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An eye on education

School board newcomer discusses district thoughts, upcoming levy

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Liberty Lake resident Amy Mason was appointed to the Central Valley School District Board of Trustees last June after long-time board member Anne Long resigned from the position.

She ran unopposed for the seat in the November election, and she said she's finally settling into her position. She also just took on the role of campaign chair for the district's Feb. 14 levy election.

The Splash recently sat down with Mason to learn a little more about what got her interested in the school board and where she sees things headed.

Q. What made you first want to apply for the position you now hold?

A. I've been on all sides. I've been a teacher — that's what I'm trained in — and when I started staying home with my kids, I was a parent volunteer. It was just interesting to me. Through that, I got involved with the Parent Advisory Committee, which meets monthly at the district offices to get information on the district and how parent volunteers can help. That got me a little more interested in things at the district level. It's a whole new world from that perspective. That's a little bit about what got me interested in trying to help move change along a little bit.

Q: What are some of the things you've learned so far?

A: Just how everything at that level really needs to be on a district-wide scale. We need to be unified as a district, and we need to all be on the same page. I think that is kind of the hardest part. Making sure everyone stays focused on our biggest goal, which is to educate kids and get them the best educational experience we can is a priority.

Q: Has there been any kind of learning curve as far as procedural things go?

A: No, the procedure of the school board meetings was not any kind of an issue at all. I kind of knew what to expect, and I'd been to meetings before.

Q: How about getting your name on the ballot for the November election? Were there any surprises in the process there?

A: That was new. Fortunately, I ran unopposed so it wasn't that big of a deal. But all the procedures you have to go through to get on the ballot was a little daunting. You feel like you have to give over your firstborn



SPLASH PHOTO BY KELLY MOORE

Liberty Lake resident Amy Mason was appointed to Central Valley School Board last June. She retained her seat running unopposed in the November election

profiles:

AMY MASON

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40

Family
Husband, Casey; sons, Christian, 14, and Micah, 12

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Read 25 books in 2012

son, it was so much information. I guess I understand, though, that it's an elected position and that information is all important.

Q: Now that you've gotten settled into your position, I heard you've taken on some campaign work for the upcoming school programs and operations levy.

A: That's right. I'm the co-chair of the levy campaign with Angel Falcone. It's a replacement levy, and levy dollars are very important to our district. It's 25 percent of our entire budget of the year. You can trace levy dollars to every single solitary program in our district. These dollars fully fund a lot of things but also partially fund just about everything. It's very important we pass this levy.

Q: As far as campaigning goes, do you have anything planned?

A: We're having a kickoff at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Luxury Box. That is just kind of an informational meeting for anyone who wants to be involved. It'll give everyone in the entire district a time to come together and say, "Here's what we have. Here's why we need it, and here's what we can do to be

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NEWS/COMMUNITY

CVSD levy campaign kicks off Jan. 12

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Nearly two dozen Central Valley School District parents, board members, employee union leaders and citizens are organizing the "Vote Yes" campaign for the district's Feb. 14 ballot measure, a school programs and operations replacement levy. The proposed three-year levy would replace an existing measure set to expire at the end of 2012.

The Central Valley Citizens for Education "Vote Yes" campaign is led by parent co-chairs Angela Falcone and Amy Mason. Mason also serves on the Central Valley School District Board of Directors.

"Good public schools are essential to maintain a vibrant community," Mason said. "Levy dollars maintain quality educational programs that are vital to a well-rounded education for our kids. Our high levels of

student achievement in Central Valley are directly tied to levy-funded school programs, making the levy a solid investment for local taxpayers."

Campaign organizers are working to collect financial contributions for the "Vote Yes" campaign, which must be fully funded through private donations. In addition, organizers are developing a strategic campaign to ensure voters understand the critical nature of the levy.

The campaign will officially launch at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 with the Vote Yes Kick-Off Rally at The Luxury Box, 10512 E. Sprague in Spokane Valley. The event is free and open to all Central Valley residents interested in supporting district schools.

For more information, visit www.voteyescvschools.com.

Community Briefs

Kiwanis holding business meeting

Wednesday's 6:45 a.m. meeting of the Liberty Lake Kiwanis Club will be a short business meeting. The club meets weekly at City Hall, and the public is invited to attend.

Toastmasters clubs offering free leadership training

Toastmaster clubs in Spokane and North Idaho are planning to offer free workshops on leadership the week of Jan. 23. Workshops will focus on honing the leadership skills of mentoring, coaching, team building, motivating, delegating, resolving conflict, goal setting and giving effective feedback.

A complete list of workshops is available online at d9.toastmastersdistricts.org.

In Biz

Papa Murphy's plans move

The Liberty Lake Papa Murphy's Pizza, 1334 N. Liberty Lake Road, is preparing to relocate three doors down to 1316 N. Liberty Lake Road, said DJ Cavanaugh, who owns the local franchise.

He said the new space, most recently occupied by Cycle Sports, would be about twice as big as the current location.

"We've been having trouble getting people through the doors for about a year and a half now," Cavanaugh said. "This should address that and give us all a little breathing room."

Construction at the new location began this week, and the move should take place by mid-February.

Cavanaugh said the move would not affect current operating hours, Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday

Residents invited to Rotary

Today's (Jan. 5) meeting of the Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club will feature a presentation on emergency services available through MedStar, from INHS MedStar Community Relations Coordinator Mary Gillmore.

The Jan. 12 meeting will feature Prime Fit Owner Arthur Shaw speaking on "A new you for the New Year."

The meetings, held at noon each Thursday at the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District building, 22510 E. Mission Ave., are open to the public.

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and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Twisp under new ownership

Twisp Café and Coffeehouse, 23505 E. Appleway Ave., transferred ownership this week to Tami Fraser and Ted ZanAgtmael.

Fraser said the basic menu will initially stay the same, with future additions including made-from-scratch comfort foods, soups and desserts.

Operating hours will be Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Live music will be held Friday and Saturday nights.

Fraser, a labor and delivery nurse for 28 years, said the husband-and-wife team from Otis Orchards made the purchase as a way to secure finances in retirement years. ZanAgtmael is retired from the Air Force.

Calendar

JANUARY 5

Noon: Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary meeting, Liberty Lake Sewer and Water Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

JANUARY 9

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Liberty Lake Senior Lunch Program, Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive
6:30 p.m.: Central Valley School Board meeting, 19307 E. Cataldo, Spokane Valley

JANUARY 10

6:30 p.m.: LL Municipal Library board meeting, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

JANUARY 11

6:45 a.m.: Liberty Lake Kiwanis meeting, Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive
11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Liberty Lake Senior Lunch Program, Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive
5:45 p.m.: Liberty Lake Toastmasters, Liberty Lake Sewer and Water Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

4 p.m.: Liberty Lake Planning Commission, Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

Noon to 1 p.m.: Liberty Lake Lions Club meeting, Barlows Family Restaurant, 1400 N. Meadowwood Lane

JANUARY 12

Noon: LL Centennial Rotary meeting, Liberty Lake Sewer and Water Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

News Briefs

GMS students briefly evacuated

According to district officials, Greenacres Middle School students and staff returned from winter break this Tuesday morning, only to be evacuated just after 8:30 a.m.

After a teacher reported a natural gas odor, school buses were brought in to transport students and staff to Central Valley High School as a precautionary measure. Avista crews assessed the situation, made slight repairs to an outside gas regulator and determined the building to be safe.

Students and staff were transported back to resume the school day. School was back in session shortly after 11 a.m.

Two residents graduate

Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore., recently announced the graduation of a pair of Liberty Lake residents.

Salena Leavitt and Alyssa Garro received bachelor of science degrees, Leavitt in business administration and Garro in physical activity and health.



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NEWS

LLPD investigates discovery of human remains

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Liberty Lake Police reported a developing investigation regarding human skeletal remains discovered Saturday at 11:45 a.m. near the 20000 block of Henry Road.

A caller reported finding the remains on the hillside above the roadway while

walking dogs in the area. Detective Ray Bourgeois arrived on scene and located a clothed human skeleton that was partially concealed by rocks and brush.

According to LLPD Chief Brian Asmus, an autopsy performed Tuesday determined the deceased person was a male who died from a single gunshot wound to the chest. A

bullet was recovered, and the caliber matches that of a semi-automatic pistol found near the skeleton.

Asmus said information on the approximate time of death was not provided, but the remains had been there "a long time."

Asmus reported the autopsy failed to provide a positive ID for the person, and the

medical examiner sent for a forensic dental examination. LLPD is currently checking missing person reports from the area to help determine the identity of the remains.

No timeline for the dental examination was provided. If an ID is made, Asmus said the next of kin must be notified before a name is released.

Peterson sets goals at inaugural meeting

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Newly elected Mayor Steve Peterson wasted no time announcing basic goals for the city's future Tuesday evening. During mayor's comments early in the agenda of the recent City Council meeting, he took to the podium to address the Council and public audience – citing plans to hire a city administrator and develop the city's 6.4 acres of vacant land adjacent to the Liberty Square Building into a civic center.

The civic center project sketches presented by Peterson at the meeting included an amphitheater, band shell, restrooms, walkways and landscaping. Peterson said infrastructural water and sewer lines were already in place.

"My goal is to accomplish what we can ourselves just to get it off the ground," Peterson said after the meeting. "We can do a more incremental approach, breaking it down into phases like we did with the arboretum."

He noted finding a permanent home for the Liberty Lake Farmers Market as a motivating factor for the development. He said the market has traditionally relied on Greenstone for storage space in the Liberty Square Building that might not always be available.

He told the audience he hoped to see progress made on the project this year, and asked to have it, as part of the city's capital facilities plan, added to the Jan. 17 agenda for discussion.

Peterson also announced plans to fill the city's currently vacant city administrator position.

"We have created these plans, and now is the time to work those plans," Peterson explained. "Our city administrator will take us there."

After the meeting, he declined to elaborate on a timeline for filling the position, but said the city started advertising for the position earlier this week.

"We've had a lot of interest already, but

it'll have to go through a selection process, and we want to take that before the Council too," Peterson explained. "Ultimately it's my decision, but we want to get their stamp of approval on that too."

In his address he stressed teamwork among Council, mayor and staff working toward the good of the community.

"We're here to have fun," Peterson said. "We're here to do things for the community, make it a wonderful place to live. ... As we come together as a team and integrate, we have new energy, inquisitiveness and expertise."

He also encouraged Council members to get involved with some of the many volunteer service groups in Liberty Lake as a way to experience and understand the spirit and needs of the community.

In other business, the Council reviewed suggested amendments to the current policies and procedures of public meetings. These suggestions included revisions to policies regarding absences, public comment, telephonic participation in meetings and agenda preparation and deadlines.

Municipal Consultant Mike Cecka said he'd bring a list of decision points on the matter for the Council to the next meeting, which will provide guidance for a resolution draft to be presented at the Feb. 7 meeting.

In addition, the Council will review the Harvard Road Mitigation Plan and appoint an applicant to former Council Member Ryan Romney's vacated seat at the Jan. 17 meeting. Peterson said the city is planning to publishing more information on the application process.

Appointment for the mayor pro tem and committee assignments should also be made at this meeting. Peterson said he'd like to see the yet-to-be-named chair of the finance committee fill the role of mayor pro tem.

Newly elected Council members Dan Dunne and Shane Brickner also took oaths of office at Tuesday's meeting.

Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Dec. 26 to Jan. 2.

Incidents and arrests

• **Burglary** — At 10:35 p.m. Dec. 30, LLPD was dispatched to the 22000 block of East Bennett Lane for a residential burglary that had just occurred. The complainants told the responding officer that they came home from dinner and heard noises in a closet. When the complainant went to check on the noise, he saw a white male described to be 25-35 years old, 5-foot-9 and approximately 150 pounds inside the closet.

The suspect ran from the closet with the complainant giving chase. The complainant

injured his hand, as he had to force a door open to continue to chase the suspect in the home. He chased the suspect out the front door, and then the complainant observed a second suspect in the kitchen of the home. Not knowing if there were additional suspects in the home, he ran back to check on his wife, who was in the bedroom, and called 911.

Officers arrived within 2 minutes of receiving the call. LLPD requested the assistance of the SPD tracking K9. The K9 was able to track from the home to the roadway where it lost the track. It is believed the suspects left the area in a vehicle. Officers collected evidence from the scene, and the

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Romney resigns from City Council

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Amidst the thick of city leadership transition this week, Council Member Ryan Romney announced plans Dec. 27 to vacate his position, effective Jan. 1.

"I've just got a lot of responsibilities in my life right now, and that was just one area I felt like I could walk away from without detrimental effects," Romney said. "There are lots of really talented people in that realm that I know can step in and pick up right where I've left off."

In addition to raising a family with five young kids, he said he's also studying for a master's degree while working full-time and volunteering through church.

The decision to step down came at the close of a year in which his hectic schedule caused 11 absences from the Council's 26 meetings.

"I was just starting to feel overwhelmed, quite honestly," Romney said. "Something had to give."

Romney was first appointed to the Council in May 2009 to fill the seat vacated by

Brian Sayrs. He ran unopposed later that year to retain the seat through 2013.

"I feel like this is an optimal time to allow for the transition to a new council member to fill my seat," Romney said in a letter to the Council. "Bringing in a new Council member works better for the city right now as a new mayor and Council members are being introduced and oriented to their new roles."

He said highlights from his tenure included passing balanced budgets and "making sure we were being as fair and upfront with citizens as we could be."

Mayor Steve Peterson said the Council would accept applications through mid-January before conducting interviews and appointing someone to fill the position.

Peterson said he's already heard interest from a couple of candidates, and more information on the application process will be sent out and published once the process is finalized.

Keith Kopelson, a local business owner who lost the November election for Position 5 to newly sworn in Council Member Shane Brickner by a narrow margin, said he is "absolutely" interested in applying for the position.



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Liberty Mutual representatives confirmed employees at the current location would shift to the Meadowwood Technology Campus in early March. The move includes claims operations, customer service centers and other functions for both Safeco personal lines and regional commercial lines operations.

Liberty Mutual shifts business across town

Meadowwood Tech Campus gains momentum with 800-employee leaser

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Liberty Mutual Group Inc., a Boston-based insurance conglomerate, recently confirmed plans to shift a mass of employees from its current Liberty Lake location to the Meadowwood Technology Campus less than a mile away.

“Near the end of the first quarter next year, Liberty Mutual’s operations on Appleway Avenue will relocate to the Meadowwood Technology Campus to better accommodate our business needs,” Senior Public Relations Consultant Christopher Goetcheus said in a company statement. “The new location will provide enough space to accommodate growth in line with our business needs.”

Goetcheus said all of the approximate 800-employee base would be making the

move. This includes claims operations, customer service centers and other functions for both Safeco personal lines and regional commercial lines operations.

Liberty Mutual acquired all Safeco operations in 2008 in a reported \$2.6 billion merger. In connection with the acquisition, Safeco became a subsidiary of Liberty Mutual.

Greenstone’s Managing Director of Commercial Development, Wayne Frost, said Liberty Mutual is currently in the early stages of tenant improvements at the new site, where the business is contracted to lease about 100,000 square feet. He said the plans were “typical office improvements” like adding new walls, carpeting, painting and changes to lighting.

City of Liberty Lake Planning and Building Services Manager Amanda Tainio said the project involves all 100,000 square feet of leased space on both floors of the main building on campus. She said the overall value of improvements is estimated at \$3 to \$4 million.

The move will make the campus’s main

building about 70 percent full, with about 40,000 square feet of remaining vacant space. Frost said the space may be used altogether by a single business, or it could be broken up into pieces to accommodate smaller entities. Frost said the space is best suited for light industrial, assembly-type use or offices. He said recruitment efforts may benefit from the momentum created by the move.

“Anytime you have a company like Liberty Mutual on your roster, people look at that like a positive for sure,” Frost said. “To some it wouldn’t mean anything, but to others it’s a big deal.”

The campus includes 70 acres of property with a roughly 250,000-square-foot office building, a 20,000-square-foot annex with a cafeteria and conference center, about 1,000 parking spaces and extensive walking trails, tennis and basketball courts, a fitness center, picnic areas and an outdoor amphitheater.

Future Greenstone Commercial plans for the property include further developing the land with additional buildings on a timeline Frost said would be dictated by the market.

On-campus food service planned for Meadowwood Tech tenants

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

As the Meadowwood Technology Campus’ main building begins to fill up, Greenstone is in the midst of awakening the long-dormant cafeteria. Liberty Mutual’s impending move will add about 800 employees to the campus, adding to the demand for food services.

The Meadowwood Technology Campus has an existing cafeteria that’s been out of use since before Greenstone purchased the campus from Agilent in 2010. However, Greenstone’s Managing Director of Commercial Development Wayne Frost said food service would be provided in the near future as an amenity to all tenants.

Frost declined to name a provider, saying the contract details were not yet finalized. He did say services would be up and running by April 1 after test runs scheduled for March.

Mamma Mia’s owner Jerry Amicarella, the cafeteria service provider at Liberty Mutual’s current location on Appleway Avenue, said he would like to make the move to the Meadowwood Technology Campus, though he’s not been in contact with Greenstone and “as far as he knows,” Mamma Mia’s won’t be moving.

He said talks with building owners at the Appleway location are currently revolving around whether he’ll be able to stay in his current location after Liberty Mutual’s exit. In the event he secures an extended lease at the current location, he said he plans to open an Italian buffet open to the public in the evenings, but the business’ future is uncertain.

“Right now, it’s up in the air,” Amicarella said. “Basically, I won’t know anything until March, in the two or three weeks before Liberty Mutual leaves.”

When the property was acquired in 2010, Greenstone founder and President Jim Frank said the Meadowwood campus could accommodate about 700,000 square feet of manufacturing and office space at full build out, creating between 2,000 and 5,000 jobs.

In addition, since purchasing the campus last year, Greenstone has hosted myriad

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COVER STORY

Commercial vacancies leave plenty of room for growth

While Liberty Mutual's planned move across town has little effect on the net change in available office space in Liberty Lake, the highly visible vacancy right at the Interstate 90 exit may bring the amount of unoccupied commercial space to the forefront of many residents' minds.

Among many vacancies for lease in Liberty Lake include three other buildings on the 22000 and 23000 blocks of

East Appleway Avenue, listing a combined 90,000 square feet of leasable warehouse and office space.

Other major vacancies include the former Ashley Furniture and Sleep City building located at 21605 E. Country Vista Drive. It's listed at 58,202 square feet of retail commercial space.

In addition, the Meadowwood Technology Campus still boasts 40,000 square feet of available office space.

ON THE MOVE

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community events, including a candidate forum, fundraisers and socials.

Frost said the fuller building may inhibit Greenstone's ability to host these events, but he thinks it's unlikely. He noted a number of events already filling the calendar, although future special events would most likely be limited to outside normal business operating hours.

The move will vacate about half the office space in Liberty Mutual's current building at 22425 E. Appleway Ave. Byrd Real Estate Group agent Doug Byrd, who is working as a listing agent for the property, said the move opens up about 95,358 square feet of the building's approximate 190,716 square feet of office space.

The 322,000-square-foot building, also houses an available warehouse space, as well as 17.68 available acres of adjoining undeveloped land.

A tenant remaining in the building is Dallas-based CompuCom. CompuCom representatives did not immediately return phone calls to comment on whether or not Liberty Mutual's move would impact tenancy.

So far, no one is committed to lease the available space, but Byrd said he's been surprised by the amount of interest it's drawn. He said he's seen interest locally from prospective tenants, as well as interest from California, New York, Arizona and Seattle.

"The amount of square feet that could be available makes it intriguing for larger corporate employers," Byrd said.

Byrd said the space, currently fitted with about 550 cubicle spaces, is best suited for office or call center work for a high-volume employer, but could be adapted to suit a wholesale manufacturer as well.

And while the move appears to simply shift employees from one area in the city to another, Frost sees it as an overall win for Liberty Lake.

"Being able to retain that that amount of corporate jobs is huge for Liberty Lake," Frost explained. "The city can now look forward to several more years of that business in Liberty Lake. I mean, companies move out all the time."

Furthermore, until the current location is refilled, Liberty Lake may see slight relief from the usual rush-hour traffic at the Liberty Lake Road and Appleway Avenue intersection, where the building is located. City of Liberty Lake Community Development Director Doug Smith said he expects the move will disperse some of that traffic.

By taking Appleway Avenue toward the state line, he noted eastbound Interstate 90 access from the Meadowwood Technology Campus could be easier for employees who live in Idaho. Westbound traffic may also be dispersed with drivers routing through Mission Avenue in addition to Appleway Avenue.

In the long-term scope, however, he said traffic congestion at the I-90 access point would most likely stay the same until a second interchange is added.

"Right now, we're just shuffling people around; eventually, the space they were in will be filled again," Smith said. "Right now, the city has a number of available properties. Growth is inevitable for us. It's just a matter of how we handle it moving forward."

Still, newly elected Mayor Steve Peterson said, "an empty building is not in the best interest of the city."

He said he's on a mission to fill the handful of vacated buildings in the city by working closely with businesses and building owners.

"What we can do is make our community desirable in which to live," Peterson said. "We have to make sure we have the proper infrastructure to support these businesses. We have to make sure our community is safe and their employees will be protected while they're here, and we have to make sure our property taxes stay competitive."

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Years of geologic processes on display in LL

By Bob Martin

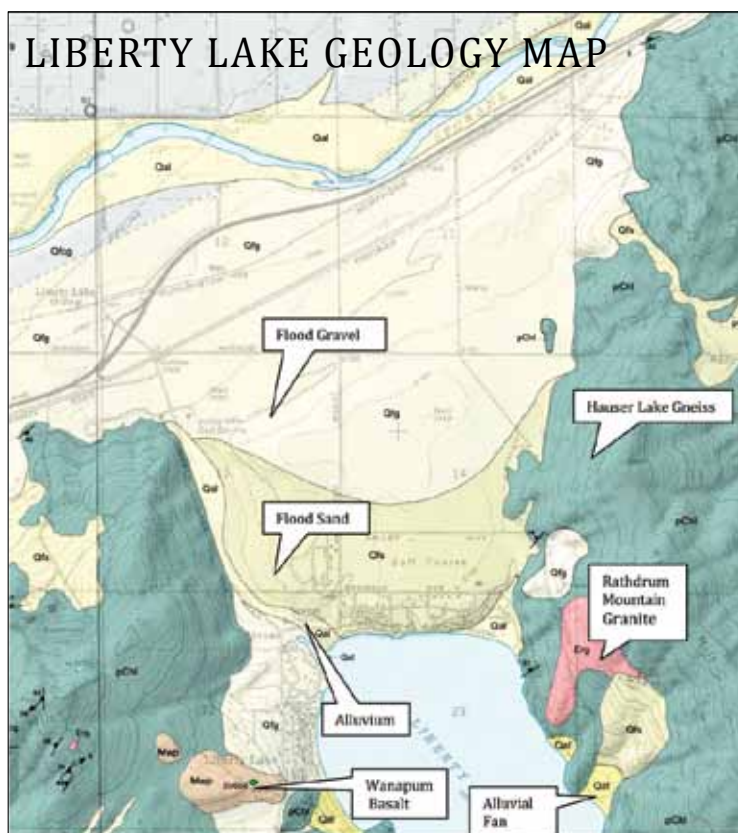
FOR THE LIBERTY LAKE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The mountains, valleys and the ground we see under our feet around Liberty Lake represent the history of the local geology. Knowing the geological history helps us make sense of what we see and why it is located where we find it. The oldest rocks are formed first, with younger rocks generally deposited on top. When these layers are lifted up, the higher areas erode, exposing the older rocks below. The following are the geologic formations found in Liberty Lake, from oldest to youngest, and where to look for them.

The oldest rocks are those from the original North American continent and coastal sediments that formed shale and sandstone, that were metamorphosed (process by which rocks are recrystallized under pressure and temperature) into Hauser Lake Gneiss. These are the strongly banded rocks found in the hills east and west of Liberty Lake and exposed in road cuts along eastern Appleway Avenue. The bands you see in the rocks are not from the sediment layers, but are actually bands of minerals formed during the recrystallization of the original rock into metamorphic rock. The rock is also considered the “basement” rock, present at depth below the Spokane Valley.

The Rathdrum Mountain Granite was formed during the early subduction and molten rock was intruded into the Hauser Lake Gneiss. These igneous intrusions helped uplift existing rocks and form the mountains. The granite is more prevalent in areas north of Liberty Lake, such as in the mountains around Newman Lake. However some Rathdrum Mountain Granite is exposed in the hillside northeast of Liberty Lake as shown on the geology map. Granite is light colored, has visible mineral crystals, and forms larger masses of rock.

The most recent igneous events were basalt lava flows covering the area and overlying the sediments deposited on the gneiss and granite. The dark basalt flowed across the landscape; creating relatively flat layers with material (interbeds) trapped between the flow episodes. These interbeds are called the Latah Formation and can include sand, silt, and clay



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from earlier creeks, lakes, and rivers. All that exists of these laterally extensive volcanic flows in Liberty Lake are two small “capping” layers of Wanapum Basalt (a specific basalt flow event) located on the west hillside above the lake.

The glacial floods scoured the basalt and formed the existing valley and hillsides also deposited larger boulders and gravel during faster flow events, and smaller sand during slower flow events. The coarser materials in general are found within the Spokane Valley, and underlying the flood sands in Liberty Lake. Flood gravel are even present above and behind the lake! We know these gravel and sand layers are not local and from the flood because the gravel

are made up of rounded pieces of rock that are not found locally, but are commonly found in Montana. The deep scouring from the floods followed by deposition of the boulders, gravel, and sand, created the large channels connecting the major watersheds and forming the Spokane-Rathdrum Prairie aquifer. The Liberty Lake area has flood gravel around the river and extending toward the lake. Flood sand comprise the higher areas, where the County golf courses are located, however coarse flood gravel are present below the sand providing good locations for our municipal water wells with flow from the aquifer.

Alluvium is the most recent deposit formed from the reworking

of older deposits, like the flood sand and gravel, and erosion from older rocks like the gneiss. Alluvium forms the areas along the Spokane River bank, the various bays and beaches along the Liberty Lake shoreline, and stream channels into the lake.

There is also a more recent man-made deposit from municipal debris placed in the Greenacres Landfill (west of Legacy Ridge). This “urban” deposit was capped in 1999 to reduce infiltration from precipitation, reroute surface water around the material, and reduce the impacts on the groundwater below the hillside. The Greenacres Landfill is a good reminder that what we do on the surface today can have negative effects on the underlying soil and groundwater.

Geology's influence on LL

Understanding the local geology gives you a different perspective when you walk on our trails, drive and see rocks exposed in road cuts, are working in the backyard, see water coming out of the tap, or observe how your home's foundation was constructed. It is harder to build on the hillsides not only because it is steep, but because it is made of different materials. Different geology has different infiltration, drainage, thickness and type of soil, and hazards such as erodible soils, shallow groundwater or seasonal springs.

The geology also provides us resources for our use. In Liberty Lake, we may not have the gold and silver found in the Silver Valley, but we do have gneiss and granite used to build retaining walls, sand for backfill and basalt and gravel used for road and other construction.

The geologic setting provides an excellent groundwater source

found in the Spokane-Rathdrum Prairie aquifer. It is also a setting for great recreational attractions, including golf courses, fishing, swimming, ice skating, parks for sport, walking, hiking and camping, and the beautiful mountain views that surround us. Understanding the geology of the area helps us to manage our influence and impacts on these resources and preserve it for future generations.

Bob Martin is a longtime resident of Liberty Lake, as is Nick Zilka, who edited the package. Both men are licensed geologists. The articles do not necessarily represent the opinions of the Liberty Lake Historical Society.

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The information provided was based on the following references, especially the geologic history. I encourage anyone interested to check these out and learn more about the geology that surrounds us and that we interact with everyday. We not only live in a beautiful environment, but also an interesting and unique place in the world.

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FORMATIONS IN LIBERTY LAKE



Hauser Lake Gneiss exposed in a road cut east of MeadowWood Golf Course



Retaining wall constructed of Hauser Lake Gneiss



Wanapum Basalt exposed on hillside located above Wicomico, west of Liberty Lake

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

HISTORY

New series traces 'Genesis of Liberty Lake'

In partnership with The Splash, the Liberty Lake Historical Society is inaugurating another series of monthly articles in 2012 to follow up The Resort Project series of articles that debuted in 2011.

"Genesis of Liberty Lake" will take readers from this month's opening article on the geology of Liberty Lake, through the years when the Coeur d'Alene Tribe walked the shoreline, and will conclude in December with a focus on namesake Stephen Liberty. The full list of articles is included below.

The articles will run in The Splash on the first issue of each month.

Genesis of Liberty Lake

January: Geology of Liberty Lake

February: Coeur d'Alene Tribe

March: 150 years of gathering, recreation and music

April: Indian Wars, Part I

May: Indian Wars, Part II

June: Chief Seltice

July: Chief Tecomtee

August: Chief Wildshoe

September: Mullan Trail

October: Homestead Act

November: Spokane Bridge Crossing

December: Stephen Liberty

Liberty Lake as a seashore?

The geologic history of eastern Washington

By Bob Martin

FOR THE LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

While we don't know for sure that Liberty Lake was part of an ancient shoreline, eastern Washington was a shoreline at one time. Approximately a billion years ago, this area was part of a single continent, likely connected to eastern Siberia and northern China. About 800 million years ago, a new ocean formed as the continent split and spread apart roughly in the area of eastern Washington. Therefore our geology in Liberty Lake includes some of the oldest rocks on the planet, from before the break up of this single continent (called "Pangaea"), over a billion years old!

This passive coastline, including Liberty Lake, existed from 800 to 200 million years ago, accumulating sediments on the broad continental shelf and coastal plain. These deposits were buried, forming sedimentary rocks. About 200 million years ago, a split and spreading started on the east coast, forming the Atlantic Ocean between

North America and Europe. As the continent on the east spread apart, the floor of the Pacific Ocean was forced under the North American continent. This convergence formed an oceanic trench, with the ocean floor slipping into this trench (called subduction) and colliding against the coastline.

The process of the Pacific Ocean shrinking, floor subduction and west coast land expansion has continued to today. Those sedimentary rocks along the eastern Washington shoreline were crushed into a long belt of folded rocks, forming the current Kootenay arc in Washington and British Columbia. The subducted oceanic material remelted, generating the granitic magma that uplifted and crystallized into the granitic rocks of western Montana, Idaho and northeastern Washington. Island continents similar to the current Pacific Islands eventually converged, burying the oceanic trench, forming current land features like the Okanogan Valley. A new trench formed to the west, continuing similar subduction processes, and creating the Cascades and eventually the Olympic Peninsula.

Approximately 25 million years ago, there was an intermission in Cascade volcanic activity, followed by 10 to 15 million years of enormous basalt lava flows from southeastern Washington and parts of Oregon, forming the Columbia Plateau and the distinctive basalt rock outcrops observed around the Spokane area.

However, our current landscape is a result of recent and exciting geologic processes — the Ice Ages! While unclear

why, the deposits and rocks tell the story of an extremely unstable climate for the last 2 to 3 million years. This climate has resulted in longer periods of glaciers with shorter interglacial periods. The ice sheets would grow, extending into the northwest, and then retreat and melt during shorter interglacial periods. These ice ages occurred repeatedly, reworking the evidence from previous ice ages.

We currently find ourselves surrounded by the relics of the most recent ice age, ending approximately 10,000 years ago. Locally, these relics include the extensive scour and channeling of basalt, large U-shaped valleys cut by glaciers to the north, enormous deposits of gravel and sand, forming the extensive Spokane-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer and large lakes.

The gravel and sand that make up much of the Spokane Valley and Liberty Lake are from repeated outburst floods from an even larger ancient lake called Glacial Lake Missoula. This glacial lake was formed by repeated ice dams, resulting in cubic miles of water being stored and released. The flood waters from this dam transported boulders, cobbles, gravel and sand from northwestern Montana and Idaho into Washington. Wind storms blew fine material (dust) downwind into places such as the Palouse.

More recent river and creek flows have eroded local mountains and hillsides, reworked glacial flood deposits and generated alluvium deposits along the Spokane River and various creeks and bays in Liberty Lake.

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involved."

From there, we'll have doorbelling and sign-waiving — just the typical campaigning things.

Q: What would it mean for the district if this didn't pass in the election Feb. 14?

A: The impact would be devastating if it didn't pass. The decisions that would have to be made would be really horrible ones. Levy dollars fund things that are state-mandated. Those things can't go away. That means we'd have to cut into programs that aren't state-mandated — programs like sports, drama, debate. Teachers and class sizes would be affected. We'd also get no money for technology. Basically, life as a school

district as we know it would drastically change. We'd be busing kids all over the place and super-sizing classes.

I don't foresee that happening, though. Our community has always supported levies. This area is extremely pro-education, and our voters really realize that good public schools are absolutely vital for

our community.

Q: Aside from the bond, are there any other things you're focusing on as a board member?

A: You know, at first I was just getting my feet wet and trying to take it all in. Everybody has their own roles on the board, feeling

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Readers pave way for venture Splash team to publish Valley-wide monthly, The Current

The old hymn instructs to count your blessings and name them one by one, but if I don't know your name, please don't feel left out. The truth is, Splash readers make The Splash possible. You, the person reading these words, make it possible for this newspaper to exist. I count you as a blessing.

I'm writing to introduce a monthly newspaper we are starting. That's right, a new publication. Some like to point out that newspapers are dying. Not me. For one thing, show me where they ever were talking about community newspapers like The Splash. For another, I'm confident that as long as there are great communities like Liberty Lake, there is a built-in demand for a community journalism that informs, connects and inspires great communities. As such, I like to spend less time debating the fate of an industry and more time making sure we are living up to our responsibility of informing, connecting and inspiring.

In short, if there is a readership demand for the content you are supplying, a business model can be built around that. That's the gist of our readership focus. That's how we hope to separate ourselves from the other items on the coffee table.

And now we are asking you to add one more item to that coffee table: The Current. This publication recognizes Liberty Lake's place in the larger Valley community, and it is a publication for that larger community.

One thing we have always grappled with at The Splash is how to deal with information that may be relevant to our readership, but is not specifically about Liberty Lake. What I mean by this is Valley communities have always been distinct, yet connected. A history rich in agriculture led to a patchwork quilt of irrigation districts and uniquely crafted identities. But like the shared Spokane River many were built beside, these communities have long been intertwined. The regular path of life for a Valley resident — from recreation, to shopping, to work, to schools — often means regular appearances in places we may call Millwood or Greenacres or Opportunity or Veradale, but all of these have historically been a part of the greater Valley.

In Liberty Lake, attending school in the Central Valley School District, Friday night entertainment or just heading into a workplace is often a whole-Valley experience. In this greater Valley, municipal boundaries are largely modern inventions. We have an identity in Liberty Lake, but we also have an identity — not as easy to define, but still an identity — as part of a greater Valley community.

The Current is a publication that serves this Valley, one tied to a long-recognized

larger community of neighbors. We share news and issues as commonly as we share Sprague Avenue. As a monthly, The Current will focus on topics and information that connect us all, from economic development, to school funding, to suggestions where to stop for a cup of coffee.

There's an important and protected place for your Liberty Lake-centric news. That will continue to be The Splash. The Current will handle such community-specific news more "at a glance." Its bread and butter will be diving into greater depths on those issues that connect the Valley as a whole.

Like The Splash, this little dream of ours takes readers. Unlike The Splash, we are not going to be saturating postal routes to get copies in readers' hands. We're asking for something a little unfamiliar to us: subscribers. And we're making it as inexpensive as possible. There is a form on page 9 of this week's Splash you can fill out that will enable you to subscribe to the first 12 issues of The Current for a measly \$6. Or, if you'd prefer we e-mail you an invoice with a link to pay online, just drop me an e-mail with your name and mailing address to josh@libertylakesplash.com. I'd love your questions, comments and story ideas, too.

In the interest of full disclosure, this 8,000-circulation publication will also be available for free at newsstands, but we're hoping many of our loyal readers will want it delivered to the mailbox. This is convenience for you, selfishness for us, as a stable of eager readers help us make the publication more attractive to advertisers (read: financially possible).

Many of you have asked why The Splash no longer asks for voluntary subscriptions to help defray the fact we send it to all local residents for free. We appreciate you wanting to support local, community journalism, and if that's you, would you consider subscribing to The Current? This is a win-win way to help us. And if you're feeling generous, feel free to gift a few subscriptions while you're at it.

We don't like to ask for favors, but seeing as how our business model is all about readership, I'm making an exception. Your subscription helps us build that all-important early readership base. Can we count you as a blessing twice in 2012?

Josh Johnson is editor and publisher of The Splash and The Current.

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH EDITOR/PUBLISHER



Drive results in more than 1,000 meals for homeless

FROM STAFF REPORTS

An inaugural holiday drive to assist the efforts of a local group reaching out to the area's homeless raised enough money to fill more than 1,000 "blessed brown bags."

The Splash's Twelve Dollars of Christmas Drive collected donations during the month of December for Blessings Under the Bridge, a Liberty Lake-founded organization that passes out food, clothing, blankets and other necessities to Spokane-area homeless. Every week, volunteers with Blessings Under the Bridge fill paper sacks with fresh food and distribute them to people on the streets. Ten of these "blessed brown bags" can be filled by the organization for \$12, so The Splash decided to challenge readers to help fill bags — and share brief "blessings" in The Splash during the process.

Splash readers donated more than \$1,400 through the Twelve Dollars of Christmas Drive, or enough to fill about 1,170 "blessed brown bags" with fresh food.

"We would like to thank our wonderful community, Liberty Lake, for all the monetary donations to help us feed the homeless and the less fortunate of our area, as well as your blessings," Blessings Under the Bridge volunteer and Liberty Lake resident Julie Elkins posted on The Splash's Facebook page.

Splash Editor and Publisher Josh Johnson said he was thrilled by the way the community responded beyond the call for monetary donations, singling out a woman who dropped by hats she knitted for the cause as well as the city's outgoing mayor, Wendy Van Orman, who donated 25 bags of clothing.

"It's always such an uplifting experience to witness this community invest in a worthwhile cause," Johnson said. "The need is truly overwhelming right now, and as Blessings Under the Bridge looks to expand its reach in 2012, I trust Liberty Lake will continue to support this inspirational organization."

For more on Blessings Under the Bridge, visit www.butb.net.

NOTES OF BLESSING

Merry Christmas to Blessings Under the Bridge! You are inspiring. God's blessings for the new year!

My blessing is my grand-daughter April Brogan. She is the most giving person there ever was, volunteers, make-a-wish advocate for children for the state. She is about to start her non-profit org. for underprivileged children in Cheney school district. I don't know what else she is involved in. There is so much more about her, not enough room to write. Sincerely, Colleen Brogan

We are thankful to have our health and be part of a great and giving community.

You are always remembered even when you least think it!! Merry Christmas!! XOXO The Chambers

Tracking the Brown Bags

The following graphic shows how many bags were collected for Blessings Under the Bridge from Splash readers during the month of December.

Each bag represents 10 meals. Thanks to the generosity of our readers, funds for 1,170 meals were donated!



SPORTS/COMMUNITY

CVHS Sports Roundup

Boys basketball wins a close one

The Central Valley boys basketball team hit the road during Christmas break and came away with a close 57-55 win over Richland High School. The Bears held a slim one-point lead before Gaven Deyarmin hit one of two free throws with 14 seconds remaining in the game and Richland missed on a long three-point attempt at the buzzer.

The Bears were led by forwards Beau Byus, who scored 13 points on 6-of-7 shooting to go with seven rebounds, and Anthony Brommer, who chipped in 12 points.

Girls basketball wins again

The CV girls basketball team continued its unblemished start to the season with a 54-32 win over Richland High School. The Bears nearly doubled up their opponent in the first half, leading 29-15 at intermission, before putting the game far out of reach in the second half.

The girls were led once again by leading scorer Brooke Gallaway's 14 points. Katie Estey added 13 points, including three baskets from beyond the 3-point line, and freshman Madison Hovren was the Bears' third scorer in double figures with 12 points.

Scoreboard

BOYS BASKETBALL

Standings Team	League	Overall
Lewis and Clark	4-1	6-1
University	4-1	6-1
Gonzaga Prep	4-1	4-3
Ferris	3-2	5-2
Central Valley	3-2	4-3
Shadle Park	2-3	4-3
Rogers	2-3	3-3
North Central	2-3	2-5
Mt. Spokane	1-4	2-5
Mead	0-5	0-7
Results		
12/28 CV vs. Richland	57-55	W

Shadle Park	2-3	3-4
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North Central	2-3	2-5
Ferris	1-4	3-4
Rogers	0-5	1-5
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SCHEDULE

JANUARY 5	7 p.m. CV wrestling vs. Ferris
JANUARY 6	5:30 p.m. CV boys basketball at Rogers 7 p.m. CV girls basketball at Rogers
JANUARY 7	TBD CV wrestling at Hall of Fame Duals Tournament at Moses Lake
JANUARY 10	5:30 p.m. CV girls basketball at University 7 p.m. CV boys basketball at University
JANUARY 11	7 p.m. CV wrestling at Gonzaga Prep
JANUARY 12	6 p.m. CV gymnastics at Mead

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Standings Team	League	Overall
Central Valley	5-0	7-0
Gonzaga Prep	4-1	6-1
University	4-1	6-1
Lewis and Clark	3-2	4-3
Mt. Spokane	2-3	3-4

Santa Slammer Tourney champs



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Emerald City Smoothies 6th grade girls basketball team recently won the 2011 Santa Slammer basketball tournament championship. Back row: **Kelsey Gumm**, Hailey Christopher, Amiah Routson, Claire Dingus, **Bryn Anderson** and Kyllie Sappington. Front row: Abby Gennett, **Carissa Ball** and Bayley Brennan. The team is coached by **Ron Anderson** and Jeremy Gennett. (Liberty Lake residents are highlighted in bold.)

SEND US YOUR SPORTS! Think your results belong on the scoreboard? If you're from Liberty Lake and you play a sport, then they certainly do. Or maybe you have a team photo you'd like to pass along. Either way, The Splash wants submitted information from or about Liberty Lake residents. E-mail the information to editor@libertylakesplash.com or drop it by our office at 2310 N. Molter Road, Suite 305.



Wave names winners of puppet contest

Kids newspaper moves to Valley publication

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In the last issue of the Wave, kids were asked to use their creativity to design puppets from household materials and art supplies. The judges selected 8-year-old Annie Fox's parrot marionette as the grand prize winner based on its cleverness, originality and use of supplies.

John Fox, 6, and Julia Fox, 10, were also selected as runners-up in the contest. John created a paper bag tiger, and Julia crafted a hippo hand puppet out of felt and a milk carton. The winners were awarded sandwich combos from San Francisco Sourdough Eatery.

Beginning in February, the Wave will expand to become a spread in The Current, a new monthly newspaper serving Valley communities, including Liberty Lake. The Wave will continue to offer stories and activities geared for elementary-age children in the Valley area, just as it has as a quarterly kids paper for three years to children in Liberty Lake.

The Splash, The Wave and now The Current are all published by Liberty Lake's Peridot Publishing LLC.

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ANNIE FOX



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A parrot marionette designed by Annie Fox, 8, was awarded first prize in the Wave's puppet contest.

Lake, Spokane Valley, Millwood, Rockford and unincorporated Spokane County. The first issue hits newsstands Jan. 26. For more on this publication, see Editor and Publisher Josh Johnson's column on the opinion page.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

John Fox's paper bag tiger and Julia Fox's hippo hand puppet were selected as runners up in the Wave's most recent contest.

Sports Brief

CV athlete nominated for award

Austin Pruitt, a 16-year-old wheelchair athlete and Central Valley student, was nominated as a junior male athlete of the year for the annual Inland Northwest Youth Awards Luncheon, which will be held Feb. 15 at the Spokane Convention Center.

Pruitt, who won a bronze medal in the men's 200-meter race at the International Paralympics World Championships held in New Zealand and placed in three events at the Washington state track meet, is one of 10 area male athletes nominated for the award.

Advertising deadlines

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BULLETIN BOARD

Central Valley High School Grad Night 2012 is having a \$10,000 raffle; final drawing is at the Luck O' the Irish Silent Auction on March 17, 2012, 7 pm at the Mirabeau Park Hotel. Only 300 tickets are available for purchase! There are two early bird drawings of \$1,000 each; the first early bird drawing is January 17 at the CV basketball game, get your tickets now, you have a great chance at the first \$1,000 drawing! The next early bird drawing will be February 7 at the Stinky Sneaker! Winners of the early bird drawings are still eligible for the \$10,000! Tickets are \$100 each, split the purchase price with friends or co-workers. Please help support this great event that allows graduating seniors to have a safe, fun event with their classmates one last time before going on to pursue their future goals in life. For tickets or more information please contact Dan Stephenson at 209-4792 or Jodi Ribail at 994-3015.

Liberty Lake Church now has a food bank. If you have needs or know someone who does, call Julie, 255-6266.

LL KEYBOARDIST WANTED

We are looking for someone who wants to play keyboard in a recreational rock band. We are not professional musicians. Our band consists of professionals with careers who happen to play music and would like to find a similar individual who wants to play keys. Must have own instrument, and basic musical talent is required. Practices are usually Monday or Sunday nights at 6pm. Send email to rich@idearockets.com if interested in giving it a shot.

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EVENTS

Acrylic on canvas art workshop for kids (ages 5+) at The Art Chalet, Monday, Jan 16 from 10-12:30pm. (\$28) plus \$5 for canvas. Call 255-9600 or go to www.theartchalet.com. Theme: 'your choice'.

Adult and teen oil and acrylic workshop Saturday, Jan. 14 at The Art Chalet. 1-3:30pm. Acrylic: \$35. Oil: \$40. Call 255-9600 or go to www.theartchalet.com.

KARAOKE

KARAOKE "Your the Star" every Thursday night at Cruiser's in Stateline. 7PM. Come sing, eat some great food & enjoy some great cocktails, 208-773-4706.

The Art Chalet of Liberty Lake has classes in oil, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, ink, pastel, pencil etc. Adult, teen and kids classes (ages 5+). Home-school and art birthday parties etc. Call 255-9600 or go to www.theartchalet.com.

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Found: Stuffed animal brown/beige puppy with red bandana and pink leash. Found in late fall close to 1700 block of Liberty Lake Drive in middle of the road, 255-9581.

MISC. FOR SALE

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Liberty Lake, WA 99019
(509) 755-6700
www.libertylakewa.gov

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PASSED
BY LIBERTY LAKE CITY COUNCIL

The following is the title and summary of Ordinance No. 198, passed by the City of Liberty Lake City Council on the 20th day of December, 2011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON, GRANTING THE RIGHT OF FRANCHISE TO TW TELECOM OF WASHINGTON LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES ("TWTC") FOR THE OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

Section 1 explains definitions of indicated meanings used in the Ordinance.
Section 2 grants non-exclusive use of Public Right of Way to provide telecommunication services, and addresses facilities within and outside the Franchise area.
Section 3 requires compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.
Section 4 establishes a noninterference of facilities clause.
Section 5 authorizes the City to direct TWTC to abate conditions deemed dangerous to any person.
Section 6 requires TWTC to comply with City permitting regulations.
Section 7 requires TWTC to provide prompt restoration of conditions which existed prior to installation, construction, excavation, relocation, maintenance or repair in accordance with City standards.
Section 8 outlines bonding requirements.
Section 9 governs all matters related to underground installation of TWTC's facilities within the Franchise Area.
Section 10 addresses relocation of facilities.
Section 11 allows the City to obtain installation and planning records.
Section 12 provides an indemnification clause.
Section 13 establishes insurance requirements.
Section 14 complies with state laws governing administrative fees and reimbursement costs.
Section 15 outlines necessary arrangements for moving buildings within the Franchise area.
Section 16 establishes forfeiture, revocation, and remedies for non-compliance.
Section 17 establishes a non-waiver clause.
Section 18 establishes a no waiver, expansion, and change of boundary clause.
Section 19 addresses abandonment of facilities.
Section 20 provides that this Franchise is not, and shall not be deemed to be, an exclusive Franchise.
Section 21 sets forth a shared use of excavations clause.
Section 22 provides for the Franchise term.
Section 23 prohibits TWTC from assigning its rights, benefits, and privileges in and under this Franchise without prior written consent of the City.
Section 24 reserves the right to alter, amend, or modify the terms and conditions of this Franchise.
Section 25 addresses Franchise dispute resolution.
Section 26 addresses attorney fees and costs incurred in any action arising out of the existence of this Franchise.
Section 27 reserved.
Section 28 defines headings or titles in this Franchise for the purpose of reference only.
Section 29 establishes unconditional written acceptance by TWTC of all terms and conditions of the Franchise.
Section 30 establishes a severability clause in the event some portion of the Ordinance is held invalid.
Section 31 provides contact information for both parties to give written notice which may be required under this Franchise.
Section 32 provides for an effective date.

The full text of the Ordinance is available at the City of Liberty Lake offices and/or City website as identified above. Upon request, a copy will be mailed.

/s/ City Clerk, Ann Swenson

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POLICE

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case was assigned to Detective Ray Bourgeois for follow-up investigation.

• **DUI** — A 28-year-old Spokane man was arrested at 3 a.m. Dec. 31 at Harvard Road and Euclid Avenue for DUI, driving with a suspended license and an ignition interlock violation. The officer initially stopped the vehicle for a speeding violation.

• **Noise complaint** — At 10:15 p.m. Dec. 30, LLPD was dispatched to a loud party at the 21200 block of Country Vista Drive. When officers arrived, no one was at the apartment. The officer was informed the people causing the disturbance left to area prior to law enforcement arrival.

• **Pedestrian injury** — At 10 p.m. Dec. 31, LLPD was requested to assist the Spokane County Sheriff's Office with a car-vs.-pedestrian injury accident in the area of Idaho Road and Wellesley Avenue.

• **Stolen car** — At 10:40 a.m. Jan. 2, LLPD received a report from a Liberty Lake resident that his car was stolen from an apartment complex in Spokane between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The complainant said he left the vehicle in the parking lot of the complex, and when he returned to retrieve the vehicle, it was gone. Later on the same day of the report, the complainant called LLPD to report locating the vehicle in the parking lot of the complex where it was last parked.

• **Suspicious person** — At 11:35 p.m. Jan. 2, LLPD was dispatched to suspicious persons in the area of Liberty Lake Road and Appleway Avenue. Officers made contact with the two individuals, who told the officers they were homeless but currently staying with a relative in the area.

Calls for service

- Agency assist 1
- Alarm 2
- Burglary 1
- Citizen dispute 1
- Deceased person 1
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MASON

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most comfortable in certain areas. I think what I'm really interested in is getting programs that will educate our kids and prepare them for the 21st century. We need to get them ready to do the jobs that are out there right now. There's a big push for Project Lead the Way, and it's a fabulous program. It gets kids ready to work the day they graduate from high school if they want to. It also prepares them for college should that be the path they want to take.

Q: When you consider those jobs, where do you see the future of education headed?

A: The differences in technology today are so different from what they were even 10 years ago. I think it's interesting that we pull technology completely out of the kids' hands when they get into school. It could be

a fabulous tool. It just takes a real re-think on everybody's part. It's constantly changing, and as a district, it's difficult to keep up with all of those changes.

Q: What are the dynamics like amongst others on the school board?

A: We're pretty diverse actually. There are two new faces — MJ Bolt and myself — then Keith Clark is the next newest, and he's been around for about five or six years. I think Tom Dingus and Deborah Long have been doing this for a long time. The really kind of cool thing about having people on there is that issues in education are completely cyclical. Things come around and go around, so it's really nice to have someone there that can say, "OK, we've seen this. Here's how we handled that before."

Q: So do you think you'll stick around?

A: I don't know. I mean, I hope so, but I'll be up for election again in two years. I would like to stick around.

King Crossword

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- 34 "May I do that for you?"
- 37 Eat like a bird
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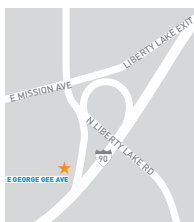
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