolate Chip, 19) Walnuts, 20) Oreos

COMMUNITY

Get the scoop on ice cream

July was declared National Ice Cream month in the U.S. over 30 years ago, but this well-known treat has been enjoyed for hundreds of years by people all over the world. Check out these cool facts about ice cream.

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF
WRITER



Sources: www.icecream.com/icecreaminfo, www.onlyinfographic.com/2010/the-history-of-ice-cream/

Ice cream scramble

Whether it's cones or sundaes, shakes or smoothies, most kids love to eat ice cream. National Ice Cream Day is Sunday, July 19, so be sure to be on your best behavior in the hopes that someone will take you out for a frozen treat.

Listed to the right are the mixed-up letters of ice cream flavors and toppings. Unscramble the letters to discover some of the favorites among kids and adults alike. If you get stuck, answers can be found at the bottom of page 24.

- 1) nabaan _____
- 2) etalocohc _____
- 3) ockoei oudgh _____
- 4) ckyor daor _____
- 5) ppiwhed amcer _____
- 6) siekooc dan reamc _____
- 7) tocton dnacy _____
- 8) terbut canep _____
- 9) nuptea turerf upc _____
- 10) toh deguf _____
- 11) nierowb _____
- 12) latecoohc spury _____
- 13) rechyr _____
- 14) politeanan _____
- 15) amelcar _____
- 16) bertrysaw _____
- 17) allinav _____
- 18) timn latechoco phic _____
- 19) stwalun _____
- 20) reoo _____



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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – SUMMER VACATION WORDS*

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

TOE

VAN

4 Letters

ATOM

EAST

NOTE

SUIT

5 Letters

ACTOR

AMUSE

CENTS

SCRAM

6 Letters

ESCORT

INSECT

MISTER

MOVIES

SENIOR

STREAM

TIMERS

7 Letters

ENVOIUS

MONSTER

8 Letters

COMMUTER

RAINCOAT

*All words are formed from the letters in SUMMER VACATION

For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzles.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. On the very edge	__ _ _ N _	Cold and invigorating	__ _ _ S _
2. Animal	__ E _ _ _	Explosion	__ L _ _ _
3. Ice chest	__ _ _ L _	James Fenimore	__ _ _ P _ _
4. Hardy's partner	__ _ _ _ _ L	Ms. Bacall	__ _ _ _ _ N
5. Stretch to	__ _ _ _ H	Respond	__ _ _ _ T
6. Belafonte or Truman	__ A _ _ _	Rush	__ U _ _ _
7. Ponder	__ _ I _ _	Express appreciation	__ _ A _ _
8. Missile	__ _ _ _ _ T	Grandma's chair	__ _ _ _ _ R
9. Lion's group	P _ _ _ _	Wife-to-be	B _ _ _ _
10. Reduce in size	__ _ _ _ N _	Screech	__ _ _ _ E _

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Horse is missing. 2. Watering can is missing. 3. Bathing suit is different. 4. Shovel is missing. 5. Bird is missing. 6. Hat is moved.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

LINCOLN LOG! Rotate a penny around a second penny (second penny remaining stationary), in constant contact. Assuming the figure of Lincoln on the outer coin is right side up at the start, how many times will Lincoln have been right side up after one revolution of the outer coin? Give it a try if you have two pennies handy.

Three times! — once at the start, once again half way around, and again at the end of the trip.

TIN PUN ALLEY! How are surplus cranberries sold? At boggin' prices. What cord is cut when it rains? The umbrella-cal cord. What cakes are served at a baby bear's party? Cubcakes.

KNOW YOUR ABC's

So you think you know your ABC's. Let's check. You are asked to complete each of the six words in the diagram above using only the letters A, B and C. These definitions provide clues to answers:

1. Rustic building in the boonies.
2. BLT ingredient.
3. Bean used in candy making.
4. A pair of ducks, for instance.
5. Castro, for one.
6. Seaside spot to pick up some rays.

Time limit: 2 min.

Beach. 1. Cabin. 2. Bacon. 3. Carib. 4. Bride. 5. Cuban. 6. Carib.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE! Will or won't this player reach home plate? Pick a path you think she'll take, and trace it through.

FUN SPOT

COLOR BY NUMBERS

BLAST OFF! Hooray, it's holiday fireworks time. Apply the following colors: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh. 6—Lt. green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Dk. blue. 9—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.

Possible two-somes: Dune, deal.

Kids' Maze Solution

Even Exchange

Answers

1. Brink, Brisk
2. Beast, Blast
3. Cooler, Cooper
4. Laurel, Lauren
5. Reach, React
6. Harry, Hurry
7. Think, Thank
8. Rocket, Rocker
9. Pride, Bride
10. Shrink, Shrek

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

Kids' Maze

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July 15-17 vs. Tri-City Dust Devils

July 29-Aug 2 vs. Eugene Emeralds

Aug 4 - NWL All-Star Game Presented by
Cenex Zip Trip

Aug 9-11 vs. Tri-City Dust Devils

Aug 12-16 vs. S-K Volcanoes

Aug 20-22 vs. Vancouver Canadians

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Finck trains for ‘Building Ohana’



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Charlie Finck, left, is a local counselor and author who has started a nonprofit called Building Ohana with his wife, Deborah. Finck hopes to raise \$18,000 for the new nonprofit, which was inspired by their autistic son, Jonathan, as he participates in a half-Ironman event this August.

require primary care for his entire life.

“It’s a lot of work, but we’re very thankful for all the help we get,” Charlie said.

It’s because of Jonathan that the Fincks have embarked on a journey of creating a better life and community for those with disabilities. Their venture is called Building Ohana.

Its mission is to create a mixed-use “village” where individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities can live and thrive alongside their neighbors. Residents would not be limited to those with a disability, but open to anyone willing to commit to a lifestyle based around “cooperative relationships within home and neighborhood.”

“The idea was born out of a belief that I have that I can’t really significantly impact the quality of my son’s future or anyone’s unless we start to impact the communities in which we live,” Deborah said when recalling how the vision for Building Ohana was formed. “(It’s) recognizing that it isn’t always about bringing some sort of service to a person or group but looking outside of it for a healthy and lasting community response. It’s been a shift in my own heart about my responsibility to Jonathan and everyone else.”

Building Ohana hopes to build a diverse and inclusive intergenerational community. As Finck pointed out, the dream is that it becomes a “permeable” community rather than an isolated segment of the larger community.

Fountain profiles:

- CHARLIE FINCK
- Age**
70
- Family**
Wife, Deborah, and son, Jonathan
- Current activities**
Counseling with Liberty Cross Ministries, talking about his book “As We Forgive Those,” and training for a half Ironman to raise funds for Building Ohana
- Favorite Restaurant**
Ding How
- Local events he loves**
Farmers Market, yard sale, symphony performance at Pavillion Park and the Fourth of July celebration

“This community is born out of my wife’s heart and our desire for Jonathan and others like him to have people with disabilities and others that want to be part of a community,” he said.

Practically speaking, the community would be on 20 to 30 acres of donated land and would house 120 to 150 individuals. Their hope is to be near a bus line and include work opportunities on-site as well as medical and other necessary facilities.

Part of the journey for Building Ohana right now is fundraising. While Deborah is the executive director of the nonprofit, Finck is very much invested in the venture and is starting a very ambitious fundraising campaign.

An avid marathon and triathlon participant since the 1970s, Charlie is participating in a half Ironman in Lake Stevens this August. He hopes to raise \$18,000 to fund Building Ohana’s pre-development plan as a way to ensure the success and sustainability of the project.

“The vision is very segmented,” he said. “We are taking everything in steps.”

This past year Deborah put together a board of directors, identified possible partners for the project and garnered valuable public input for the future village. The pre-development plan will bring together all the logistics of the plan for Building Ohana and provide a roadmap for bringing the vision into existence.

See OHANA, page 29

Give Back

Spotlighting timely needs our community can meet together



To our friends and neighbors in the greater Spokane Valley:

Supplies are critically low in two key areas at the go-to clothing bank for our area, a need we hope you will join us in doing something about.

The volunteer-operated Spokane Valley Partners Clothing Bank helped 8,613 local families last year. This year, this service continues to be a major lifeline in our community, but specific needs for children and men continue to be a gap.

First, the bank is critically short on new-condition underwear and socks for children of all ages. Note that this is one of those rare areas where new condition really is important. Please help our local clothing bank have these necessities available as the next dozens of families come through.

Second, men’s clothing is in severe shortage, with mostly empty racks in this area. Typically, donations of men’s clothing are far less common, so guys in particular stand to make a big impact by sorting through their wardrobe and donating those good-condition items that could receive better use in another closet.

Donations can be dropped off at 10814 E. Broadway Ave., or call Spokane Valley Partners with any questions at 927-1153.

Thank you in advance for helping Spokane Valley Partners continue to meet the needs of Valley-area families.

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Author plans to complete half Ironman as fundraiser

By Sarah Robertson
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Most of us know that our lives change the instant we have a child — whether it’s going from a lovely eight hours of sleep to a precious few or watching your child graduate from medical school.

It wasn’t any different when Charlie Finck, 70, and his wife, Deborah, become parents 20 years ago. Though, their journey and where they are today is quite unique and probably unlike anything they had ever imagined.

Finck and his wife adopted their son, Jonathan, in New Orleans when he was just 20 hours old. Jonathan has autism, as well as other medical issues, and will

— King Crossword —

Answers

A	D	D	S		R	A	G		S	C	A	B
N	E	A	P		E	N	E		P	O	N	E
T	A	I	L	S	P	I	N		A	C	N	E
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COMMUNITY

Trivia Test

- 1. ADVERTISEMENTS:** What was the name of the finicky cat in the Nine Lives commercials?
- 2. RELIGION:** Where in the New Testament can the full version of the Lord's Prayer be found?
- 3. TELEVISION:** Where did the astronaut Tony Nelson live in "I Dream of Jeannie"?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Cambodia?
- 5. TITLES:** What is an M.P. in Great Britain?

- 6. ARCHITECTURE:** Who designed St. Paul's Cathedral in London?
- 7. MUSIC:** What is the means of conveyance in the Christmas song "Jingle Bells"?
- 8. MOVIES:** In "Forrest Gump," what was the nickname of Forrest's best friend in the Army?
- 9. ASTRONOMY:** What is the next planet beyond Saturn in our solar system?
- 10. MEASUREMENTS:** What does the Saffir-Simpson scale measure?

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OHANA

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Deborah remembered with a chuckle the day Charlie sent her an email with information on the Ironman.

"He sent me an email with the Ironman information, and on it was a commitment to do it in support of Building Ohana. I was floored!" she said. "It seemed like such a sacrifice and a lot of work. I knew he was doing it for Jonathan and Building Ohana."

Finck currently trains six days a week with a trainer, Marla Emde, who also organizes the Valley Girl triathlon. Training sessions are an hour to three hours long with a grueling mix of swimming, biking, running and core training.

Finck's love for running and triathlons came from his longtime career in the military. As a child, Finck dreamt of flying planes. Growing up in New Jersey, Finck reminisced, "I loved everything to do with airplanes. I always wanted to be a pilot more than anything. I built so many model planes."

He joined the Air Force to make that dream come true and landed at Fairchild — after college in Texas — piloting B-52s.

In 1985, Finck retired from the Air Force, continuing as a member of the Guard for the next ten years.

"My faith grew in the military, and I really felt that my faith was drawing me out of the military and into counseling," he said.

Finck's faith led him to a long-time career as a counselor at Elijah House in Post Falls and eventually opening his own counseling and teaching practice — Liberty Cross Ministries. His book, "As We Forgive Those," is about to go into its third printing.

While Finck has had a long career in the military as well as a fruitful counseling career, it's clear that his love for his son and family — and by extension Building Ohana — is his greatest passion.

Finck's face lights up and he can't hide the giant grin when he speaks of Jonathan. He is very proud that they have travelled to many corners of the globe with Jonathan. Currently, Jonathan is learning to use an iPad to communicate his needs with others, and his parents couldn't be prouder of his progress.

"He's a gift," Charlie said. "I wouldn't change a thing."

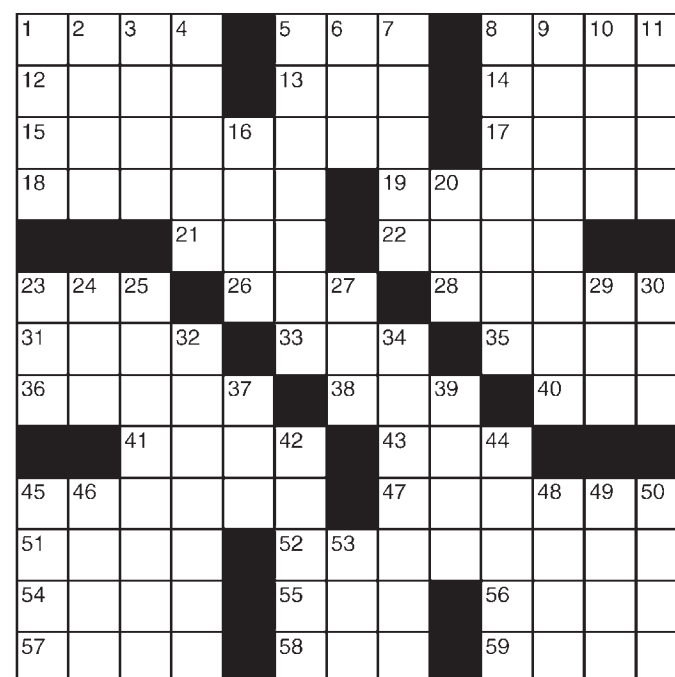
For more information about Building Ohana, visit www.buildingohana.org.

To donate to Finck's half-Ironman fundraiser, use the link www.crowdfunder.com/2015otheraces/fundraiser/charlesfinck and click the "Donate to this Fundraiser" button.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Throws in
- 5 Tatter
- 8 Wound cover
- 12 Tide type
- 13 Compass dir.
- 14 Corn concoction
- 15 Severe decline
- 17 Dermatologist's case
- 18 As found
- 19 Singer Sophie
- 21 Youngster
- 22 36-Across segment
- 23 Blue
- 26 "Charlotte's —"
- 28 Make into law
- 31 Old portico
- 33 Homer's interjection
- 35 Arizona river
- 36 Variety show
- 38 Talk on and on
- 40 Back talk
- 41 Advantage
- 43 Sweet potato's kin
- 45 Sunscreen, usually
- 47 Complained bitterly
- 51 Bedouin



52 Sports fans' party venue?

54 Astronaut Armstrong

55 Conclude

56 Sharpen

57 Mete (out)

58 Deli loaf

59 Despot

DOWN

1 Opposed

2 Campus bigwig

3 Raised platform

4 Divided

5 Considered

6 Blackbird

7 Fellows

8 What "this clue" needs

9 Mixed drink

10 Boleyn or Bancroft

11 "Cheers" serving

16 Pack away

20 Guitar's cousin

23 Georgia's ex-status (Abbr.)

24 Chowd down

25 Overlap

27 Marsh

29 Roman 151

30 Spigot

32 Within

earshot

34 Outing on a wagon

37 Id counterpart

39 False god

42 Go in

44 Possibly will

45 Crow's-nest cry

46 Sandwich treat

48 Neighbor of Cambodia

49 Sicilian spouter

50 Antelope's playmate

53 Whatever amount

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Answers to Trivia Test 1. Morris 2. Matthew 3. Cocoa Beach, Florida 4. Phnom Penh
5. Member of Parliament 6. Sir Christopher Wren 7. Sleigh 8. Bubba 9. Uranus 10. Hurricane winds



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COMMUNITY

Calendar of Events

COMMUNITY EVENTS

July 3 | Fourth of July T-shirt sale 6 p.m., Liberty Circle in the Alpine Shores neighborhood. Quantities are limited; cash or check only. Cost ranges between \$10 and \$16.

July 4 | Independence Day

July 4 | July 4th community parade Noon, Alpine Shores neighborhood. Kids are invited to decorate their bikes, scooters and wagons in patriotic themes to walk in the parade and then participate in games afterward.

July 4 | Newman Lake Fire Auxiliary Hot Dog and T-shirt Sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tri Community Grange, 25025 Heather St., Newman Lake. This annual event benefits Newman Lake Fire and Rescue and is an opportunity to support the volunteer fire department.

July 9 | Superhero Shrinky Dinks 2 to 3 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Kids in 4th grade and up are invited to make a superhero-themed key chain. For more: 232-2510

July 9 | Painting Flower Pots 6 to 7:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Paint and pots are provided to decorate a terracotta pot at the library. To RSVP or for more: 232-2510

July 11 | Dedication for Appleway refurbishment 11:30 a.m., Town Square Park, 1420 N. Meadowwood. For more: 755-6700

July 15 | STCU Workshop: Protect Your Credit Score Noon, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. STCU representatives will discuss how a credit score is determined, how to maintain or earn a healthy credit score and where to go for help. Lunch is provided. To RSVP or for more: www.stcu.org/workshops.html

July 17-18 | CV Class of 1975 reunion Highlands Golf and Country Club, 5600 E. Mullan Ave., Post Falls. A 40th class reunion will be held with a reception, golf and spa day, dinner and dance. For more: www.cvclassof75.com

July 21, 23 | Explore the Family Tree 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Steve Dahlstrom, member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, will present on how to start researching your family history during this two-hour course. A limited number of laptops are available; participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or tablets. To RSVP or for more: 232-2510

July 24-25 | Festivale Italiano At 6:30 p.m. Friday, there will be bocce and an ice cream social at Rocky Hill Park followed by a showing of “Cinema Paradiso” at dusk. The 8th annual event continues 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Liberty Lake Farmers Market.

July 25 | Catholic Singles Mingle 3 p.m., Liberty Lake Regional Park, 3707 S. Zephyr Road. This potluck is for adult single Christians of all ages. Bring a dish to share. To RSVP or more: www.meetup.com/Catholic-Singles-Mingle

July 25 | Blessings Under the Bridge summer barbecue Noon to 3 p.m., 4th and McClellan, downtown Spokane. This annual event will feature free food, clothing, haircuts,

music and fun for the kids. To donate or for more: www.butb.org

July 27, 30 | Movie showing and book club Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. The library will be showing a movie 5:30 p.m. July 27, and then a discussion of the book by the same title 6:30 p.m. July 30 at Barlows Restaurant, 1428 N. Liberty Lake Road. Visit the meetup.com group called “Books & Behind: The New Library Experience” for updates on book club selections. For more: 232-2510

July 27-31 | “Everest” Vacation Bible School 6 to 9 p.m., Uplift Church, 23424 N. Swing Lane. This program for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade will be about conquering challenges with God’s power. To register or for more: 995-7718 or amy@upliftchurchll.org

July 29 | Lego marathon and movie 10:30 a.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. The movie starts at 10:30, and kids age four and up are invited to build with Legos until the library closes. For more: 232-2510

July 31 | Happy Birthday, Harry! 2 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Ages four and up are invited to celebrate the boy wizard with refreshments, crafts and games. For more: 232-2510

July 31, Aug. 1 | Central Valley High School class of 1985 reunion This 30-year reunion will kick off 6 to 9 p.m. Friday night at the Sullivan Scoreboard. There will be a party starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Mirabeau Park Hotel with 80s music. For payment info and more: visit Facebook page Central Valley High School Class of 85 “30” Year HS reunion

Recurring

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

Goodwill Donation Center open Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., corner of East Appleway and North Signal Road

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



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

Festivale Italiano at the Liberty Lake Farmers Market will be held Saturday, July 25.

Liberty Lake Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Town Square Park, 1420 N. Meadowwood. The market runs through Oct. 10. For more: www.libertylakefarmersmarket.com

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

July 10 | Folk for the Floor 6 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. Tickets are \$5 at the door for this night of acoustic music. For more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

July 18 | 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

July 24-25 | Cowboy Supper Shows Rockin’ B Ranch, 3912 Spokane Bridge Road. The 20th anniversary commemorative performances will also be held Aug. 28-29, Sept. 25-26 and Oct. 9-10. For show times and more: www.rockinbranch.com or 891-9016

July 24 to Aug. 2 | “Tikki Tikki Tembo” Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. This children’s play tells the story of a Chinese boy with a long name who falls into a well. Tickets are \$12. For show times and more: www.libertylaketheatre.com

CIVIC & BUSINESS

July 7 | Women Executives of Liberty Lake (WELL) Mix and Mingle Noon, Legacy Ridge. This potluck will include fun and games. For address or more: 995-7111 or www.womenexecutivesoflibertylake.com

July 11 | Pig Roast and Luau 4 to 10 p.m., True Legends Grill, 1803 N. Harvard Road. Celebrate summer at this 5th annual event with live music, prizes and games. Cost is \$16.99 for adults and \$7.99 for kids 10 and under. For more: www.truelegendsgrill.com

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Play in the Park

Free upcoming events in Liberty Lake’s parks:

July 1, 2 p.m. at Town Square Park: Touch a Truck
Kids are invited to meet up at Town Square to see community vehicles and heroes in one venue. For more: 232-2510

July 3, dusk at Pavillion Park: “Rio 2” (G)
Blu, Jewel and their three kids are hurtled from Rio de Janeiro to the wilds of the Amazon where Blu goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel.

July 4, 6 p.m. at Pavillion Park: T. Scot Wilburn and the Shutup-N-Playboys followed by Milonga
Following the concert in the park, fireworks will be on display around 10 p.m.

July 17, dusk at Half Moon Park: “Epic” (PG)
A teenager is transported to a deep forest setting where she bands together with a group of characters in order to save their world.

July 18, dusk at Pavillion Park: “How to Train Your Dragon 2” (PG)
Two friends find themselves at the center of a battle when they discover an ice cave that is home to wild dragons and the mysterious Dragon Rider.

July 19, 10 a.m. at Pavillion Park: Church in the Park
The public invited for a service with Lakeside Church followed by a family potluck. For more: 210-9779

July 24-26 at Pavillion Park: Barefoot in the Park
A full weekend of activities will be held including carnival games, talent show, culinary celebration, barefoot 3-v-3 soccer tournament, foot golf, a 5K run, bubble soccer and more. For more: www.libertylakewa.gov

July 24, dusk at Rocky Hill Park: “Cinema Paradiso” (R)
A filmmaker recalls his childhood, when he fell in love with the movies at his village’s theater and formed a deep friendship with the theater’s projectionist. There also will be bocce and an ice cream social in the park starting at 6:30 p.m.

July 25, dusk at Beachcombers Beach Club: Band to be announced

July 25, dusk at Pavillion Park: “Big Hero 6” (PG)
Hiro creates a special bond with a plus-sized inflatable robot called Baymax, and they team up with friends to form a band of high-tech heroes.

COMMUNITY

MILONGA

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“What we are most looking forward to is the people,” Vigil said. “Liberty Lake always has a good crowd with a great age range. There will be everything from little kids to teenagers to adults to the elderly out, and we enjoy that. We like to reach everybody.”

The music starts at 6 p.m. in Pavillion Park with opening act T. Scot Wilburn and the Shutup-N-Playboys. Starting around 7:30 p.m., Milonga will be sure to keep ev-

eryone’s hips, old and young alike, shaking until the fireworks show begins after dark. For those who want to sneak an early listen of Milonga before the concert, the band’s music is available on iTunes, Amazon and at milonga.magix.net.

Before the Latin sounds of Milonga take center stage, T. Scot Wilburn and the Shut-up-N-Playboys will open the evening with more of a western music influence. Wilburn plays fiddle, steel guitar and electric guitar and comes from a Montana family with a rich musical tradition. Along with his band of talented musicians, expect a

patriotic dose of hillbilly swing and western tunes.

The Fourth of July concert at Pavillion Park is a product of the hard work and planning of FOPP. Frank said much of the success the beloved annual has enjoyed is due to the leadership of the FOPP concert chair, Chris Apted.

“He has been running the shows for something close to 15 years,” Frank said. “He has a love and passion for music along with the skills and leadership to pull it all together.”

CALENDAR

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July 17 | Business Connections Lunch

11:30 to 1:30 p.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, Center-Place Regional Event Center, 2426 N. Discovery Place, Spokane Valley. Joseph Albert, professor of leadership studies at Gonzaga University, will present on “Leadership and Storytelling.” For cost and more: www.spokanevalleychamber.org

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.

— *There will be no meeting July 7.*

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.

HEALTH & RECREATION

July 6 | High School Summer Volleyball League starts 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Cost is \$180 per team. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

July 6-8, 20-22 | NBC Basketball Skills Camp 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. These camps are designed especially for ages 8 to 12. Cost is \$160. The July 6-8 camp is focused on shooting. For more: www.nbccamps.com

July 9-11, 16-18 | HUB Summer Slam Basketball Tournament 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Cost is \$400 per team. For more: hubsportscenter.org

July 11 | Liberty Lake Loop 8 a.m., Pavillion Park. Sponsored by Friends of Pavillion Park, the four-mile route for adults is followed by a shorter kids race. For cost and more: www.pavillionpark.org

July 12 | Valley Girl Triathlon 7:45 a.m., starting line near Inlet Drive. Registrations are sold out for this women-only sprint distance triathlon, but spectators are welcome to observe the race which includes a 1/3-mile swim, 12-mile bike ride and 3-mile run around the community. For more: www.valleygirltri.com

July 16 | The Four Pillars of Brain Health 2 p.m., Guardian Angel Homes, 23102 E. Mission. Dr. Susan Ashley of Family Medicine Liberty Lake will be presenting on this topic. The public is invited to attend.

July 24-26 | Barefoot 3v3 Soccer Tournament Pavillion Park. This tournament is open to all ages. For registration and more: www.barefoot3v3.com

July 24 | Red White & Brews 5K Run 6 p.m., corner of Molter and Country Vista. Registration is open for this run in conjunction with Liberty Lake’s Barefoot in the Park. Cost ranges from \$15 to \$25. For more: 954-9806 or www.libertylakewa.gov/387/Barefoot-in-the-Park

July 25 | Newman Lake 25K Run 6:30 a.m., Boat launch area, Newman Lake. The scenic route winds itself around the lake and concludes with a pancake breakfast. Registration is due by July 18. For more: www.active.com

July 25 | 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

July 27-31 | Skyhawks Volleyball Camp 9 a.m. to noon, HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. This co-ed program for ages 7 to 12 is designed for beginner to intermediate players and will incorporate lessons on teamwork and sportsmanship. Registration cost is \$119. For more: www.nbccamps.com

July 28-30 | Breakthrough Basketball Camp 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Boys and girls in grades 4 to 9 are invited to this skills camp led by Drew Molitoris. Cost is \$235 per player. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

July 30 | Spokane Indians Baseball Card Giveaway 6:30 p.m., Avista Stadium, 602 N. Havana St. This game against the Eugene Emeralds is sponsored in part by The Splash. For tickets or more: www.spokaneindians.com

Recurring

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

Liberty Lake Community Tennis Association Rocky Hill Park. The group offers adult evening clinics 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, kids clinics 9 and 10 a.m. Saturdays, and a ladies day 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Clinics will run through Aug. 30. For more: 255-9293 or larrywest1@live.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 walking in the July 4 parade, a July 9 Liberty Lake Wine Cellars Run, and participating in the July 24 Red White & Brews 5K run. 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. For more: Spokanevalleywomensgolf@gmail.com

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

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.*

All calendar listings were provided to or gathered by Splash staff. If you would like your event considered for the community calendar, please submit information by the 15th of the month to calendar@libertylakesplash.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

5th Annual

Mutt Strut

In memory of Chris Anderlik

Saturday, August 15th
8:00 AM • Liberty Lake

The “Strut” will begin at Pawpular Companions Pet Supplies and consist of a 2.5 mile route around the Liberty Lake business/residential walking path.

Please register yourself and your companion(s) at
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In addition to the pledge walk event, we will end at Pawpular Companions parking lot for an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** (people AND doggie ice cream!), store vendors with **FREE GIVEAWAYS** and **RAFFLE PRIZES!** Please join us to celebrate and contribute to Chris’ dream to “Go an extra mile to practice true compassion for animals!”



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COMMUNITY

Congratulations, 2015 graduates!

The Splash ran information about Liberty Lake graduates in the June issue, but listed below is information that came in beyond the original print deadline.



Payten Fox
Parents: Jeff and Annette Fox
School: Central Valley High School
Plans after graduation: Attend SFCC for her first year then on to WSU



Sydney Paige Goldfeldt
Parents: John and Kim Goldfeldt
School: Central Valley High School
Plans after graduation: Enroll at Spokane Falls Community College



Seyjil Shantha Turpin
Parents: Tim and Sudha Turpin
School: Central Valley High School
Plans after graduation: Attend the University of Washington to pursue a career in medicine

GMS releases honor roll

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The following students attained honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2014-2015 school year at Greenacres Middle School.

Sixth Grade
4.0 GPA: Dane Anderson, Avery Auth, Ellie Baddeley, Andrew Brockbank, Madilynn Bruno, Lilli Brunt, Chloe Bryntesen, Kylie Constance, Halli Densley, Joelle Dickeson, Jenna Engel, Kenton Frederick, Kelsie German, Kaycee Gores, Kelsie Gores, Ben Hadley, Kaitlyn Hartshorn, Emily Henning, William Hislop, Emma Horton, Lauren Hoskins, Emma Johnston, Thomas Lawson, Ashlynn Layton, Abigale Lewis, Alyssa Mitchell, Maiya Moore, Garrett Packebush, Sarah Pecha, Savannah Pratt, Paulson Ray, Clairia Reiman, Jane Romney, Isabella Santiago, Anna Sattler, Katelynn Shelton, Brayden Shypitka, Grace Sutton, Meera Turpin, Tiffany Von Tobel, Madison Whitney, Kaylee Wilding, Chloe Williams, Grace Williams, Cooper Young, Maci Young,

3.25 GPA and above: Emily Agnew, Hariyot Badh, Caleb Ballif, Valeria Baron, Mason Beck, Noah Betts, Bowen Beykirch, Brian Bolanos, Christopher Branom, Kaleb Bray, Jason Briones, Amity Brookshire, Samuel Brown, Robert Burgess, Madison Cagle, Amber Call, Krystal Carlson, Kayleigh Carson, Brock Castillo, Colton Cayce, Kayla Chen, Ryley Ciokevicz, Caden Clark, Luke Cox, Shealyn Crowley, Elise Daines, Brooklyn Davis, Hannah Dederick, Rhiannon Delvechio, Isali Diaz, Braeden Doyle, Hannah Dunne, Annon Elvidge, Thalia Felice, Gabriella Fischetti, Brandon Fontaine, Margaret Galeener, Katherine Gardner, Riley Gavin, Gavin Gilstrap, Michelle Giroux, Mark Gotishan, Travis Griffiths, Ethan Harman, Amaryce Hernandez, Joseph Herner, Ari Hintz, Jessica Hoagburg, Jared Hoerauf, Charlise Hogsed, Lyndie Holmes, Michael James, Kate Jensen, Abbigail Johnson, Katrianna Johnson, Clair Kaufman, Livia Kent, Lucas Kinney, Naomi Knudtson, Liana Kopets, Alexia Krogh, Jaden Lanzone, Allie Lawhead, Jonathan Lee, Michael Lorhan, Kailee Lux, Emily Malloy, Zachary Martin, Alyssa Marvin, Naleah McClellan, Kaitlin Melby, McKenna Meyer, Brayden Miles, Abbie Miller, Jaedyn-Rialy Miller, Andrew Monson, McKenna Murphy, Hunter Myers, Michael Nelson, Madison Nichols, Victoria Pena, Johnson Pham, Sariana Poshusta, Shea Potack, Logan Radmaker, Amelia Rottrup, Kendall Rubright, Anna Sabins, Megan Sachtjen, Hannah Schaefer, Kailee Schneider, Ethan Schreiber, Kamryn Schumacher, Nathan Shaber, Riley Shanks, Luke Sherrill, Elisey Shindyakov, Arionna Sicilia, Dominic Sigars, Alex Sindledecker, Chasity Stanisich, Miles Stewart, Madison Streeter, Hailey Stuhlmiller, Erika Sutter, Taige Tews, Anatoliy Topov, Sophie Tresner, Kamil Twining, Scott Twining, Sara Van Liew, Tyler VanVlymen, Ava von Ranson, Luke Warrick, Rein Wehrman, Samantha Weirich, Katelyn Westegaard, Cooper Wharton, Nelson Whybrew, Lindy Williams, Kyle Wills, Alexander Wirthlin, Nataley Wood, Jasmine Yaw, Jacob Young, Jessica Zarecor

Seventh Grade
4.0 GPA: Victoria Axtell, Paige Bridgens, Andrew Harter, Emily

Heskett, Tyler Hunter, Tyler Jones, Kaitlyn Kaluza, Jessie Marshall, Sara McGill, Emma Ohlsen, Bekah Palmer, Jasmyn Persicke, Brenna Schmalz, Yohann Sharma

3.25 GPA and above: Boden Albright, Dori Ames, Zachary Anderson, Abigail Austin, Eloise Austin, Katelyn Bartel, Jeremy Baum, Drake Beale, Kylee Behar, Tenya Benjamin, Hunter Bly, Chad Carlson, Gracie Carlson, Caden Carter, Anika Chalich, Ski Chalich, Eric Chandler, Carter Childress, Hunter Clark, Adrianna Collie, Tate Cornell, Ashleigh Creeger, Briana Creeger, Kaitlin Creeger, Jacob Crowley, Cesar De la O, Rosemary Diener, Bryden Dodson, Jenny Drinkwine, Jorren Dumo, Jennifer Duong, Christina Evey, Preston Finch, Jared Fisher, Abby Ford, Kylie Forsyth, Lea Foster, Jeremy Fuhriman, Sydney Gannon, Paulette-Josephine Gass, Ezekiel Gehr, Esha Gollapalli, Ryan Hagerty, Rachel Hamry, Katelyn Hansen, Grace Hanson, Ryan Harper, Taryn Harvey, Mia Hendrickson, Joshua Hermes, Essence Hiatt, Lindsey Hickson, Mike Jarmin, Brelin Johns, Caden Johnson, Quinn Johnson, Adam Jones, Collyn Jones, Kyle Jones, Mohammad Kaddoura, Kyle Kaminkas, Kylie Keller, Griffin Keys, Madelynn Knight, Miranda Kuhlmann, Thane Laker, Aidan Larkins, Haley Lance, Emma Leiby, MaryKate McHenry, Addison McLelland, Brock McNeilly, Jacob Measel, Nathan Mercer, Aidan Meyer, Olivia Minnick, Vitaly Mitrofanov, Mia Morales, Ethan Moriniti, Josef Mueller, Shawn Mulligan, Brandon Neer, Garrett Newell, Madelynn Ochse, Ethan Oliver, Ryan Ovniczek, Carly Petersen, Kayla Piche, SkyeSuraja Potter, Dallin Prince, Makenzie Raab, Olivia Rachoy, Rylan Redden, Ashley Rich, Kole Richardson, Korbyn Rider, Rogan Rodriguez, Ashlyn Rogers, Evan Rohm, Conner Russell, Noah Sanders, Jacob Sattler, Hailey Schmedtje, Drew Scott, Cameron Sheley, Jensen Shypitka, Jayce Simmons, Julia Simpson, Olivia Sine, Jaylen Smith, Brandon Snider, Carson Spence, Serena Sphuler, Emily St John, Marissa Suarez, Sydney Sutton, Matthew Szymanski, Devin Tanak, Suheyra Tanak, Makayla Taylor, Kalani Trotter, Kellen Ungaro, Ryan Ungaro, Kaleb Vakaloloma, Jessica Vargas, Lilly Wagner, Korbin Weiler, Claire Westby, Dylan Williams, Simon Xiong, Lucy Yan, Courtney Youshep, Aubrey Zeutschel,

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Community Briefs

Goodwill to accept donations in Liberty Lake

Goodwill Industries of the Inland Northwest recently received approval to open a weekend donation center at the corner of Appleway Avenue and N. Signal Road. The location near the Liberty Lake Farmers Market will accept donations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

According to a press release, the city of Liberty Lake agreed to test this project for one month after Goodwill received a positive response from residents during Waste Management's Spring Clean Up event in May. Currently, the closest Goodwill Donor Service Center for local residents is off of Sprague Avenue in the Veradale area.

Goodwill Donor Service Centers accepts clothing, shoes, houseware items, collectibles, tools, electronics, furniture and more. Donations are sold in Goodwill stores, with 85 to 90 cents of every dollar funding Goodwill's job training, education, veteran housing support and mentoring programs.

For more information, visit www.discovergoodwill.org.

Burn ban in place

Restrictions on outdoor recreational fires were put in effect June 17 for the cities of Liberty Lake, Millwood and Spokane Valley as well as unincorporated areas of Spokane County.

According to a press release, campfire pits and other open burning is prohibited. As of press time, citizens could still use manufactured portable outdoor fireplaces, barbecues and patio warmers.

Restrictions are in place until further notice. For more, visit www.spokanevalleyfire.com.

Education Briefs

McCauley graduates cum laude



MCCAULEY

Matthew McCauley recently graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Gonzaga University. He will be working for Avista Utilities in Spokane as an electrical engineer.

Matthew is the son of Gina and Jeff McCauley of Liberty Lake.

Colleges honor local students

The following students from Liberty Lake were recently recognized by colleges

Free fitness camp for kids

U-District Foundation is offering a Fun & Fitness Camp 1:30 to 3 p.m. Aug. 3-5 at Rocky Hill Park.

Kids age six to 16 are invited to participate in this free camp. Registration begins at 1:15 p.m. Aug. 3. Kids are encouraged to wear athletic clothes.

To register or for more information, call 927-1222 or visit www.udistrictpt.com.

Residential info sought for annual directory

The Liberty Lake Community Directory is currently soliciting residential information to be included in the 2016 book. Listings typically include last and first name, address and residential phone number.

Residents who are new to the area or who have recently changed their address or phone number are

encouraged to email the correct information to directory@libertylakesplash.com to guarantee inclusion in the annual publication which will be mailed to homes in December. Those who have submitted information for past directories are encouraged to confirm their information for the 2016 directory.

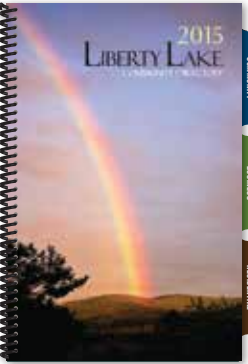
The Directory purchases listings from local phone providers, but residents have the option of requesting their information not be included by emailing directory@libertylakesplash.com by Sept. 30.

For their academic performance or meeting graduation requirements. Information was provided via press releases submitted from schools or parents.

Carroll College (Helena, Mont.)
Spring Dean's List, 3.5+ GPA
Jaclyn Urbanec

Gonzaga University
Graduates
Sarah Alvarez, Bachelor of Business Administration; Kala Grover, Bachelor of Arts, English, Cum Laude; Matthew McCauley, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE), Electrical Engineering, with a minor in Spanish, Cum Laude; Ande Seines, Bachelor of Education in Special Education, Special Education, Magna Cum Laude
Spring Dean's List, 3.5+ GPA
Christina Joanne Davis
Spring President's List, 3.7+ GPA
Mitchell Sanders, Lucas Schneidmiller

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Rademacher relatives linked to Lilac Lane

By Ellen Martin Bernardo

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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 Rademacher family. Before we introduce these neighbors, some background.

The Rademacher family has resided on Lilac Lane in Liberty Lake about 84 years, five generations and three houses. Their story begins in the fall of 1925 when the widow Abigail (“Abbie”) Corrigan Myette (1887-1966), mother of two teen daughters Margaret and Mildred, was working as a beauty operator in Spokane and married Dr. John G. Lovell (1878-1939). At that time Liberty Lake, known as “the Inland Seashore”, was in its heyday with resorts, summer cabin rentals, picnics, dancing and entertainment — the perfect destination to enjoy summer activities. Around 1931 or 1932, Abbie and Dr. Lovell bought a summer lake home on Lilac Lane at Kamiakin and remodeled it into a year-round residence around 1937. John and Abbie, her daughters Mildred (1909-2011) and Margaret (1906-1995) along with Margaret’s husband Cletus Rademacher (1907-1993) and their three children Joan Guell, Susan Pendelton Greany, and John Rademacher (1933-1999) all lived together in their family home on Lilac Lane.

On a recent dark and stormy evening, I had the pleasure and privilege to sit in Joan Guell’s living room while she and her son, Craig, reminisced about their family, neighbors and the changes they have seen through the years.

After completing Kinman Business College, Mildred Myette worked for Safeway in the accounting department. She lived with the family in Liberty Lake until the late forties, then moved to Spokane where her mother Abbie joined her shortly thereafter. Mildred never married. After retirement, she traveled the world, played golf and visited her family. For the last 15 or so years of her life, her grandnephew Craig Guell would pick her up and drive her out to Liberty Lake for family get-togethers, Fourth of July celebrations and Christmases. Mildred lived to be three months short of 103.

Margaret Rademacher was an RN, first in private-duty nursing and later as a county health nurse. She, along with their Liberty Lake neighbor Dr. “Jack” Blair, helped bridge the “medical needs” gap for the rural lake community. No payment was expected nor received for their services. Craig fondly remembered that his grandmother could make any mishap better by the application of a butterfly bandage.

In this late 1930s photo, John and Joan Rademacher stand in front of the family dory with the Harper Joy family home in the background.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GUELL FAMILY COLLECTION

Margaret married Cletus Rademacher in 1929, just as the Great Depression was ushered in. Joan Guell recalled that around 1950, Charlie Young, who ran the telephone exchange behind Brownie’s Store on Melkapsi, and his good friend George Riopel helped her dad build their new house on Lilac Lane where Joan now lives. He worked at Kaiser then Northern Pacific/Burlington Northern Railway, retiring as an assistant yardmaster. After that Cletus volunteered full time for over 15 years at St. Mary’s Catholic Church doing everything from maintenance to mowing the 10-acre playing fields to running the printing press. In 1988 he was selected by the Spokane Council on Aging as the Male Senior Citizen of the Year. With that honor he was in the annual Armed Forces Torchlight (Lilac) Parade, his first at age 81.

The Depression and World War II brought hard times. Joan’s family planted a 100-by-120 foot Victory Garden. They had 250 chickens (in a coop south of today’s Liberty Lake Church) plus a cow and three pigs (in a borrowed barn on today’s Liberty Lake Golf Course). It was Joan’s childhood jobs to take care of the chickens and share a paper route with her sister Susan. They roller skated up and down the Wicomico Beach sidewalk which ended at the old Dance Pavillion, particularly enjoying the fun house mirrors lining the walls that led out to it. Joan earned spending money by picking cherries and apricots at Cox Farm on the east side of the lake. As often as possible, she bought 10 scoops of ice cream at Brownie’s. It seems Joan came by her love of ice cream naturally; she was born in the hospital in Hamilton, Mont., above a soda fountain!

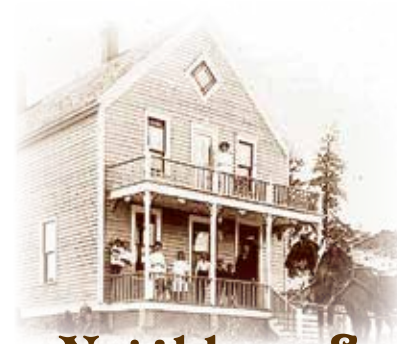
Sue followed her mother’s calling and went into nursing. After marriage, three children and a move out of the area, they returned to the lake then settled in the Valley. Sue now lives in Greenacres; her children (Cathy, Melissa and Stephen) and families in the Valley; and one granddaughter (Ashley Segadelli) on Liberty

Lake’s Legacy Ridge.

Joan’s brother John spent one year in the Navy’s Blue Angels as the lead solo #5 plane. Craig fondly recalled that when his uncle came home, he’d buzz the lake. “He came from the south, over the ridge line, swooped down over the lake, pulled up on the north end before continuing on to Fairchild.” In his obituary his family wrote, “Throughout his 21-year career with the Navy, Cmdr. Rademacher exemplified the qualities of a top-rate aviator. He ultimately earned 41 medals and awards, qualified in 55 different aircraft, flew more than 4,000 hours and brought his plane safely home to 500 carrier landings.” One son (Brett) lives at Liberty Lake.

Craig Guell lives across the street from his mom in the house where he grew up. The double-sized yard invited neighborhood friends to play childhood games like kickball, tag, Mother May I and Red Rover. Another popular game was ditch ‘em — hide and seek with tag rolled into one and played over the entire neighborhood rather than a backyard. Back when children were safely allowed to play outside unsupervised, Joan merely had to whistle. “Coming!” her two boys would respond and head home.

Craig and his brother Chris camped in today’s Quinimose area, enjoying the freedom living at Liberty Lake provided. Without today’s lights, they could clearly see the star-filled night sky. The Wicomico sidewalk his mother roller skated on led him to Sig’s Resort, the perfect stop for a cold soda or penny candy, even if on his way to Brownie’s for more candy. When in high school, Craig enjoyed Sandy Beach Resort for its hamburger stand and girls wearing swimsuits. “A high school boy’s dream,” he recalled. He remembered the little cabins at Ted Week’s Resort on the north side of the lake. He watched the hydroplane races from Crown Point with Jim Meyers. Growing up at the lake was a unique time in a special place. Although Craig’s brother Chris moved away years



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ago, he and his family often come back for holidays to visit with family.

As I listened to the joys and challenges this family has faced, there is evidence of their love, not just for each other, but for the Liberty Lake community. Friends and neighbors have played a role in creating five generations of happy memories — and counting — as the Rademacher descendants continue to gather at the family home on Lilac Lane.

The wind, rain, and thunder I drove through to get to the Guells’ had stopped. A rainbow appeared over the lake, fading only as night began to fall. A chorus of frogs sang to me all the way home. There is something so satisfying about an evening spent with people who love where they are, at peace with who they are and where they came from, that gladdens the heart.

Ellen Martin Bernardo is vice president of the Liberty Lake Historical Society. She has lived in the Inland Northwest 36 years, 26 of those in Liberty Lake.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Dr. “Jack” Blair housed a lending library in his home where one could actually check out his books.
- Neil LaBute was a boy in the neighborhood whom Craig Guell remembered “running like the wind” while playing ditch ‘em. He grew up to be an American film director, screenwriter and playwright.
- Della Neyland, from Sandy Beach Resort’s Neyland family, was Joan Guell’s Girl Scout leader.
- Joan attended fourth grade at the old Liberty Lake School on Sprague just east of Molter. The bricks from the old school are in Darlene Stokke’s longtime family home. Joan went to high school with Darlene who was one year ahead of her in school.

A beautiful day for bargains



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Getting an early start to the day, Jennifer and Brandon Florence set up items for sale while Garrett Packebush mans a doughnut stand prior to the official start of the Liberty Lake Community Yard Sales on June 13.



The near perfect weather conditions brought crowds of shoppers to the area, including Jason Tormozov who watched his son, Liam, as his wife searched for bargains.



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Brewing storm



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Jeremy Jenkins snapped this shot of thunderstorm activity over Liberty Lake in late May. Jenkins said it was a welcomed site, as water is needed in the lake and watershed.

Pint-sized grads



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Liberty Lake Children’s Academy held its graduation ceremony for the class of 2015 at Pavilion Park on June 10.

Horsin’ around at the HUB



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Fathers, sons and other father figures made memories hanging out and playing together during the Dads & Dudes night at the HUB Sports Center in May.



Special visit to The Splash



SPLASH PHOTO BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Mrs. Radmaker’s second grade class from Liberty Lake Elementary delivered doughnuts, cards of thanks and a plant to Splash staff on June 9.

Masters of math



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Three fourth grade students from Liberty Lake placed in the top 10 in the Spokane regional Math is Cool individual competition in April. Srikar Surapaneni (middle) took first place, Evan Andersen (right) placed second, and Callen Johnson (left) was sixth overall. In the state competition in May, Srikar won 10th place in the individual competition.

Blessing after blessing



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Jessica Kovac, founder of Blessings Under the Bridge, shared that John L. Scott sponsored three feeds earlier this summer. Also, Umpqua Bank in Liberty Lake has a barrel where residents can drop off donations to the non-profit that helps those in need.

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

Donations bolster nonprofits



SUBMITTED PHOTO

As part of Haggen’s commitment to support local nonprofits, the store donated \$1,000 to Spokane Valley Partners in June. Pictured are Eugene Henthorn, Liberty Lake Haggen assistant store director; Pat Dockrey representing Spokane Valley Partners; and Dan DiCicco, Liberty Lake Haggen store director.



SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

Tami Yager of Waste Management Inc. presented a donation for \$1,000 to Friends of Pavilion Park at the June 16 Liberty Lake City Council meeting. Joe Frank, president of FOPP, accepted the check.

Splash Travels



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Boren family took The Splash along on a trip to Disney World where they visited the Animal Kingdom.

Bonded by their service



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Combat Vet Riders, soldiers and civilians came for the dedication of the latest installment of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course along the path by Trailhead Golf Course. On Memorial Day it was dedicated in honor of Army Corporal Kelly Grothe, and several soldiers from Grothe’s unit came to pay their respects.



LOCAL LENS

Shutterbug Snapshots



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

In the Saltese Flats area, Michael Hassett recently spotted a lazuli bunting and some young red-tailed hawks.

Susie Middaugh, member of the Spokane Valley Camera Club, captured the shot at left of a pygmy nuthatch nesting in the hole of a tree. She also photographed the pair of bluebirds at right. The club will resume meeting in September at the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District building.



Running along



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Liberty Lake Running Club held a Strolling Story Time on May 21 with the group ending at Just Chillin’. That same night Jennifer Holmes earned a shirt for completing 50 runs with the group.



Keri Barham and Sherrie Ferguson said they’ve enjoyed checking out the new equipment while power walking.



Valley OBGYN opens Liberty Lake office

By Treva Lind

SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Valley OBGYN, a private physician-owned practice, recently expanded by opening an office in Liberty Lake.

Operating in about 3,000 square feet at 1334 N. Whitman Lane, the new office offers the practice's full scope of women's health services for obstetrics and gynecology care, including a new midwifery program.

The Liberty Lake office is the practice's first expansion since it started just over 30 years ago in 1984, said Amber Pedersen, Valley OBGYN administrator. The main office is located in Spokane Valley at 1415 N. Houk.

Pedersen said Valley OBGYN providers saw a need to offer in-demand services closer to residents in Liberty Lake and outlying areas.

"We saw the demand for that area, which was not being serviced by our specialties," Pedersen said. "We thought it would be a great service to provide Liberty Lake, and for Post Falls, Otis Orchards and other outlying Valley areas. We see patients even from the Hayden area."

As one example of its specialties, she said Valley OBGYN has a high rate of success helping clients have successful vaginal deliveries after C-sections.

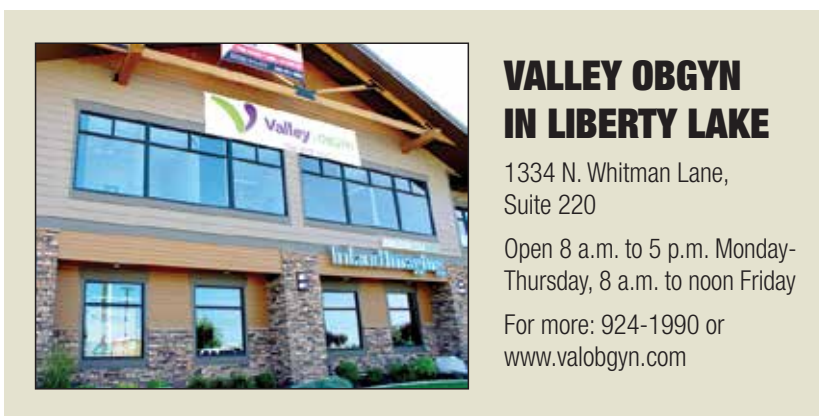
"We do have the highest success of VBACs in the Greater Spokane area," Pedersen said.

The newly leased space in Liberty Lake will have two full-time providers on site during its hours of operation, as the



SPLASH PHOTO
BY TREVA LIND

Above: members of the Valley OBGYN team pause for a photo at the new Liberty Lake location, including, from left, receptionist Vanessa Prescho, registered medical assistant DeAnn Dunne and certified medical assistant Tamara Armstrong.



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practice's nine providers rotate through the new office.

"It's a full scope practice, so we can do all our procedures

there," Pedersen said.

The practice employs 25 people overall. The staff includes five physicians, two midwives, a

nurse practitioner and a physician's assistant. A new physician will join the staff in September.

Among its services, the prac-

tice offers comprehensive obstetric care through pregnancy and delivery, education about pregnancy and a physician on call 24 hours a day. Its providers also see patients for high-risk pregnancies, infertility problems and for infertility treatment.

Additionally, Valley OBGYN's midwifery program that started in June includes midwives Lisa Freeland and Wendi Fairweather. It's a patient-centered program in which a midwife, who takes on an educational and advocacy role, works with people during a pregnancy from conception to the birth at a hospital.

For gynecology services, care includes annual exams, pap tests and minimally invasive surgeries such as abdominal hysterectomy, endometrial ablation, laparoscopic hysterectomy and robotics. The practice also sees patients for managing symptoms of menopause and offers procedures to help women who have endometriosis, urinary incontinence, pelvic pain and pelvic prolapse, among other services.

Melissa Morgan, a lactation specialist, also offers full lactation services in Liberty Lake to include classes, Pedersen said.

The Liberty Lake office is accepting new patients, she added.

"We have a large base of Liberty Lake patients, and we hope to grow that base," Pedersen said. "We're very excited to be part of the community of Liberty Lake. Most of our physicians live in Liberty Lake. We're looking forward to growing and evolving with the community."

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For tickets and more, visit www.rockinbranch.com or call 891-9016.

Haggen opens in LL

Haggen Northwest Fresh Liberty Lake opened June 10 in the former Safeway building, 1233 N. Liberty Lake Road. Store hours are 6 a.m. to midnight daily; pharmacy is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Bellingham-based grocery store announced last December an agreement to acquire 146 new stores, including the Liberty Lake Safeway. The store manager is Dan DiCicco, and the pharmacy manager is Scott May.

For more, visit www.haggen.com.

Organic store closes

Liberty Naturals, which also went by Liberty Lake Organic Market, closed its doors on June 12, according to its Facebook page. The store opened at 21980 E. Country Vista Drive in early February.

Chamber hires new position

Alissa Muñoz recently accepted the position of Business Development Manager at the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce. Her role is to provide support to the business community by growing membership, working with ambassadors and leveraging the NxLevel program.



MUÑOZ

Muñoz received a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Washington University in 2010. She comes to the Chamber with five years of experience working with a local financial institution where she developed and maintained relationships with business and school partners.

Gravity Jack appoints new CEO

Gravity Jack, a leader in the research and development of commercial and government custom software, announced in mid-June the appointment of a new chief executive officer.

Joshua Abel, the company's chief operations officer over the past year, was

named CEO effective immediately. According to a press release, Abel replaces the company's original founder, Luke Richey, who will remain with the company in the role of president.

For more, visit www.gravityjack.com.

Lawyer named to list

Scott A. Gingras, principal at Winston & Cashatt, was recently named a 2015 Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine in their list of top attorneys in Washington.



GINGRAS

Super Lawyers is a research-driven, peer-influenced rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Family Medicine relocates

Family Medicine Liberty Lake and Healthy Living are both moving to 1431 N. Liberty Lake Road, suite B, on July 20.

Dr. Susan Ashley said the move to the former Urgent Care site will allow patients to have better access to care. Their new hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

In addition, the business has hired Ashley Wilkinson, a physician assistant, who will be available for house calls and nursing home rounds.

For more information, contact Family Medicine at 928-6700 or Healthy Living at 924-6199.

Float spa to open in LL

Float Spokane has leased space at 1334 N. Whitman Lane in the Liberty Lake Commons area.

The spa uses Dreampod floatation devices filled with warm water and Epsom salts as a natural therapy for the mind and body. A grand opening is slated for August, but the business is currently booking appointments.

For more information, visit www.float-spokane.com.

Northwest Tailoring moves

Northwest Tailoring moved in April to a new location at 22910 E. Appleway, suite 3.

Owner Irina Khadzhi said store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more, call 924-2116.

Camping World expands

Camping World is in the process of adding 10 service bays to the area east of their current location of 19651 E. Cataldo Ave. The RV dealership plans to build a

7,200-square-foot service building with the additional bays.

Based in Bowling Green, Ky., Camping World sells RV equipment and merchandise as well as camping equipment.

For more, visit www.campingworld.com.

LL companies receive AGORA Awards

Two Liberty Lake businesses were named winners of the 2015 AGORA Awards on June 3 at the Spokane Convention Center.

Ptera, a full-service telecommunications provider, won in the medium business category for their work in serving the Inland Northwest. According to a press release, the company has more than 150 broadcast locations including free hotspots they've donated to cover several area public spaces including Pavillion Park, the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex and most of the Riverfront Park area.

F5 Networks won the community service award for supporting local charities by donating funds, time and know-how to area charitable organizations and STEM events.

The AGORA Awards have been a staple of Spokane's business community for the past 30 years in recognizing business excellence throughout the region.

For more, visit www.greaterspokane.org.

Pii forms alliance to combat human trafficking

Liberty Lake-based Professional Investigators International (Pii) and non-profit PiiSafe have joined forces with Operation: Underground Railroad (O.U.R.) and the Elizabeth Smart Foundation to advocate for children and others who have been abused or exploited.

Group representatives recently met in Liberty Lake to discuss collaboration and the benefits of combining talents. According to a press release, Pii brings over

200,000 hours of investigative experience to the table, as well as unique and effective Child Safety programs, as they partner with O.U.R. and the Elizabeth Smart Foundation to identify, locate and rescue kidnapped children from slavery.

The PiiSafe's mission is congruous with the missions of O.U.R. and the Elizabeth Smart Foundation: "PiiSafe exists to investigate and advocate for truth and transparency in matters relating to the abuse and exploitation against those who are vulnerable."

For more, visit www.teampii.com.

Guardian Angel reports clean survey

Guardian Angel Homes recently celebrated a positive outcome during an intensive survey of the business at 23102 E. Mission Ave.

Guardian Angel's Liberty Lake location administrator, Joan Estudillo, said a group of four representatives of the Washington State Department of Health and Human Services paid a surprise four-day visit to the location recently as part of regular licensing renewal requirements.

Estudillo said there were no findings, a feat she credited to her employees.

"It's really unheard of for people to have a deficiency-free survey," she said. "I'm just so proud of my staff. They're awesome."

Unicep shifts to Spokane

Unicep announced in June that the business re-located their shipping, receiving and administrative offices from Liberty Lake to a larger facility in Spokane.

The new facility is strategically located near the interstate and approximately five miles from the Spokane International Airport, a press release said, that will allow the company to expand their manufacturing and packaging capacity to support current and future business growth.

WATERSHED WATCH

who knew?

A single 1/2" wisp of milfoil can multiply into 250 million new plants in a year. — Washington State Department of Ecology

Milfoil can choke out fish, outboard motors and swimmers. Please check for milfoil when leaving every lake. Pick up fragments from your watercraft (or beach) and place in trash. Thanks!



www.libertylake.org

The district will be dive harvesting and applying herbicide to the lake in the coming weeks. See our website for details, or call 922-5443.

CV soccer surges to brink of title

By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The theme never varies for Central Valley soccer coach Andres Monrroy, even if the seasons do. The seasons are like a ladder, his players taking one step at a time — each step a completed goal — until reaching the final rung at the top.

The ladder for this spring's boys team was to improve on last season, when the Bears lost in the first round of the State 4A tournament.

"We start with small goals," Monrroy said. "In the short term, the first goal was to win the Greater Spokane League undefeated."

They did.

"Then we were able to win district, so we got goal number two," he continued. "Our third goal was to win regionals, and we got it done. Then our fourth goal was to make it to the final four. After that, our goal was to win the state championship."

The final step on the ladder, however, proved out of reach. After winning 19 straight games, the Bears fell agonizingly short, losing 3-1 for the state championship.

Monrroy's mantra was the same in conversation last fall after his girls team completed a second straight State 4A championship. Take one step at a time.

Two finalists — a state champion and second place during the same school season; not a bad year's work, eh, coach?

"Even though we didn't win it, we felt we gave it our all," Monrroy said. "We felt we were the best team on the field. Sometimes the score doesn't reflect that. That happens in soccer sometimes."

Going undefeated during the regular season was special in itself. In his eight years as CV's boys and girls coach, Monrroy couldn't remember it happening, "but don't take my word for it."

It is unlikely in the Greater Spokane League's history that a boys soccer team was undefeated up to the state finale.

The Bears were dominant in winning 19 straight matches. In seventeen of those, they allowed but one goal or fewer, including 10 shutouts. The run began with a 4-0 win over Wenatchee in the season opener and 1-0 victory over Wenatchee in the state semifinals.

There were some close calls in the play-offs, the Bears winning four of five by a goal, including over Pasco in overtime, before reaching the finale.

They led 1-0 until midway through the second half against Snohomish in that one, but gave up three goals during a 10-minute span to the repeat champions.

"Losing the last game is disappointing, obviously, especially for the seniors," Monrroy said. "As a coach I was very proud to



SPLASH PHOTO BY MIKE VLAHOVICH

JD Hauenstein boots the ball downfield as teammate Noah Whitman looks on. The pair were among major contributors to the Central Valley soccer team's second place finish at the 4A state tournament in May.

watch them play."

Three seniors, who played as freshmen when CV placed fourth in 2012 — forward Brian Choate, defenders Braden Corigliano and Gabe Grabowski — he said, provided both leadership and state experience. They were among six seniors on a roster of 21, including Evan Kern and goalkeeper Andrew Enzler.

"The seniors did an amazing job," Monrroy said. "I was very fortunate to have those three who led us."

Choate scored nine goals and had 11 assists based on reported match scores. Kern scored three goals and had eight assists. Since CV's offense begins at the back, the defenders kick-started things.

But youngsters also made major contributions. Three year starter, junior JD Hauenstein, was the Bears' leading scorer with 15 goals. And ...

"He scored (fewer) goals than early in the season. We lost one of our midfielders and had to move JD to the middle," Monrroy said. "He had to be a passer and was back playing defense and did an amazing job."

Juniors Nathan Grinalds scored eight goals and nine assists, and Chase Reidt had five and two. Sophomore Noah Whitman, who started the season as a substitute, Monrroy said, worked his way into the starting lineup and added nine goals (four during postseason) and five assists. Freshman RJ Stretch gained valuable time in midfield. Those are but a sampling of the 15 underclassmen that dampened their feet wet and bode well for the future.

"We feel we can compete and wouldn't be surprised if we repeated," Monrroy said.

As head coach of both boys and girls teams, his teams have combined to make

nine state appearances.

So what's the secret of his success, particularly when melding talented players from various club programs with different coaches and different philosophies?

"If I had a secret I wouldn't tell you because (other) coaches (would know)," he said with a laugh. Seriously, he added, "It's nothing different than a national team coach does. He has players from different clubs playing together and has to have them buy into the system."

Monrroy seems able to do that. The Bears' roster is filled with talented players willing to buy into his style.

"We're one program, we play for CV," he said.

Foremost, he says, it's a matter of building team chemistry — which happens during offseason — then getting players to adopt an offensive style perhaps foreign to them.

CV's disciplined offense is "possession with a purpose," Monrroy says, similar to the German national team. It starts with the defenders in the back and works its way to midfielders and forwards with ball movement and give-and-goes.

Monrroy eschews sending the ball long up field: "We always build to an attack. From a coaching perspective, (it's) a good style of play."

And successful, with CV having won back-to-back girls state championships and a boys team that was undefeated until the title game this spring.

"How many high schools can say that?" Monrroy asked. "I'm very proud of the work we accomplished this year."

And following a month's rest, he says he'll be ready to begin all over.

Scoreboard

COMMUNITY GOLF

5/5 Liberty Lake Women's Golf Club *Play of the day: Liberty Cup and putting*

Liberty Cup Winner: Joyce Skidmore
Flight A: Rose Jones, 30 putts
Flight B: Honey Conlon, 34 putts
Flight C: Billie Etter, 32 putts
Flight D: Idell Jenicek, 35 putts

5/11 SV Women's Evening Golf League *Longest Drive*

Flight C: Kathleen Burns
Flight D: Carole McCabe
No Handicap: Shelley Van

5/12 Liberty Lake Women's Golf Club *Play of the day: 3:10 to Yuma*

Flight A: Patsy Lynn
Flight B: Ann Eure
Flight C: Margie Tibbitts
Flight D: Idell Jenicek

5/13 Meadowwood Women's Club

Play of the day: Count holes beginning with Ts and Fs, minus 1/2 HCP
First place: Lynnette Heidenreich, net 36
Second place: Christy Peterson, net 39.5
Third place: Lee Sonderman, net 40.5

5/18 SV Women's Evening Golf League

Flight A: Gross, Diane Perry, 47; Net, Marie Neumayer, 38
Flight B: Gross, Bobbie Hunsinger, 59; Net, Barb Byington, 44
Flight C: Gross, Colleen Lynn, 61; Net, Kathleen Burns, 52
Flight D: Gross, Elaine Edwards, 69; Net, Jean Hauer, 44

5/20 Meadowwood Women's Club

Beat the pro "Nick Knight," net 75
Winners: Jackie Babin, Michelle Knowles, Honey Conlon
5/20 Trailhead Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club
Flight A: Gross, Bea Carroll, 50; Net, Kathie Krestyn, 34
Flight B: Gross, Bobbie Larsen, 51; Net, Deanna Hauser and Joanie Koch, 31 (tie)
Flight C: Gross, Eleanor Badinger, 58; Net, Sherry Lopez, 35

5/21 Liberty Lake 9-Hole Golf Club

First Flight: Gross, Robin McKee, 49; Net, MaryAnn Grannell, 36
Second Flight: Gross, Sadie Rueckert, 55; Net, Vicki James and MaryLou Nowels (tie), 36
Third Flight: Gross, Judy Booth, 63; Net, Emma Long, Net, 34
Chip In on #5: Luana Hager

6/1 SV Women's Evening Golf League

Flight A: Gross, Gail Bailey, 52; Net, Karen Stebbins, 37
Flight B: Gross, Barb Byington, 57
Flight C: Gross, Sandy Nowaski, 58; Colleen Lynn, 40
Flight D: Gross, Elaine Edwards, 59; Net, Nancy Moore, 39

6/3 Trailhead Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club

Flight A: Gross, Gloria Sawyer, 52; Net, Kay Sharp, 35
Flight B: Gross, Deanna Hauser and Joy Russell (tie), 55; Net, Iness Walth, 36
Flight C: Gross, Nancy Wendelberg, 58; Net, Sherry Lopez, 36

6/4 Liberty Lake 9-Hole Golf Club

First Flight: Gross, Linda Church, 51; Net, Kathy Camyn, 36
Second Flight: Gross, Deanna Hauser and Arla Beck, 56; Net, Vicki James, 39
Third Flight: Gross, Darlene Reilly, 65; Net, Emma Long and Wilma Capaul, 36

6/8 SV Women's Evening Golf League

Flight A: Gross, Marie Neumayer, 45; Net, Karen Stebbins, 37
Flight B: Gross, Barb Byington, 54; Net, Bobbie Hunsinger, 50
Flight C: Gross, Kathleen Burns, 58; Net, Colleen Lynn, 41
Closest to the Pin
Flight A: Marie Neumayer
Flight C: Colleen Lynn

6/10 Trailhead Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club

Flight A: Gross, Jeanne Hamacher, 46; Net, Kay Sharp and Gloria Sawyer (tie), 34
Flight B: Gross, Deanna Hauser, 52; Net, Eleanor

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CV grad vaults to success, stays grounded in principles

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Practice, resilience and a profound work ethic have lifted Kyle Brown to remarkable heights.

A 2009 graduate of Central Valley High School, Brown scaled his way to prominence this year with the Brigham Young University track squad. At the end of the outdoor season, the former Liberty Lake resident ranked 21st among NCAA Division I pole vaulters with a personal best of 17 feet, 7 inches.

"Kyle is a great asset to the team," BYU Track and Field Associate Head Coach Mark Robison said. "He's an extremely hard worker. He started here as a walk-on and has just been outstanding."

Although Brown did not quite reach his goal of advancing to the NCAA Championships, falling short at the regional meet at the University of Texas, he will return to BYU for a final season and another chance at a Division I medal. Brown found out just before the regional meet he had the beginnings of a stress fracture but declined to use it as an excuse. He said the disappointment of not moving onto nationals will serve as "a big motivator to come back better than ever."

"Heading into my last year of school, I plan to give it my all," Brown said. "I finally have a decent idea of how to juggle academics, athletics and everything else that's going on in my life. I know how to give 100 percent in every aspect of my life while maintaining balance, which is absolutely key."

In April, Kyle captured first place at the Sun Angel Classic in Tempe, Ariz., scaling just over 17 feet and collecting 10 points for the Cougars, who wound up third as a



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team. The indoor season found the senior third among competitors from schools like Stanford, Arizona and the University of Washington.

Achieving recognition as one of the country's top pole vaulters seemed unlikely when Kyle first took up the event at Central Valley in 2006. As a freshman, he failed to clear 10 feet and was told by one assistant coach to stick to running.

By his senior year, the Liberty Lake resident had soared over 15 feet, 6 inches, setting a new school record. Brown won the regional title and placed fourth at the state meet, despite recovering from major knee surgery.



Kyle Brown, a graduate of Central Valley High School, set a personal best of 17 feet, 7 inches as a pole vaulter with Brigham Young University this season.

"To me, it was about setting a goal and working toward it," Brown said of his ascension in high school. "You have to believe in yourself."

Brown channeled that focus during the regional meet his senior year after splitting a pole on an attempt at 15 feet. The mishap injured Kyle's wrist but after a quick wrap, he returned, clearing the height and seemingly earning the regional crown. Then an observer brought up a rule that prohibits any type of hand wrapping or taping.

Unfazed, Kyle addressed another vault at 15 feet. This time, he made the title official,

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Tennis standout



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Liberty Lake resident Michael Hamilton recently took first place in tennis regionals for boys singles and then placed fourth in state. A junior at St. George's School, Michael also plays for USTA Juniors and competes in tournaments throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Faces from Windermere



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Members of the Liberty Lake Running Club cool off after completing the full and half versions of the Windermere Marathon in June.

Sports Briefs

Red White & Brews Run registration underway

The inaugural Red White & Brews 5K Run will be held 6 p.m. July 24 at the corner of Molter Road and Country Vista Drive near Pavillion Park. Cost is \$15 (cotton T-shirt) or \$25 (dri-fit shirt) if registered before July 10. Late entry fee is \$20 (no shirt). There is also an option to purchase an optional Fast 'N Flirty skirt for \$30-40 depending on size.

Packet pickup is July 24 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

The race is being offered in conjunction with Barefoot in the Park. For more, call 954-9806 or email kathy-awhybrew@msn.com.

Mälinen races in Montreal

Liberty Lake resident Max Mälinen had his 2015 professional racing debut at the Canadian Grand Prix (Formula 1) in June. Mälinen passed five cars to finish 11th and underscored his outright pace as part of the F1600 support races during the Formula 1 weekend in Montreal.

The 17-year-old professional race car driver and SCCA Majors Formula F Champion raced internationally in Australia during the winter. He is a student at St. George's School.

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Flight C: Gross, Nancy Wendelburg, 57; Net, Elaine Lukes, Sherry Lopez, (tie) 4
Chip-ins: Shirley Roberts and Diane Rudnick

6/11 Liberty Lake 9-Hole Golf Club

First Flight: Gross, Sharon Woolf, 48; Net, Bette Devine, 38
Second Flight: Gross, Sadie Rueckert, 53; Net, Deanna Hauser, 40

Third Flight: Gross, Judy Booth, 64; Net, Wilma Capaul, 38

6/15 SV Women's Evening Golf League

Flight A: Gross, Diane Perry, 49; Net, Marie Neumayer, 42
Flight B: Gross, Evanlene Meltingtallow, 59; Net, Jen Stark, 39

Flight C: Gross, Kathleen Burns, 59; Net, Sandy Nowaski, 37

Flight D: Gross, Elaine Edwards, 65; Net, Jean Hauer and Sharon Spear, 37

Putts

Flight A: Diane Perry, 17
Flight B: Evanlene Meltingtallow, 18
Flight C: Sandy Nowaski, 25
Flight D: Nancy Moore, 21

6/17 Trailhead Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club

Flight A: Gross, Mary Ellen Wall, 45; Net, Kay Sharp and Kathie Krestyn (tie), 35
Flight B: Gross, Bobbie Larsen, 52; Net, Deanna Hauser, 33
Flight C: Gross, Nancy Wendelburg, 60; Net, Bunney Devenere, 34
Chip-ins: Mary Ellen Wall, Iness Walth

6/18 Liberty Lake 9-Hole Golf Club

First Flight: Gross, Robin McKee; Net, Sharon Woolf, 37
Second Flight: Gross, Ann Archibald, 54; Net, Mary Lou Nowels, 35
Third Flight: Gross, Luana Hager, 62; Net, Emma Long, 38
Chip-in on #7: Mary Lou Nowels

SPORTS

Slugging and swishing into summer

I am learning quickly the downfall of being a columnist. People expect you to do what is in your column. I can't just write out a bunch of ideas of what you should do during the summer to fill your sports fix (as I did in the June Splash) without having someone (namely my buddy Jay) ask me when I was going to actually DO the things I wrote about.

As a quick refresher, I suggested the ideas of hitting a home run, playing some P-I-G, running the Loop, working out on the Fallen Heroes circuit, wiping out on the lake, playing some barefoot soccer, hiking at the county park and playing lots of golf.

Wow, now I have to figure out what I am going to do and when. June is always a tough month for me as I am pretty busy with summer ball with my Freeman girls basketball team, so I settled on two events I could do quickly and — most importantly — two things I love the most. (Yes, running is not going to be part of this first column.)

Since Jay was holding me accountable for this summer adventure, I called him up and told him he had just won the honor of throwing batting practice to me at the Liberty Lake Ballfields.

Before I dive into my feats of strength (tongue firmly planted in cheek while typing) on the baseball field, let me take you back to how many home runs I hit in my youth and college career.



By Chad Kimberley
SPLASH COLUMN

Start with zero. Add a one. Take away a one because I only hit that home run in my dreams. Grand total: zero. Yep, zero career home runs. I like to view myself as a strong middle infielder, but the Mendoza Line would have been an improvement on my career line. I am pretty sure my coach always gave me the take sign in hopes I would either get hit or take four balls.

Second pitch of the session — BOOM — a towering drive to left. I imagine Harry Caray bellowing, "It might be, it could be, holy cow a home run." Good feelings all around.

Now it was time to settle into a fun game of home run derby. Jay and I played three innings, with each inning being the amount of balls in the bucket. We pitched to each other. Our kids and wives played the outfield. It was a blast.

My daughter, Bri, went up against the fence trying to rob Jay of a home run so that her dad could win. My son, Jonathan, was in the outfield and wasn't confident about catching some of the line drives



SPLASH PHOTO BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Chad Kimberley prepares to hit a long one off a pitch by Jay Rivera during a game of home run derby at the Liberty Lake Ballfields.

and high flies heading out toward him. I told him I would get him some baseball sticker packs if he could make a catch.

I ripped one right to him, he bravely stuck his glove out to grab it and it literally took the glove right off of his hand. I had that parental moment of panic hoping he wasn't too scared or hurt. His first words: "It counts; I get the sticker packs."

Final score, 13-7, the first summer

sports challenge is a success.

Next up was a few games of P-I-G. The key to this challenge was to hit all five parks in the Liberty Lake area that have basketball hoops. Bri and I hit Little Bear Park first, which also, unfortunately, has a little short hoop. It was tough for both of us to shoot on the 8-footer, and we had it at P-I to P-I for way too long. Our style

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Epilogue to CV's spring sports season



By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

As we enter the dog days of summer, there's time to look back on the halcyon spring accomplishments of Central Valley athletes.

Among them is junior **Kyra Harames**, who showed why she was the area's premier girls tennis player.

After becoming the first Bear Inland Empire singles champion, breezing through the Greater Spokane League and winning district and regional, Harames made her mark on the big stage.

Although she wound up placing sixth in the State 4A tournament, Harames was, in essence, one of the state's four best.

She won twice to reach the semifinals. Scores were 6-3, 6-1 and a comeback 6-7, 6-4, 6-2. Her loss came against eventual champion Sammi Hampton from Skyview.

Harames then lost a taut 3-6, 4-6 match for third place.

Track athletes shine

Anna Fomin and **Briegan Bester** turned in yeo-women's efforts at the State 4A track and field meet, helping CV to sixth place while scoring 36 points.

Fomin placed third and fourth in two events and ran legs on two placing relay teams. She ran a swift 56.19 during her 400 final, 1.3 seconds behind the champion. It was the fifth fastest time in all classifications combined. In the 200, she clocked 25.39.

Bester had a pair of fifth places in the distances and also was a member of two relay placers. She timed 2:14.46 in the 800 and 4:59.99 in the 1,600 races.

Sydney Johnson also was a double placer. She took third in the high jump at 5-foot-4 and eighth in the pole vault at 10-6.

The 400 relay of **Madison Hovren**, **Katie Hawkins**, **Kelsey Turnbow** and **Hanna**

Reiman was seventh in 49.21; the 800 relay of **Brielle Crump**, Hawkins, Turnbow and Fomin placed sixth in 1:42.82, two seconds behind the winner; and the 1,600 relay with Fomin, Hovren, **Lacie Hull** and Bester finished fifth in 3:58.31.

The Bears girls finished the season with a flourish after roaring to the Greater Spokane League title. They repeated as regional champion, scoring 118 points, and missed a top-four trophy at state by six points.

CV boys finished third in regionals and had a pair of state placers.

Distance star and school 1,600 record holder **Briton Demars** ended his career with a third place in the event in 4:15.01, fourth fastest in all classifications. He backed that with seventh-place points in the 3,200 in 9:18.36. Teammate **Ben Craig** placed fourth in the 110 hurdles in 14.72. It was the sixth fastest time in all classifications, .01 second faster than 2A champion Max Baxter from West Valley.



SPLASH PHOTO BY MIKE VLAHOVICH

Liberty Lake's Kyra Harames won district and regional titles en route to a sixth place finish at state.

Golfers to state

Jake Dringle and **Cole Howard** finished their seasons at the State 4A golf tournament. Each shot 76 on the first day, missing the cut by a stroke.

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of play is to either “prove it or second chance” on the final winning shot. So, if I make a shot and Bri misses, instead of immediately winning, she either gets a second chance or I have to prove it by making it again.

I am not clutch, as I miss five prove-its before closing out the win.

We head to Pavillion, where we play another close PIG-PI battle. I have discovered the keys in our battles; Bri makes

free throws, and I shoot a lot of 3-pointers, which is the mean dad way of beating your child who is not quite as strong yet.

We head over to LLES, where I get hot quickly and put her away PIG-nothing. Playing nearby, my two younger kids complain — “But we just got here!” — when I announce it is time to go.

“It’s better to be blown out then to be close, because you just get your hope crushed at the end,” Bri comments.

I kinda feel guilty. Just kinda.

Over to Rocky Hill, and Bri has adopted a new strategy: trick shots. She shoots

from behind the basket repeatedly until she makes two, and I miss them both. I fear my first loss to her and the gloating I will hear. In honor of all the 40-year-old dads who are not quite ready to pass the baton to their children, I bury some deep jumpers and close it out PIG-PI.

We wrap up our five park P-I-G challenge at Pump House Park, where she gets another letter on me with her trick shot mojo, while I bury a couple of jumpers for a PI-P lead. I decide to finish her off in the only way possible: trick shot. I settle out about 12 feet away from the basket on the baseline behind the hoop.

I remember Larry Bird knocking in this shot regularly. I make my shot. Bri attempts it and misses. Of course it is a “prove it” type of shot.

Nothing but net.

We spend a few more minutes shooting hoops and being silly and laughing on the playground equipment. This is what the summer is about for me. Hanging out with my family and friends and playing sports. Two events down, but plenty of summer left.

Splash columnist Chad Kimberley and his family live in Liberty Lake.

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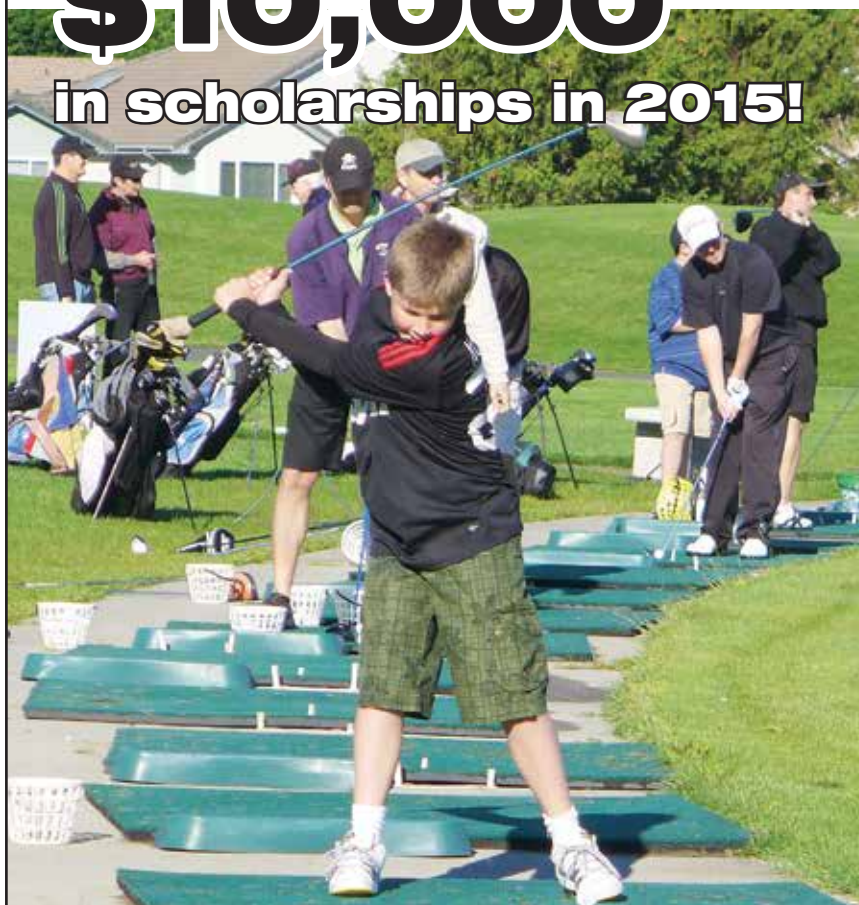


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Living generously leads to contentment

By Cyndi Langhans
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



Living a life with a generous heart is something we are always encouraging families, children and others to do. The news, social media and print advertising are also encouraging us to give generously. So what does living generously even entail? It can be giving of one's time, talents or resources. It's our willingness to live open-handedly.

You know when you've encountered a generous person as they will do something as simple as offer you a seat or give you their place in line at the checkout. It can also be that person who gives away their belongings to make someone else's life better. We encourage people to think outside the box when it comes to being generous. Find new and creative ways to help out. Most of the time it's an attitude of giving, more than a financial commitment.

The Partners Advancing Character Education program is a great addition to our schools. Like PACE, we teach monthly virtues or character traits at our church on Sundays. Helping children know how they can make our world better by having great character and values is top on our list.

Here at Mirabeau Chapel we are always trying to encourage not only our

adults but our kids and youth to live generously. We sponsor over 100 kids with the Bite2go program at Trent Elementary. The Bites2go program is where we pack a backpack full of food for the student to take home on Friday to have a secure food source over the weekend when nutritious food can be an uncertainty for many low-income kids.

We also participate in the 2ndHarvest Mobile Food Bank at Trent Elementary that serves families twice a month. Local organizations donate food to 2ndHarvest, and then we distribute it to families at the school who come on an evening to pick it up. It's a great way for a family to serve together and model generosity without costing the family anything.

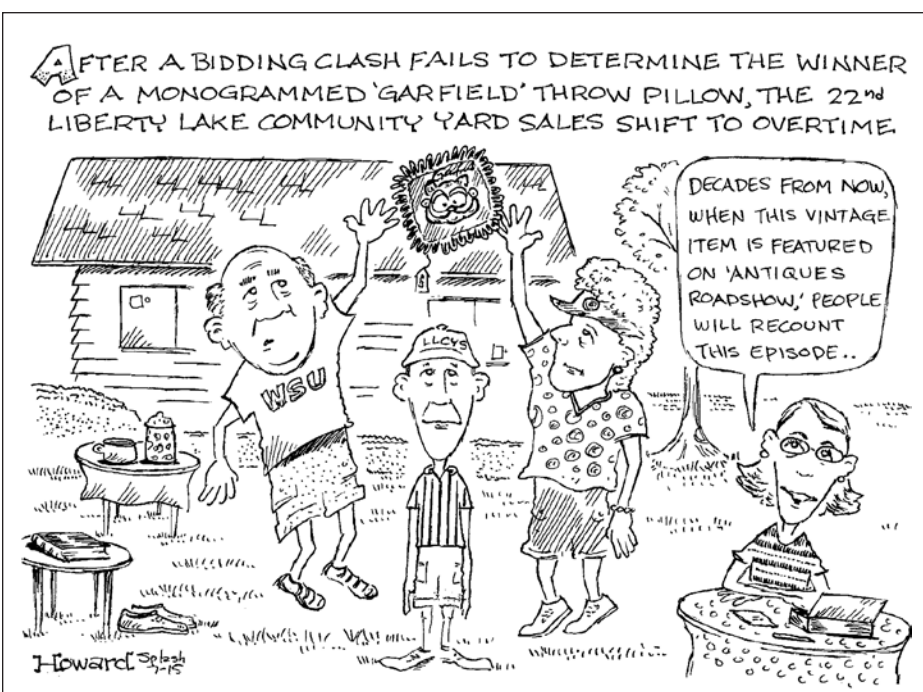
We as a church are very active in Blessings Under the Bridge, a group that serves the homeless in Spokane. They have weekly dinners and clothing distribution on Wednesday nights under a bridge downtown. They also have large holiday events that serving 3,000 people. It's a great way to experience people being generous with their time.

As a local church we saw a need in our schools for not only food but other items so we started a program called "Blessing Boxes" here at Mirabeau Chapel. Every December we ask our families to fill a shoebox with some necessities, like socks, gloves and a hat. We also have them add a toy and some treats. They then wrap the boxes in Christmas paper and we deliver them to different schools. Last year our families filled 185 boxes and blessed Trentwood Elementary — living generously by giving gifts to others.

One thing that helps with living open-handedly is to not get wrapped up in our "stuff." More stuff doesn't make you happier. Showing generosity becomes much easier when we aren't so focused on ourselves and what we can get, but focused outwardly. We want kids to understand that when we choose to give generously to others, we become truly rich with everything that really matters in life.

Cyndi Langhans is the Children's Pastor and Adventure Kids Preschool Administrator at Mirabeau Chapel. Cyndi and husband Craig have lived in Spokane Valley for 30 years. She is very supportive of local schools and its teachers. She volunteered her time to be the PACE guest columnist of the month for July.

Editorial Cartoon



An ode to LL community

By Burke Horner
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I finally have given up my smart phone for the simplest dumb phone I could purchase. No Internet connection, very little texting, and only a few calls. I used to be a gadget-holic with the most information available, until I finally realized I didn't need it at all. This is the new name tag of the Downwordly Mobile retiree.

Having come from 35 years in the Los Angeles suburbs known as Orange County, my new philosophy has become, and I quote Bill Murray, "It just doesn't matter." This is what living in a small town like Liberty Lake has done for me. I always worked in L.A. with the idea that the fancier car and home, the finer restaurants and clothing, and the better watch were quite important to the upwardly mobile lifestyle. Little did I know that Washington would become my home. But I am here now, and I love it!

There is something very different about the neighbors and the majority of people I meet here. They never check my watch or car anymore to see what I am worth. The laid-back mentality of the typical

Spokaneian is such a welcome compared to my previous life in the City of Angels. Perhaps because I am retired, they could now care less what I did for a living or where I live.

I get such a kick out of people complaining about the traffic here, when it used to take me an hour and a half to go 35 miles every day. I would take the time, in between constant phone calls, to view some of the most expensive sports cars and SUVs on the road, but we all were moping along at the same monotonous speed.

I am sure that any fast car driver was going crazy without the open road.

There are still fine restaurants here, great entertainment and lovely homes to satisfy one's need for excitement in this community. I have a fine place close to the Centennial Trail for walks and bike rides, many friendly neighbors who know me by name (as I know theirs), and, now, a lovely wife who grew up here as well. Years ago I had moved up here for my previous wife to be close to my children and grandchildren when she was battling lung cancer, a battle she did not win.

So it is goodbye to nouveau riche, hello to laid back, without falling, that I take a bow to all you people of Normalville. Keep up the good work.

Burke Horner is a Liberty Lake resident.

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SAFETY Q&A

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would likely be minimal (if any) to cover the cost of the registration stickers and maintaining the registration database.

Our goal is for voluntary compliance through education first and then enforcement. We have worked hard on the education piece and still seem to have numerous violations, so we will be working on the registration and stricter enforcement starting this year and into next.

Q. With summer in full swing, what might drivers need to be reminded of in terms of bikes out on the roads, kids playing in neighborhoods, etc.?

A. Be a defensive driver. Now that school is out and the weather is nice, be aware of your surroundings and adjust your driving habits accordingly. Watch for the unexpected, such as children darting out into the roadway in the residential and park areas. Stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk, and don't be a distracted driver by texting or talking on your cell phone and driving.

Q. Even though Liberty Lake is a safe community, one of the few consistent items that pop up on police reports seem to vehicle prowls or garage burglaries that were in many cases preventable. Any tips?

A. We are a very safe community and are proud of that fact. To keep it a safe community, we ask for all residents and businesses to help us in preventing crime from happening in the first place. You can do this by making sure you remove valuables from your vehicles and lock them. Keep your garage doors closed, even if home during the day.

We respond to our fair share of property crimes in the community. The majority of the time, we find they were crimes of opportunity, where cars are left unlocked and valuable items are left inside of the car such as wallets, purses, GPS units, laptops, tablets, etc. Or garages are entered through an open garage door, and valuable tools and bikes are taken. Take care of your property, and if you see a neighbor that may have left their garage open, give them a call or contact them to let them know.

Q. Do you have any advice for those wishing to protect their property from vandalism, littering, those who don't clean up after their pets, etc.?

A. Make sure you get to know your neighbors and set up a neighborhood watch. Basic lighting and good landscaping can help prevent you from becoming the victim of vandalism to your property. Security cameras are fairly inexpensive and easy to install. If you witness someone littering or not cleaning up after their pets, contact them and let them know that we are proud of the cleanliness of our community and would appreciate if they did their part in keeping our community clean.

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SPORTS

VAULTS

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scaling the equivalent of one-and-a-half basketball standards without a wrap.

“For Kyle to come back and clear that height after what happened was unbelievable,” said Chuck Bowden, CVHS head track coach. “It was probably the greatest track and field moment I’ve seen since I’ve been coaching.”

Since calling Utah home, Kyle said he has made significant strides in his signature event.

“At BYU I have learned to work smarter, not just harder,” he said. “This has helped me to stay healthy and to make big improvements in the technical aspects of the vault. My takeoff in particular has improved vastly. Most importantly, I’ve improved mentally. High performance in any pursuit, whether it be sports, music or anything else, requires focus, discipline and a positive attitude. In that regard, I’ve come a long way since high school.”

While track and field is a priority for Kyle, he made the decision to walk away from competitive sports for two years to serve a mission with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lyon, France.

“As I approached my 19th birthday, especially in the last few years of high school

and my first year of college, I decided for myself that I wanted to serve a mission,” Brown said. “The biggest factor influencing that decision was the way the gospel of Jesus Christ had blessed my family and myself.”

Brown’s accomplishments in the classroom are as impressive as they are on the track. He was one of 50 LDS high school students awarded the Thomas S. Monson Scholarship upon graduation from CVHS and has maintained a 4.0 grade point average at BYU as a mechanical engineering major.

“Kyle is an outstanding student and very representative of the church and is what you’d hope from someone who is a returned missionary, doing the things they ought to,” Robison said. “He is a great example of what we like on our team, someone who is a complete person who has school and the church as very important parts of his life.”

This season, Brown had an opportunity to compete alongside world-class vaulters like Steve Lewis, the British record holder, and Brad Walker, the U.S. Olympian who graduated from University High School. Brown has set a goal of clearing 19 feet and competing on Team USA in the 2016 Olympics in Brazil. For now, however, he is committed to the blue and white of BYU.

“We are like a family,” he said. “My teammates are some of my best friends, and I wouldn’t trade anything for the opportunity to compete for BYU right now. We are surrounded by a great coaching staff and have all of the training resources we need to help us succeed. I count myself enormously blessed to be a part of BYU track and field. It’s an honor every time I put on my BYU jersey.”

Looking ahead to his final season at BYU, Brown said realizing his potential will require a steady, determined climb.

“As I begin applying to graduate schools and preparing for the next phase of my life and education, I’ll also be preparing to vault higher than ever in my senior season,” he said. “This is my last year to represent BYU. I’m grateful for my family, friends, teammates, coaches and everyone who have helped me get this far.”

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'You can't believe it's your kid'

Johnsons recall memories from son's magical NHL playoff run

By Dave Trimmer
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The message arrived just after the national anthem and the puck dropped for the first game of the 2015 Stanley Cup Finals.

"Just another game, duh!"

Ken Johnson wasn't serious, you don't watch your son play on hockey's biggest stage and call it just another game.

But with the way things were going at the time, maybe it was.

The Tampa Bay Lightning were playing for the grand prize in part because Tyler Johnson had become a household name in the hockey world.

A quick recap to understand why the Central Valley graduate was the hottest name in the game:

- He had a goal and an assist just 1-minute, 17-seconds apart late in the third period to send a critical game into overtime and then scored the game winner 2:25 into overtime, allowing the Lightning to even their best-of-seven series with Detroit 2-2. They went on to win the opening series four games to three.

- He scored with less than 2 seconds remaining to give Tampa Bay a 2-1 win over Montreal for a 3-0 lead in the second-round series with Montreal. The Lightning won 4-2.

- He had a hat trick in Madison Square Garden to help the Lightning tie the series with the New York Rangers, a series they would go on to win in seven games over the team that had the best record in NHL during the regular season. After his performance, he told the press, "I think every morning I'm just happy to be here, and I'm living my dream. So that's what's driving me is to try to be the best I can and play for my family. They sacrificed so much for me to be here, and I'm living my dream, so I want to keep living it as long as possible."

By the time the Finals against Chicago started, the undersized, undrafted kid from Liberty Lake and the Spokane Chiefs had notched 12 goals and 9 assists to lead all playoff scorers.

"You know, it was pretty much surreal," father Ken Johnson said. "The atmosphere was unbelievable, first of all. Home game. Game one. You can't believe it's actually happening. That's almost like it's been since Tyler left the Chiefs, even during the Chiefs, you can't believe it's your kid out there and he's beating the odds."

The magic didn't continue. Johnson had one goal and Tampa Bay lost to the



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Liberty Lake's Debbie and Ken Johnson attend a game of the Stanley Cup Finals at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Fla. The Johnsons' son, Tyler, is a standout on the team and finished as the leading goal scorer of this year's NHL playoffs.

Blackhawks in six games.

However, it wasn't until after the last game it was revealed Johnson had broken his right wrist in the opening game of the Finals.

Of course, Ken and Debbie Johnson knew immediately their son was hurt after he collided with Chicago's Brent Seabrook during a first period penalty kill.

"It was nerve-wracking, but once they play a shift and get going it was fine," Debbie Johnson said. "It was hard for me knowing Tyler was hurt and didn't want him to get hurt any more. But it was very exciting. The arena was electric."

Added Ken: "We knew something was wrong with him, we know him better than anyone, but it was still the Stanley Cup Finals. We're fans of Tampa Bay, too, we're not just fans of Tyler. We didn't shut it down or anything."

Tyler Johnson quit taking faceoffs. As the series continued, his production dropped off. With the first five games decided by one goal, people noticed. A goal in the second game and an assist in the third were his only statistical contributions.

"When people asked, 'Is Tyler OK?' I'd say he's a little banged up, it's late in the series," Debbie Johnson said. "We didn't tell anybody but immediate family."

They shut out the outside distractions and hoped for the best.

"It was a disappointment to see that," Ken Johnson said. "He had a pretty good second game, considering circumstances. As the

series went on, the games got tougher and the wrist got worse.

"We've been around hockey long enough to know players play hurt, and that the average fan isn't going to know and the media didn't pick up on it."

The Johnsons traveled to Tampa Bay for the Stanley Cup games but watched the rest of the playoffs at home in Liberty Lake, where they could concentrate on the games.

Despite what other people were saying about their son, they took his success in stride, as usual. Johnson was a finalist for NHL Rookie of the Year in 2013-2014, and this season ended two games short of an NHL title.

"It was very exciting," Debbie Johnson said. "Yes, it's unreal. You never expect that, especially his second year. Unbelievable."

"It was a blast," Ken Johnson added. "You couldn't wait for the game to come on."

Each parent had their own favorite moment.

"I would have to say the game when there was no time on the clock," Debbie Johnson said. "That was an important win, a big win for us, so I would say that one, even more than the hat trick."

Ken Johnson had a lot to choose from as well.

"Probably the overtime winner against Detroit," he said "They needed that badly, obviously. ... Of course, the hat trick game was the close second."

"I don't even know if I remember them all."

As has been the case throughout his career, Tyler Johnson deflected the praise to his teammates and his parents. It's a trait he comes by naturally.

"Tyler's on a good line," Debbie Johnson said. "He plays with two guys that are going to get even better. ... Without those guys, he wouldn't have done what he did."

Ken Johnson shared similar praise for the team as a whole.

"There were other heroes, too," he said. "We've been around hockey long enough to know it's not a one-man game, but somebody has to be the hero, somebody has to step up and do it. That's probably why I liked that (Detroit) game, because Tyler stepped up."

And like their son, when the credit went to them, they deflected it.

"We didn't sacrifice anything," Ken Johnson said. "We did it as a family. You had kids in sports; it wasn't a sacrifice to take them to the fields. That's what parents should do."

"When he said that, it hit home, but he doesn't owe us anything. It was a family thing. It happened to be a sport he loved, and he excelled."

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