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Liberty Lake resident Jay Krumbholz (far right) performs locally with the Spokane chorus group Pages of Harmony and the quartet Almost Famosum, pictured above.

Perfect pitch

Liberty Lake man makes name for himself in world of barbershop music performance

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Music is a huge part of Liberty Lake resident Jay Krumbholz's life. When he isn't teaching music classes at Spokane Falls Community College, he's immersed in one of his other passions — barbershop quartet.

Since falling in love with the music genre, he's been performing and competing for decades. His work even landed him on an international stage at the Barbershop Harmony Society's annual convention. These days, he sings with Pages of Harmony in Spokane.

When he's not performing, he coaches chorus and quartet groups at SFCC and judges for the Barbershop Harmony Society. This spring, he'll head to Concord, N.H., to judge a chorus contest. As part of the process, he meets with competitors and reviews evaluations, making suggestions to improve performances.

The Splash recently sat down with Krumbholz to learn some of the ins and outs of barbershop music.

Q. How would you explain the role music plays in your life?

A. Well, I'm a flutist, but I just enjoy singing. After getting my undergraduate, I taught band in Florida for three years. Then I began my Masters degree in music theory at the College Con-

profiles:

JAY KRUMBHOLZ

- Age**
53
- Hobbies:**
Crossword puzzles, sudoku, playing bridge
- Favorite movie:**
"Schindler's List"
- Favorite piece of music:**
Bach's Mass in B Minor
- Hidden talent:**
Can make perfect cricket sounds with his mouth
- Highest bowling score:**
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servatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio. From there I went on to PhD studies in Rochester, N.Y. When I finally finished my doctoral work, I was a band director again for two years. My first collegiate-level teaching job was at Ithaca College. Since then, I've taught at various colleges throughout the Midwest and now here.

I like to listen to music a lot, and classical is my favorite, but I also enjoy film music. I like to go to performances like the symphony and things like that. I also used to compose quite a bit. Now I use those skills to arrange music for barbershop groups. I can take a piece of music and arrange it for them to sing.

Q: How did you first get involved in barbershop music?

A: Originally joined barbershop society back when I was an undergraduate. I basically discovered it through, "The Music

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Community Briefs

Relay For Life holds kick-off

An open house kick-off event for the 2012 Liberty Lake Relay for Life will be 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at True Legends Grill, 1803 N. Harvard Road.

For more information, contact Jennifer Kronvall at Jennifer.kronvall@cancer.org or 242-8303.

Prayer breakfast planned Feb. 25

Raising money for scholarships, the Liberty Lake Kiwanis Foundation Prayer Breakfast will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Feb. 25 at the MeadowWood Technology Campus, 2100 N. Molter Road.

The program will feature Liberty Lake Mayor Steve Peterson, Liberty Lake Church Pastor Dave Butler, Pastor John Loucks, Bishop Adam Nebeker and an address about the PACE program by Central Valley School District Superintendent Ben Small. The theme of the event is, "We as a community working together can do many great things."

Kiwanis member and event organizer Nick Nickoloff said the event grew out of the need to better support the Kiwanis Foundation's scholarship fund after 15 fully qualified applicants were turned away last year for lack of funds. The Foundation gave out \$12,000 in scholarships to 16 applicants in 2011 and has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships over the past seven years.

Tickets to the breakfast are \$20 and can be purchased from a Kiwanis member, online at www.libertylakekiwanis.org or by check sent to the Kiwanis Foundation at P.O. Box 384, Liberty Lake, WA 99019. For more information, call Nickoloff at 710-7466.

Youth raise funds for orphans

Hoops of Hope, a local fundraiser for children in Africa who have been orphaned by AIDS, will be held 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 25 at Liberty Lake Elementary School. The event is hosted by Fuel, the high school youth ministry group at Liberty Lake Church.

Middle and high school students are encouraged to join in teams of four and raise money based on the number of baskets they pledge to shoot. Donations can also be mailed to Liberty Lake Church, 704 S. Garry Road, Liberty Lake, WA 99019.

Organizers said 100 percent of funds go

Calendar

FEBRUARY 9

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

FEBRUARY 10

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.: "Jazz Under the Stars," CVHS band and color guard fundraiser, CVHS, 821 S. Sullivan Road

7 p.m.: "The Chalk Garden," LL Community Theatre production, The Kave, 4904 N. Harvard Road, Otis Orchards

FEBRUARY 11

10:30 a.m. to noon: E-readers drop-in class, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

1 to 4 p.m.: 2012 LL Relay For Life kick-off event and open house, True Legends Grill, 1803 N. Harvard Road

3 p.m. and 7 p.m.: "The Chalk Garden," Liberty Lake Community Theatre production, The Kave, 4904 N. Harvard Road, Otis Orchards

FEBRUARY 13

11 a.m. to 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

FEBRUARY 14

8 p.m. Final pick-up for levy election ballots placed in drop-off boxes, includ-

toward African children, and \$40 feeds an orphan for a year. For more information, go to www.fuelyouthministry.com or www.hoopsofhope.org.

LLCT hosting upcoming events

The Liberty Lake Community Theatre will be holding a pair of opportunities in February for interested people to scratch their performance itch as well as a monthly board meeting.

LLCT will host free comedy improv workshops every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse Theatre Room in Country Vista Apartments, 21200 E. Country Vista Drive. No experience is required. Teens and adults are welcome to attend.

Auditions will also be held for a Readers

ing the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

FEBRUARY 15

6:45 a.m.: LL Kiwanis meeting, LL City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

10:30 to noon: Spokane Valley's Mindful Mamas, City Hall's Little House, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

11 a.m. to 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 District Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

7 p.m.: MeadowWood Homeowners Association meeting, Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

7 p.m.: Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District meeting, LL Sewer and Water District Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

7p.m.: Liberty Lake Community Theatre comedy improv workshop, County Vista Apartments Clubhouse, 21200 E. Country Vista Drive

FEBRUARY 16

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

7:30 p.m.: Liberty Lake Community Theatre board meeting, City Hall's Little House, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

Theatre version of "Anne of Green Gables" Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. and Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Little House next to Liberty Lake City Hall. No experience or preparation is required. Roles are available for ages 10 and up, and performances are planned for March 16 and 17.

Additionally, the monthly LLCT board meeting will be held Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Little House next to City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Residents invited to Rotary

Today's (Feb. 9) meeting of the Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club will feature a presentation by Sandy Wad of the Spokane Public Facilities District. Scheduled for next

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Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Jan. 30 to Feb. 6.

Incidents and arrests

• **Fraud** — At 10:30 a.m. Jan. 30, LLPD received a report of a fraud and forgery at the 1400 block of North Liberty Lake Road. The complainant reported that on Jan. 30 between 2 a.m. and 2:10 a.m., an unknown suspect used her debit card at an ATM machine in Liberty Lake and took more than \$500 from her account. During the investigation, Detective Ray Bourgeois obtained video surveillance of the ATM and the person using the debit card. Officers attempted to contact the suspect but learned he left the Spokane area and was now in Memphis, Tenn.

• **Burglary** — At 6 p.m. Jan. 31, LLPD was dispatched to the 1300 block of North Mitchell Road for a residential burglary. The complainant reported that sometime during the day unknown suspects entered the home by breaking a downstairs window. Officers noted signs that someone had entered the home, but it did not appear as if anything was missing. A witness reported two male subjects around the home around noon. The witness described a teenage male and an adult male pull up to the home in a newer, full-size, bluish-gray pickup, possibly a diesel. The subjects got out of the vehicle, went to the front door then went around to the back of the home. After approximately 15 minutes, both subjects returned to the truck and left. The truck did not have any license plates on it.

• **Suspended license** — A 39-year-old Spokane man was arrested at 10:40 p.m. Jan. 30 at Interstate 90 and Liberty Lake Road for driving with a suspended license. His vehicle was initially stopped for speeding.

• **Burglary** — A 53-year-old Coeur d'Alene man was arrested at 8 a.m. Feb. 1 at the 25000 block of Hawkstone Loop for second-degree burglary and second-degree possession of stolen property. While on patrol, Officer Mike Bogenreif spotted a pickup in the area of Appleway Avenue and Country Vista Drive coming from the area of the 25000 block of Hawkstone Loop. The

officer noticed that the bed of the pickup truck was full of metal scrap and pipes. Due to the recent burglaries of the construction area, the officer contacted the subject to investigate. The driver told the officer he worked for a plumbing company, and he was delivering the items to a jobsite. The subject was identified and released. As the truck was driving away, a citizen contacted the officer and told him he saw that pickup truck leaving the area of 25000 Hawkstone Loop and that the subject was loading items into the truck from the construction location. The officer relocated the suspect pickup at Appleway Avenue and Madson Road and stopped him. During a second round of questioning, the man admitted to taking items from the construction site for the purpose of selling to a scrap company. The man was booked into the Spokane County Jail.

• **Suspended license** — A 36-year old Spokane woman was arrested at 9:40 a.m. Feb. 1 at Harvard Road and Mission Avenue for driving with a suspended license.

• **Suspended license** — A 44-year-old Spokane Valley man was arrested at 11:15 a.m. Feb. 2 at Liberty Lake Road and Sprague Avenue for driving with a suspended license.

• **Burglary** — At 1:30 p.m. Feb. 2, LLPD received report of a garage burglary and vehicle prowl at the 22900 block of East Settler Drive. The complainant reported that sometime during the previous evening or early morning, unknown suspects entered the garage through an unlocked door, entered his vehicle and removed a Magellan GPS unit.

• **Vehicle prowl** — At 7:50 a.m. Feb. 2, LLPD received a report of a vehicle prowl at the 400 block of North Mitchell Road. The complainant reported that sometime after 11 p.m., unknown suspects broke out the driver's side window of his vehicle and removed his wallet, which was sitting on the driver's seat.

• **Vehicle prowl** — At 7:30 a.m. Jan. 30, LLPD received a report of a vehicle prowl and theft that occurred sometime during the week of Jan. 26 at Bargain Hunt Cabinets, 21510 E. Mission Ave. The

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NEWS/COMMUNITY

Council vets proposed rules amendments

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

In a three-hour meeting Tuesday evening, the Liberty Lake City Council hashed out concerns — or the lack thereof — surrounding adjustments to the Council rules and procedures.

Regulating Council attendance more closely garnered a mixed response from Council members, who eventually came to a consensus asking Interim City Administrator Mike Cecka to maintain the current procedure. The current rule mirrors state statute, saying a Council member must forfeit his or her seat after

three consecutive unexcused meeting absences.

A suggestion to limit the total number of absences to 10 per calendar year was shot down by a majority of Council members after a lengthy discussion.

“I don’t think we need this section at all,” Council Member Josh Beckett said. “I just don’t think we should be in the business of trying to expel people. Ultimately, that’s what elections are for.”

Discussion continued with debate on whether or not to regulate the delivery of

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Obituary

Donovan Alton Himebaugh

Dec. 15, 1919 - Feb. 4, 2012



Mr. Himebaugh passed away peacefully Saturday at his home in Liberty Lake with his family and spouse at his side.

There will be Military Funeral Honors on Monday, Feb. 13, 2012, at 11:15 am at

the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake. Friends and family are invited.

Donovan was born Dec. 15, 1919, in Hartsville, Ohio, to Margaret and H. Jacob

Himebaugh. He was one of six brothers and sisters.

Mr. Himebaugh served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II as a tail gunner in the B24 Liberator, completing an unprecedented 65 missions in the European theater. Before the war’s end, he came to southern California, where he met and married the love of his life, Dorothy Joseph. Together, they raised five children before following some of their family to Spokane/Liberty Lake, Wash.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dorothy; daughters, Denise and Diane; sons, David and Douglas; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Donovan was preceded in death by his son, Michael.

News Briefs

Levy ballots due Tuesday

Ballots for the Central Valley School District replacement school programs and operations levy are due Tuesday.

Ballots must either be postmarked by Tuesday or placed in official drop-off boxes, which are located at all public libraries in Spokane County, including the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. The final pick-up time at the drop-off locations is 8 p.m. Tuesday.

LLS third-graders honored in VFW contest

A trio of Liberty Lake Elementary School third-graders were honored recently for essays in the Veterans of Foreign Wars “What is an American?” essay contest.

Jack Nebeker placed first in Washington state as well as first in the district for his essay. Eden Albrecht placed second in the district and third in the local VFW contest,

and Emily Larin placed second in the local contest.

911 address verification underway in Spokane County

The Spokane County 911 department has launched an address verification initiative for each address in the county. The initiative entails obtaining the latitude and longitude coordinates for each address. In order to obtain the coordinates, a 911 employee is driving and walking through neighborhoods with a handheld GPS unit. The vehicle is a white Ford Escape with county license plates and is clearly identified as “911 Address Verification Vehicle.”

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POLICE

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complainant reported that sometime during that time, unknown suspects removed the batteries from a delivery truck parked in the lot.

• **Unwanted patron** — At 10:25 p.m. Feb. 2, LLLPD was dispatched to Albertsons, 1304 N. Liberty Lake Road, for an unwanted subject inside the store. A complainant reported a subject was inside the store harassing customers. The subject was contacted and transported out of the area.

• **Suspended license** — A 24-year-old Spokane Valley woman was arrested at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 3 at Appleway Avenue and Barker Road for driving with a suspended license. Her vehicle was initially stopped for driving without headlights.

• **Suspended license** — A 26-year-old Spokane Valley woman was arrested at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at Liberty Lake Road and Sprague Avenue for driving with a suspended license. Her vehicle was initially stopped for expired registration.

• **Suspicious circumstance** — At 11 p.m. Feb. 3, LLLPD was dispatched to the 21200 block of Country Vista Drive for report of a suspicious circumstance. A complainant reported a male subject came to his door claiming to work for a drug enforcement team and was looking for a specific person. When the complainant said he was going to call the police, the subject ran away from the apartment. Officers checked the area for the subject but did not locate anyone.

• **Suspended license, warrant** — A 22-year-old Newman Lake man was arrested at 7 p.m. Feb. 4 at the 19600 block of East Cataldo Road for driving with a suspended license and four outstanding arrest

warrants for the same offense. While on patrol, the officer stopped the subject for speeding and determined the driver had a suspended driver's license and an outstanding arrest warrant for the same offense. The subject was taken into custody. At the time, a juvenile passenger was contacted. The officer could smell an odor of marijuana when talking to the juvenile. The officer determined the juvenile had a smoking device and small amount of marijuana in his pants pocket. The illegal items were recovered by the officer, and the juvenile was released to a guardian. Charges on the juvenile are being forwarded to the court.

• **Outstanding warrant** — A 16-year-old Spokane male was arrested at 10:15 p.m. Feb. 4 at the 22300 block of Appleway Avenue for an outstanding arrest warrant. Officers were dispatched to the area for a located runaway. While checking on the subject, it was determined that he had an outstanding arrest warrant out of Spokane Juvenile Court and was also listed as a runaway. The subject was taken into custody and transported to juvenile detention.

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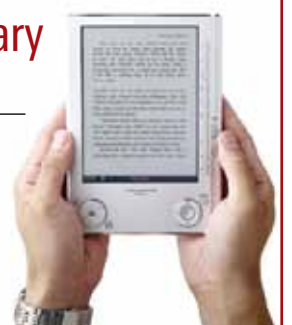
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In almost two years of riding with the Equine TLC program, Roman Scalp, 9, has mastered walking and trotting with his favorite horse, Buddy.

Head over hooves

Horse-rider bond provides therapeutic experience

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Liberty Lake resident Gail Pennestri founded Equine TLC (Therapeutic Learning Center) in 2003 to connect riders with special needs to horses with special gifts. The program seeks to improve the bodies, minds and spirits of children and adults with disabilities and special needs through therapeutic horse riding and equine assisted activities, she said.

“Whether it’s a child with Down Syndrome, an adult recovering from a spinal injury or a senior citizen recovering from a stroke, research shows that individuals of all ages who participate in equine assisted activities and therapies can experience psychological, social and educational benefits,” Pennestri said. “Our participants gain the joy of independence, the taste of success and the freedom to soar through

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Rescued beagle helps man cope with loss

Guardian Angel resident adopted ‘Cleo’ after death of wife of 50-plus years

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Ray Allen met his wife, Mary, while his Navy troop awaited deployment during World War II. He said he spotted her in a group of strangers on a crowded New York City street.

“I told my friends to excuse me, and I just walked right up to the group and introduced myself to the nice-looking lady,” Allen recalled. “We shook hands and just walked and talked for the rest of the day. I asked her if she’d see a movie with me the next day, and she said sure.”

Three days later, he said his troop headed overseas for the next year and a half. He kept in touch with Mary while away, sending letters back and forth reg-

ularly. When he returned home, he surprised her in her hometown of Chicago, and they finally shared their first kiss.

Allen was discharged to a naval base in Idaho. Mary followed suit, making the move west, and he picked her up at the airport in Spokane.

“We got to know each other a little better, and it wasn’t long before we were married,” Allen said.

The two were married more than 50 years. Last year, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer that had metastasized to multiple organs. She decided not to undergo chemotherapy and passed away quietly, surrounded by family 10 months ago.

Enter Cleo, a bushy-browed beagle rescued from the Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service shelter.

“The house was so quiet, I decided I had to do something to stir things up a bit,” Allen said of his decision to adopt

Cleo. “I would have never made it without her.”

He explained the bouts with depression he’s faced while dealing with his loss and said Cleo seems to be in sync, somehow knowing when to step in.

“She reads me like a book,” Allen said. “When I’m sad, she comes over and licks my hand. When I sleep too late on the weekends, she comes over and paws at the bed to get me up.”

The duo, now inseparable, lives at Guardian Angel Homes in Liberty Lake on a trial basis. With fellow residents constantly approaching to pet her or sneak her food, Cleo seems to be doing her part in helping Allen make new friends.

“She’s just pure companionship,” Allen said. “I’ve had her long enough to know I don’t want to lose her. She brightens my day when I’m feeling down. I don’t know what I’d do without her.”



SPLASH PHOTO BY KELLY MOORE

Ray Allen poses in one of the living areas of Guardian Angel Homes with Cleo, his SCRAPS rescue dog.

COMMUNITY

Students raise funds through dancing, dessert and auction

CV bands hold Jazz Under the Stars on Friday

By Daymin Marrs
SPLASH CORRESPONDENT

When you think back to the early 1900s during the Big Bands era, jazz music is playing in every nightclub in the town, couples are dancing wildly and smoke fills the air. On Friday, some Central Valley jazz bands will be recreating this time — minus the smoke — to invite the public to be a part of the Jazz Under the Stars concert fundraiser.

The event will be held 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday in the commons area of Central Valley High School, 821 S. Sullivan Road. It includes dessert and a silent auction along with multiple songs performed by both Central Valley High School jazz bands along with the Evergreen and Greenacres middle school jazz bands.

Pre-sale tickets cost \$10 for an adult and \$5 for a student or \$15 at the door. The ticket provides admission to the event, dessert and drinks served by CV band students, and the opportunity to bid on items during the silent auction that takes place throughout the night.

Attendees are invited to sit around tables in the commons, visit with friends and family or dance along with jazz music in the

background.

“Playing different songs and giving people a chance to dance and enjoy themselves is my favorite part of Jazz Under the Stars,” CV senior drummer Zach Gunderson said.

Organizer Lori Wilson said Jazz Under the Stars is one of the bigger fundraisers the band does and one that has grown over the past seven years. Proceeds go to help pay for everything from new equipment for the band to travel fees for the students.

“This event originally started out making roughly \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year, and (we) have gradually increased that,” Wilson said.

The silent auction is a big part of raising those funds, Wilson said. Most of the auction items, which are donated by local businesses and companies, will be on display in the commons so people can walk around

to look at what they'd like to bid on.

Some of the bigger items on the auction block this year include Disneyland Park Hopper passes, a Triple Play and Stay package, a family portrait session and Mt. Spokane lift tickets. Smaller items such as jewelry and restaurant gift cards are also available. Winning bidders will be notified shortly after the concert night.

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THREE CHEERS



District Wrestling Edition

Cheer 1: Blake Beard, Central Valley Wrestling

Beard, wrestling at 120 pounds, picked up wins via pins in both the semifinals and finals of the district tournament to win the championship. Beard pinned his Mead opponent in the semifinals in 1:05 while pinning another Mead opponent in the finals in 5:56.

Cheer 2: Kolten Cole, Central Valley Wrestling

Cole, wrestling at 195 pounds, picked up two pins in quick fashion to win his

semifinal and final matchups at the district championships. Cole defeated his Mead opponent in the semis in 29 seconds while pinning his Gonzaga Prep opponent in 1:08 in the final.

Cheer 3: Dan Schoultz, Central Valley Wrestling

Schoultz, wrestling at 285 pounds, also won a district championship by pinning both of his opponents in the semis and finals. Schoultz pinned his Lewis and Clark opponent in 1:22 in the semis while finishing off his Ferris opponent in 2:54 in the finals.

Scoreboard

BOYS BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Central Valley	14-2	15-3
University	13-3	15-3
Gonzaga Prep	12-4	12-6
Ferris	10-6	12-6
Lewis and Clark	9-7	11-7
Shadle Park	8-8	10-8
Rogers	4-11	5-11
Mead	4-12	4-14
North Central	3-13	3-15
Mt. Spokane	2-13	3-14

Results	Score	Result
1/31 CV vs. Shadle Park	69-52	W
2/2 CV vs. Rogers	51-48	W
2/4 CV vs. Ferris	75-58	W

Mt. Spokane	4-11	5-12
Ferris	4-12	6-12
North Central	4-12	4-14
Rogers	0-15	1-16

Results

1/31 CV vs. Shadle Park	54-53	L
2/2 CV vs. Rogers	82-40	W
2/4 CV vs. Ferris	71-50	W

WRESTLING

Team	League
Mead	9-0
Central Valley	7-2
University	7-2
Mt. Spokane	6-3
Rogers	4-5
Shadle Park	4-5
Lewis and Clark	3-6
North Central	3-6
Ferris	2-7
Gonzaga Prep	0-9

SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 9
 5:30 p.m. CV girls basketball at Mead
 7 p.m. CV boys basketball at Mead

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Central Valley	15-1	17-1
Gonzaga Prep	11-5	13-5
University	11-5	13-5
Shadle Park	11-5	12-6
Mead	10-6	10-8
Lewis and Clark	9-7	9-9

Soccer tourney champs



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Team Ladies Bayern Muchich won the Spokane Valley Junior Soccer Association Kringle Klassic Dec. 17 and 18. Pictured left to right are **Mallory Hemmenway**, Chelsea Le, Jonna Manfred, **Paige Bridgens** and Madelynn Ochse. (Liberty Lake residents in bold.)

Bears cut down nets



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY BOB JOHNSON/SPOKANE SPORTS SHOTS

The Central Valley High School girls basketball team cut down the nets after a victory over Rogers last week. The team, which has been ranked No. 1 in the state for much of the season, wrapped up the Greater Spokane League championship and the top seed into district play last week.

CVHS Sports Roundup

Basketball boys keep winning

The CVHS boys basketball team stretched its winning streak to 12 games and clinched the one seed into the district playoffs as they swept three GSL games last week.

The Bears tipped off their three-game stretch with a 69-52 win over Shadle Park. The Bears trailed by one at the half before they outscored the Highlanders by 18 in the second half to seal the victory. The Bears were led by Anthony Brommer, who had 15 points, while the trio of Adam Chamberlain, Austin Rehkow and Danny Nimri all contributed nine points in the win.

The Bears next picked up a close three-point win over Rogers, 51-48, which saw them again trailing at the half before outscoring the Pirates 19-10 in the third quarter. Dustin Dach led the way for CV with 15 points, which included four 3-pointers, while Garrett Sawyer chipped in nine points.

The Bears finished off their three game

stretch with a 75-58 win over Ferris, which saw the Bears use a 21-4 second quarter to take a 16-point lead into the half. Rehkow led the way with 23 points while fellow guard Sawyer contributed 21 points in the win. The victory sealed the No. 1 seed into district play for the Bears, who are currently ranked fourth in the state of Washington.

Girls experience first loss of season

The No. 1-ranked Central Valley girls basketball team suffered its first loss of the season, dropping a 54-53 decision to Shadle Park during GSL action last week. The Bears had a six-point lead going into the fourth quarter before the Highlanders finished off the game outscoring CV 15-8. The Bears were led in scoring by Mariah Cunningham, who had 15 points, while Brooke Gallaway contributed 13 points in the loss.

The Bears bounced back in a big way, defeating Rogers 82-40. The Bears used

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COVER STORY/SPORTS

EQUINE TLC

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the movement of the horse.”

In Liberty Lake resident Roman Scalph's case, riding is a way to manage his Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD). But that's not what he thinks about when he shows up to ride.

“I usually don't even say bye to my mom when we get there,” Roman, 9, said. “I just take off running and go straight to see Buddy.”

Roman's mom, Kim (whose last name was withheld by request for privacy reasons), said SPD can manifest itself in various ways. In her son's case, he constantly seeks environmental stimuli. In the winter, he loves going outside in shorts and T-shirts to feel cold. He constantly bumps into walls. He's extra sensitive to food textures.

“It was just a lot of things that when you put it all together created quite a frustration for him,” she said. “Everyone has a sensory profile, but it usually doesn't affect a person's daily life. We do things at home to keep him on an even keel.”

She said extra exercises at home like jumping on a trampoline keep things manageable, but it's nice to have an activity that's just for him. The family tried

ON THE COVER

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Roman Scalph, 9, greets Buddy before a day of riding. The pair has worked together since Scalph's first day in the Equine TLC program.

baseball and soccer before, but activities with a long wait or limited engagement were a struggle for Roman, and his interest waned.

“Kids with SPD are the ones that get lost in the system,” she said. “They don't ever find their niche or people don't understand their needs. ... For him to have something he's good at and something he looks forward to is huge.”

Since joining the Equine TLC program, Buddy is the only horse Roman rides.

“When I look into his eyes, I just feel like he's not like any other horse,” Roman said. “I love him a lot. ... I don't know why exactly, I just feel attached to him.”

He's one of the biggest horses in the program, and Pennestri told him he's of the more challenging to ride. Needless to say, it wasn't love at first sight for Roman.

“I didn't want to ride him,” Roman explained. “I was scared and thought about just going home. ... Once I got on him I was like, ‘Ok, this isn't so bad.’ Now riding

is my favorite thing. It's fun to do things with the horses. It's easy to help take care of him, not hard.”

In addition to proper riding techniques, he said he's learned how to care for horses by doing things like brushing and cleaning them. Kim said the change in her son's confidence was “dramatic.”

“I feel like I can do more than I thought,” Roman said. “When I first tried riding, I was really nervous. I used to think horses were big and scary. Now I know horses are really kind. ... I feel a lot braver.”

He went on to explain how he's happy to try new things now, noting that he wasn't always so willing before. As an example, he said he recently tried an art class and a class with Christian Youth Theater.

Much of his confidence in the saddle comes from the extraordinary bond he shares with Buddy. Roman said he could tell when the horse is in a bad mood, and he's learned to communicate commands with little effort.

“I earned his trust riding him every time I went,” Roman said. “I trust him because he just follows whatever I do. I know he'd never hurt me or do anything bad.”

The result of mutual respect between Buddy and Roman plays out in the riding arena. Roman has mastered a controlled

walk and trot with the horse. This summer, he hopes to add loping to his repertoire.

“There's nothing else like riding a horse,” Roman said, smiling. “It makes me feel bigger. ... If I didn't have Buddy, I'd probably be miserable.”

The program takes a hiatus every winter on account of weather. Pennestri has yet to find access to an indoor arena for days when temperatures make riding impractical. Roman is counting the days and keeping a close eye on the weather.

“If it were summer right now, I would be like, ‘I just want it to be Wednesday so I can go riding and see Buddy,’ and that's all I would think about every day,” Roman said.

In the meantime, he said he's been working to convince his parents to let him keep a horse in his back yard.

“I keep trying to figure out how much a horse costs,” Roman explained. “I think he could fit perfectly in the back there where the deck is.”

Pennestri said the program has grown exponentially in recent years and is happy to train volunteers willing to help riders with stories like Roman's.

For more information on Equine TLC and how to get involved as a volunteer, rider or supporter, visit www.equinetlc.org.

COUNCIL

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the pre-meeting invocation. Again, the Council moved forward directing Cecka to leave current verbiage as is.

A suggestion to state citizens may be invited to give an invocation as long as the individual refrained from referencing or favoring a single religious faith sparked somewhat heated debate.

“How do you say a prayer and not favor a single religious faith?” Council Member Susan Schuler asked. “This language is absolutely ridiculous to me.”

After shooting down a suggestion from

Council member Shane Brickner, the Council again directed Cecka to make no adjustment to the rule.

“I think we're trying once again to fix something here that isn't broken,” Council Member Keith Kopelson said.

A change the Council did seem to agree on was clarifying the public commenting procedure. Opportunities for public comment were kept at the beginning and end of each meeting, but Council members asked to include language that more clearly explained appropriate interaction with the Council during that time.

Based on Council suggestions, Cecka said he'd include suggested verbiage that stated Council members were not to reply

or respond in any way to public comment or public hearing testimony.

Consideration of amendments to regulate meeting participation via telephone were tabled pending the city's purchase of a system that reliably allows participation.

Mayor Steve Peterson said final suggestions for the rules and procedure amendments would come before the Council at the next meeting for a formal vote.

Since the Council approved a job description and salary range for the city administrator position at its Jan. 17 meeting, Cecka said the recruitment process is of-

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ROUNDUP

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a 24-9 first quarter to open a lead they would never relinquish, as Cunningham again led the scoring with 18 points while Gallaway had another 13 points. Victoria Lee-Nauta and Sydney Emory both chipped in 11 points in the win.

The girls completed a three-game stretch last week with a 71-50 win over Ferris. The Bears again used a big first quarter, opening an 18-9 lead on the way to the win. The Bears had four players in double figures, as

Gallaway led the way with 16 points, Katie Estey added 15 points, Madison Hovren contributed 14 points and Emory notched 10 points for the Bears.

11 wrestlers move onto Regionals

The CV Bears wrestling team recently competed in the District 8 4A wrestling tournament, finishing in second place as a team and advancing 11 wrestlers to the regional meet, which will be held Saturday at Moses Lake High School. Mead won the district championship, rolling up 500.5 points, far ahead of the Bears, who scored 280 points.

The Bears had five wrestlers earn district championships; Blake Beard at 120 pounds, Colten Orrino at 126 pounds, Tyler Thelen at 132 pounds, Kolten Cole at 195 pounds and Dan Schoultz at 285 pounds all took home first-place titles. Pat Grady wrestling at 145 pounds, Tanner Davis at 160 pounds and Kurt Beck at 182 pounds all finished in second place.

Three other Bear wrestlers moved onto the regional meet, as David Shepard took home a third place title at 152 pounds while Taylor Shea took home a fourth place finish at 126 pounds and Lowell Kovacich also earned a fourth place finish.



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COMMUNITY

Kiwanis returns with father-daughter party

By Kelly Moore

SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Families throughout Liberty Lake and the surrounding area are gearing up for the Kiwanis' and K-Kids' seventh annual semi-formal Father Daughter Dance held March 3 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Center-Place at Mirabeau Point, 2426 N. Discovery Place in Spokane Valley. Tickets are on sale now.

Every year, organizers plan around a theme. This year, the "Princess and the Frog" theme will be complete with a decorative castle, crowns, lily pads and tissue paper lilies.

Organizer and Kiwanis member Pat Lutzenberger said the event started in 2006 as a service project — simply something for fathers and daughters to get excited about during one of winter's less-than-eventful months.

Sisters Addi and Kate McLelland, ages 9 and 12, have gone every year since they can remember. They said they spend the day getting ready at home with their mom, and a family friend comes over to do hair. Addi McLelland said her favorite part is putting on her dress.

The most important part of getting ready, they said, is making sure dad doesn't see anything until the big reveal just before dinner. He waits at the bottom of the staircase in their family home until the girls come out ready for a night out.

After a fancy dinner date, the girls said hitting the dance floor is the highlight of



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Music at the event is provided by Party Starters and organizers said they're preferred because of their interaction with the audience, encouraging participation during dances.

the night.

"I like getting to dance with my dad," Addi McLelland said. "He's a good dancer. He taught me some swing dancing moves."

Thanks in part to the event's growing

popularity, the dance has evolved into a reliable fundraiser for the Liberty Lake Kiwanis.

Jessie Hoagburg, 9, will be returning for her second year, and she said she's already picked out her dress.

"I like dancing and getting to dress up," Hoagburg said.

Last year, 347 people attended, and this year Lutzenberger said organizers are planning for 400.

Lyndie Holmes, 9, said she likes going for a chance to try her luck in the event's raffle. In the three times she's attended, she's won something twice.

Lutzenberger explained Kiwanis volunteers donate a handful of prize baskets every year for the raffle. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each, and girls apply tickets to the basket they hope to win. A favorite from last year she said will likely return this year is the Justin Bieber-themed basket. A grand prize, usually an iPod, is drawn from the entire pool of raffle tickets.

This year, refreshments include cake, cookies, grapes and lemonade. Attendees will also receive party favors and a long-stem rose.

Lutzenberger said organizers evaluate feedback and work to improve the event each year. This year, they'll be adding a larger dance floor and a credit card machine for raffle tickets.

Music will again be provided by Party Starters, and photography packages will be available by Leo's Photography.

Tickets for the event are \$40 for a father and one daughter. Each additional daughter is \$15. To purchase, visit www.libertylakekiwanis.org. For questions, call 951-3573 or 979-6652.

"The Chalk Garden" unites small cast with big talent

By Kelly Moore

SPLASH STAFF WRITER

In a departure from its typical easy-going humor, the Liberty Lake Community Theatre is offering something a little more to theater-goers this Friday and Saturday with the PG-13 production of "The Chalk Garden," directed by co-playwright-in-residence at Spokane Civic Theatre, Sandra Hosking.

The eight-person production is set entirely in the British home of Mrs. St. Maughm (Marty Kittelson), a rich widow out of touch with reality — including the reality of her disorderly life and household.

Enter Madrigal (Emily Hiller), a frosty, mysterious governess hired to manage Maughm's wild granddaughter, and things start to shape up.

Hiller and Kittelson interact effortlessly throughout the play — Hiller with subtle smirks and darting glances, Kittelson with sweeping gestures and over-the-top eccentricity.

The performance marks Hiller's debut

with LLCT. As a 2005 graduate of Western Washington University, Hiller's performance experience includes various productions throughout the Spokane area. Kittelson is a 30-year veteran with the Woodland Theatre in Kettle Falls.

The quick wit and sometimes fast-paced dialogue of "The Chalk Garden" requires an attentive viewer throughout the first act. Once groundwork is laid to familiarize the audience with the setting, characters and circumstances, the action picks up steam in Act II with twists unfolding in the plot right up to the final curtain call.

Charlie Hamm entered the play about halfway through as a visiting judge. His comfortable presence onstage may leave the audience wishing to see more of him. In addition, young Olivia Whiteley, who plays Laurel, the seemingly out-of-control granddaughter of Maughm, never missed a beat with her onstage counterparts, delivering stinging lines to spar with Hiller's Madrigal.



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The cast of "The Chalk Garden" has prepared for about seven weeks for this weekend's production.

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Man.” The movie features a barbershop quartet.

Q: What was it that appealed to you?

A: It’s the sounds. I like the sounds. When I heard a barbershop group sing live, I was very intrigued by the sound — the way the chords rang. That’s an expression we use when we talk about chords — they ring. That’s what attracted me to it.

Q: The Barbershop Harmony Society, is that something you’re able to be a part of everywhere you go? Do they have it here locally?

A: Yes. In fact, it encompasses the United States and Canada with 17 districts. We also have affiliate associations in a number of other countries all over the globe. It’s a worldwide activity.

Q: So is anybody who’s anybody in the barbershop world a part of this society?

A: Yes, pretty much. The best barbershop singers in the world are part of this society. We host an annual convention every year in a different city in America. It draws competitors from outside

the country as well.

Q: Are there any aspects of this kind of performance people might not realize?

A: It’s much harder than some people think. To do it well is really difficult because the tuning has to be so precise. Also learning to move and sing at the same time is harder for most singers. In a chorus you usually just stand there and sing, but oftentimes barbershop quartets are constantly moving while they sing. Those things can be very daunting for beginners.

Q: Do you have any accomplishments you’re most proud of through barbershop performance and coaching?

A: I think one of the things I’m most proud of is having earned my PhD from the Eastman School of Music. It was a lot of work to get that. One time in 2002, I was able to sing at the International Barbershop Harmony Society’s convention as a competitor with a chorus from Indiana. That was my only time on the international stage. I usu-

Singing Valentines

Singing Valentines have become Pages of Harmony’s main fundraiser, according to a press release. Every year, group members surprise loved ones in the Spokane area with a special message and love song in four-part harmony.

Packages start at \$40 if ordered before Feb. 13 and include two sweetheart songs, a personal Valentine card, a balloon bouquet and a candy surprise. Phone reservations with credit cards are accepted by calling 981-6995 or 951-850-7764 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Messages will be delivered to residences, offices and more Feb. 14 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.pagesofharmony.org.

ally just watch it as a spectator. One time I was at a music theory conference and I ran into one of my former students. I taught her music theory when she was a freshman in college and years later she was going after her PhD in music theory.

Q: What part do you usually sing?

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In fact, the plot is rich with drama and suspense with few distractions from the cast. The offer to preview the production ahead of opening night came with a handful of disclaimers — number one being the fact it was the first opportunity the cast had for a full dress rehearsal in a brand new space. Aside from stumbling through a couple tricky lines, the only mishap Monday night seemed to be a dropped piece of chicken in the dinner scene.

Holding the play at The Kave

in Otis Orchards is a bit of a quick fix for a lingering problem that’s nagged LLCT since vacating its donated space nearly a year ago. The troupe can’t seem to find a permanent home.

LLCT President Jennifer Ophardt said the organization is still on the hunt for an affordable space in the Liberty Lake community. In the meantime, catching this February performance could be a great opportunity for local theater supporters to get out and do just that — support local theater.

Kelly Moore is a staff writer for *The Splash*. She can be reached at kmoore@libertylakesplash.com.

BRIEFS

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week: “Fun While Supporting the Spokane Symphony,” by Larry Davis, president of Spokane Symphony Associates.

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.

E-reading classes available at library

Ongoing drop-in Saturday classes are available each Saturday in February for patrons who would like to learn more about reading or checking out books on Kindles, Nooks, smart phones, iPads or other such devices. These classes are planned from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the quiet reading room of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

No registration is required. For more information, contact the library at 232-2510.

For a full list of community briefs, visit www.libertylakesplash.com.

A: I sing the baritone part, but I’ve also sung tenor, which is the high part.

Q: I know teaching music is a big part of your life as well, along with coaching singing groups at SFCC. Is teaching something you’ve always been interested in?

A: When I was in high school I actually wanted to be a band teacher. I went to undergraduate school and became a band teacher, and I loved it. It wasn’t until graduate school when I taught through a teaching assistantship and I first got to teach college students. It was there I decided I liked teaching at that level. From that point on, I knew I wanted to teach college.

Q: What is it about teaching that appeals to you?

A: I like it because I’m able to make a difference in someone else’s life.

Q: When you’re coaching barbershop and chorus groups at SFCC, what all goes into that?

A: One of the groups I have is a group of about 11 young women. We call it a VLQ — very large quartet. I help them with learning the right notes and rhythms. We work on matching vowel sounds. We work on breathing. We work on tuning. We also work on the choreography when that’s included. All the aspects of performance you need to perform a barbershop song.

Q: Out of all the things you do with music — teaching, performing, judging — do you have a favorite?

A: I kind of like performing myself. Coaching is good, and that’s probably the teacher in me. That helps with that, but I like singing and I like performing. Since I don’t do much with my flute these days, that is my performance outlet.

Q: Is there an achievement you’re still working toward?

A: Well, one day I’d like to compete in the international competition in a quartet. Someday, I’d like to be in a quartet that was good enough to make it to the international level. You have to go through pre-qualifying competitions. As far as my barbershop career goes, that would be one of my ultimate things to do.

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Ice rescue training held in Liberty Lake

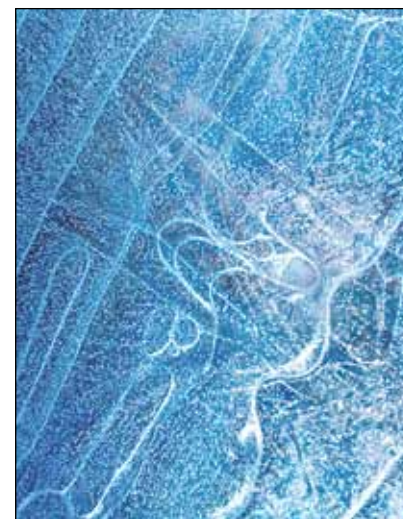


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Members of the Spokane Valley Fire Department hone ice rescue skills on a frozen area of Liberty Lake near Inlet Drive.



Art in the ice



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WWW.BRUCEANDRE.COM

Liberty Lake photographer captured shots of frost forming in a pool of water while on a morning walk.

Library lights to be installed



SPLASH PHOTO BY KELLY MOORE

Construction is underway at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library to install parking lot lighting. The project is expected to be completed sometime this month.

Splash Travels



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Tahir, Angie, Serik, Jennis, and Altyn Cader pose with The Splash in a gondola in Venice, Italy. The Cader family took the paper on a December trip to Ireland and Italy.

Local Lens

Share your snapshots for The Splash's photo page. E-mail editor@libertylakesplash.com with scenes from around town, community events and Splash Travels.

Medicine Man refocuses business

Other businesses vacating east wing of Heartland Mall

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Medicine Man Pharmacy, 23801 E. Appleway Ave., suite 260, recently transitioned away from commercial prescriptions to market only compounding medicines. The change also came with a new business name: Medicine Man Compounding Pharmacy.

The change, owner John Amini explained, means the business will work building custom medicines from scratch and no longer fill non-custom prescriptions from the general public. He said compounding services could be available as an option to anyone writing prescriptions — dentists, veterinarians and nurse practitioners and doctors.

In addition, the business now sells over-the-counter clinical-grade supplements. Amini explained the supplements of that caliber are only released to clinics and licensed facilities. Interested patrons are welcome to stop in for personal, confidential counseling regarding medication and supplements.

Amini said the compounding process allows his business to adjust medications to make them more palatable or easier to administer.

As an example, he explained a pediatrician could order a compounded prescrip-

tion with a particular flavor added. Medicine Man Compounding Pharmacy also made a numbing mouth rinse created to alleviate a patient's gag reflex for a dentist.

Amini said compounding could also be used to create medicines that simply don't exist in commercial markets. He said one of his pharmacists recently made an antibiotic for a python — a medication no one makes for commercial markets.

He added that hormones make up about 40 percent of his compounding business.

"The bulk of our effort now is to inform and educate prescribers about the compounding process and how we can help," Amini said.

Amini said deciding to transition his business wasn't easy, but came as a necessary consequence of the changing pharmacy industry.

"Insurance agencies continued to trim our reimbursements more and more," Amini explained. "It drove us so low ... it wasn't possible to operate any more."

In addition to the business changes, Family Medicine Liberty Lake, the business that shared space with Medicine Man, is planning to relocate to the Liberty Lake Medical Building at 2207 N. Molter Road, suite 203A. Owner Dr. Susan Ashley said the move will encompass her adjoining operation, Healthy Living Liberty Lake.

"We just needed a lot more space to accomplish everything we wanted to do," Ashley said.



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Medicine Man Pharmacy recently transitioned its business to Medicine Man Compounding Pharmacy. Next door, Healthy Living Liberty Lake and Family Medicine Liberty Lake plan to relocate to a new building by Feb. 24 and Spa Zenaida closed earlier this year.

She said her practice recently added Nurse Practitioner Heidi Kallestad, and an additional nurse practitioner is expected to join the team for the summer.

In another blow to the eastern portion of

the Heartland Mall complex on Appleway, Spa Zenaida closed earlier this year.

Amini said he has no plans to move Medicine Man Compounding, and he's evaluating opportunities to expand his operations.

In Biz

WELL meets this week

The Women Executives of Liberty Lake (WELL) will hold its monthly meeting Friday at the Liberty Lake Water and Sewer District building, 22510 E. Mission Ave. Members and guests are welcome at 12:45 p.m. for networking and the meeting at 1 p.m.

The program will feature Andean Accounting owner Sandra McNett as guest speaker. She will discuss tax issues for small businesses in preparation for tax season and beyond.

Members are encouraged to bring friends and business associates who may benefit from the presentation.

The event is free. For more information, visit www.well99019.webs.com.

Home Depot plans workshop

Home Depot will be sponsoring a free "Do It Yourself" workshop Feb. 16th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ladies will learn how to choose crown molding, install it, measure and plan for its installation and select necessary tools and materials for a molding project.

The workshop includes a free gift and refreshments.

Lollipop Lemondrop to relocate

According to the Lollipop Lemondrop website, the store is operating under new ownership. Stacy Hendrickson, the creator of Posh Toppings, took over operations and plans to relocate the store to 410 E. Holland Road, Spokane.

The Liberty Lake location will remain open with regular hours until Feb. 18. Consignors with the store may choose to continue consigning or pick up all items no later than Feb. 17. For more information, email info@lollipoplemondrop.com.

Demand Energy assigned patent

Demand Energy Networks was assigned

a patent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for "energy systems, energy devices, energy utilization methods and energy transfer methods."

Demand Energy, founded in Liberty Lake in 2008, specializes in energy storage and technology with a signature product, the Demand Shifter. Demand Shifters store excess energy generated during off-peak hours for use when it's most needed.

This is the second of five patents the company has filed for. In December, Co-founder Brett Turner said a handful of additional patents were in the review process before being submitted.

The most recently awarded patent application was filed on June 30, 2008.

Gravity Jack forms advisory board

Liberty Lake-based Gravity Jack announced the formation of its advisory board last week to advise the firm's execu-

tives on future direction.

"We've assembled eight of the most influential leaders from several industries to serve on our board and are honored they are able to share their business and management expertise with us," Director of Business Development Nick Pintler said in a press release. "Our advisory board members will act as ambassadors to their representative industries and assist us in our continued effort to move augmented reality in to the limelight."

Gravity Jack's advisory board includes eight members from the fields like entertainment, legal, finance, and telecommunications. Gravity Jack was founded in 2009 to develop augmented reality solutions for the iPhone, iPad and Android operating systems.

In Biz features Liberty Lake-connected business items. Contact The Splash with business news at editor@libertylakesplash.com.

'Yes' to positive educational experiences like mine

My family moved to Liberty Lake in the summer of 2000. Because of the timing, many of my earliest memories here were of starting first grade at Liberty Lake Elementary School. Since that time, I've had the pleasure of also attending Greenacres Middle School and Central Valley High School, where I am currently a senior. My experiences in the Central Valley School District — as a student and as an athlete — have shaped who I am today and enabled me to pursue acceptance at some of the top academic institutions in this country.

That's why my parents and I are voting to approve the Central Valley School Programs and Operations Replacement Levy. It's also why I am so appalled by certain yellow flyers spreading misinformation in blunt black font, asking individuals to "vote no on the Central Valley levy!" These flyers, and really the bulk of the opposition's argument, are based on misleading omissions of information and cynical distortions of the facts.

So I'd like to clear up a few things. First, the replacement levy is not a new tax. It is simply the regular renewal of an expiring levy passed in 2009. Not only that, but it is actually \$200,000 cheaper than

the levy that was passed here three years ago. So, contrary to claims by the levy's opponents, a "yes" vote actually means no new taxes while at the same time funding strong educational programs in our community.

Additionally, when levy opponents emphasize the word "excess" when discussing the levy, they're being a bit deceptive. Yes, the levy is funded through an "excess tax," a term which simply indicates a slight addition to the standard property tax, an addition which has already been in place for many years now. However, the levy itself is absolutely not excessive; in fact, it represents nearly a quarter of the school district's daily operating budget and provides for such basic essentials as textbooks, teachers and transportation. It also allows for vital sports, music and drama programs to exist in our schools. And really, with all this technical talk of taxes, what

often gets forgotten is what these levies actually fund — and what gets cut without them.

Money from the levy allows students like myself to participate in sports like cross country. It allows students to participate in programs like DECA and FBLA, which prepare members for careers in the business world. And on an incredibly basic, essential level, it provides opportunities for both struggling and advanced students, allowing them to take classes that maximize their potential. If you're a parent of young children, know that these things are what allow students to be competitive college applicants. And if you're not, know that the vibrancy and potency of these kinds of programs attract businesses and create jobs, as employers want a capable workforce and employees want strong scholastic options for their children.

On a more grim note, it's important to consider what will happen if the levy does not pass. The reality is that teachers from throughout the district will lose their jobs, and there will be fewer resources for students. This, in turn, means that both the diversity and the quality of our community's academic offerings will be significantly diminished as courses are eliminated and

students are packed into increasingly crowded classrooms. Extracurricular activities will likely be hit even harder, as budget cuts over the past few years have already put them in a more precarious economic situation.

Ultimately, this all comes down to a rather simple choice. If, in the end, your financial situation is such that even a renewal of an existing tax is too much of a burden and you have to vote "no," fine. For some individuals, that is going to be a reasonable and respectable decision. If, however, your economic situation is not dire, then I urge you to please consider voting "yes." Over the years, this community has overwhelmingly answered in the affirmative when it has come to funding operations levies. And over those same years, I and countless others have enjoyed the benefits of that positive response. It is my hope that Liberty Lake will again say "yes," that the community will allow students just starting here and those yet to come to have an educational experience that is both varied and robust.

For more information about the levy, please visit www.voteyecvschools.com.

Andrew Schutts is a Liberty Lake resident and senior at Central Valley High School.

By Andrew Schutts
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



Letters to the Editor

Valley Chamber supports levies

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, I want to inform the community that the Chamber endorses the school district levies that appear on your ballot.

We include in our service areas the

Central Valley, West Valley, East Valley and Freeman school districts. Each of the districts have made presentations to our Government Action Committee about the needs for these replacement maintenance and operations levies. Funds are not being asked for buildings; these funds are needed as an important part of operating our schools. In a sense, these are renewal funds because we as taxpayers are already paying these taxes. If the levies are not approved by the voters, some serious program cuts will have to take place that will affect the quality of education in our community. In some instances, this can mean a loss of 25 percent or more of our schools operating funds.

There is some confusion about a tax increase due to the problem of whether levy equalization funds will continue to be available at the state level. Right now, funds come to school districts from the state to help equalize the cost of basic education in districts throughout the state. In this way, districts with lower property values get additional help. Due to the state's budget crisis, these funds may go away, which can affect districts to a varying degree. If levy equalization is retained, we as taxpayers will be continuing to pay the same amount of levied taxes as before. If levy equalization is a casualty of state funding decisions, we will be paying an additional amount, which will depend on

the district in which you are located. Unfortunately, the future of levy equalization will not be known until March or early April.

We need good public schools to maintain the great quality of life we enjoy in the greater Spokane Valley. As the Chamber with a business emphasis, we need good schools to provide a qualified workforce. We urge you to support our schools by voting "Yes" on the ballot that must be returned by mail or placed in ballot boxes at branches of our local public libraries by Feb. 14.

Eldonna Shaw
President & CEO
Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of
Commerce

No new taxes ... really?

By now we surely have all heard or read about the Central Valley School District's \$81 million levy before voters. The pro-levy group, Central Valley Citizens for Education, are pushing very hard to pass this so-called replacement levy. I was recently approached by someone handing out flyers and wanting to know how I will vote (which, by the way, is supposed to be private, right?). They told me there would be no increase in my taxes. Really? Let us look at the numbers.

2010-2012 levy numbers: According to CVSD's own website, the 2009 levy funded \$23.85 million in 2010, \$25.5 million in 2011 and \$27.3 million in 2012. That totals \$76.65 million.

2013-2015 Levy Numbers: According to the "Vote Yes" flyer, the new levy will fund \$27.1 million for 2013-2015. That totals \$81.3 million.

Note: Levy Equalization funding from the state was excluded from these numbers since we as voters need to evaluate what the CVSD is requesting we approve and will be responsible for paying out of our own pockets, regardless of LEA.

So we are being told that the new levy will not increase our taxes, when in fact it will! This new levy totals \$4.65 million more than the previous! The "Vote Yes" Central Valley Citizens for Education group is also falsely marketing a lower amount. Quote: "The current \$27.3 million levy will be replaced with a \$27.1 million levy — a lower amount!" (Found on the "Vote Yes" mail flyer). Well, sure, it looks that way, but that is only because 2012 is the highest annual amount from the current levy. It would appear that they set the third year of the current levy at a higher amount than the previous two years (\$23.85 million and \$25.5 million) to try to convince us to vote yes because

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About the Opinion Page

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it will be a lower amount. All told the numbers are clear: This levy is in total a higher amount and will raise your property taxes.

Please join me in lowering our taxes, not raising them. Vote no!

Kristen Anderson
Liberty Lake

Responsible spending where the rubber meets the ... schools

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) was allocated \$7 billion in taxes for the 2011-2013 biennium to improve and maintain roads in the state of Washington. Taxpayers currently pay 37.5 cents for each gallon of gas they purchase. Those taxes make up a portion of the WSDOT's \$7 billion allocation. Based on a Washington State's 2011 population of 6,724,540, that equates to \$1,040.96 for every person to improve our road system.

The Citizens For Responsible Taxation group opposes all of the school levies in the Spokane area. Here is my question. If these citizens are so concerned about responsible spending of our taxes, why haven't they opposed any of the taxes used to support WSDOT's road projects costing \$7 billion? Why don't the Citizens For Responsible Taxation support legislation to either eliminate or charge a \$5 per tire fee for studded snow tires since they cause an estimated \$24.7 million in damage to our roadways in Washington each year?

Aren't our kids as important — or even more important — than our roadways? I think so. Please vote yes for all school district levies in the Spokane area.

John Parker
Spokane Valley

'No' is a worthy position, too

I took a read through The Splash's editorial plus the plethora of pro-levy letters and noticed a trend: We shouldn't punish the innocent children and opposing the levy means you don't have your head screwed on straight. To those who shared your views — which I respect your right to do — allow me to share mine with you.

Having paid property taxes only eight years of my life so far, I am not opposed to the concept. What I am opposed to is my hard-earned tax dollars being used to fund a system of education which distorts the history and founding of this country, denigrates individual achievement and merit through the promotion

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Adult & teen art class Saturday, Feb. 11 from 1-3:30p.m. at The Art Chalet of Liberty Lake. Acrylic (\$35), oil (\$40). Call: 255-9600 or www.theartchalet.com.

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OPINION/NEWS

LETTERS

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of participation trophies, chases God from the building while teaching us we all evolve from pond slime and promotes collectivistic tendencies rather than self-reliance.

In fairness, there are good teachers and I had quite a few in my time in public school. However, when you start teaching children what to think instead of how to think critically, my interest in funding your endeavors comes to an end. I would rather my money fund a system I believe in than have it forcibly taken from me by people who use an innocent child as a prop to try to shame me into being quiet.

To the editorial board who tells me not to vote no and shoot the local community in the foot, my problem is with teachers who seek to fill my children's heads with ideas contrary to my value system, not the bureaucrats who fund their efforts. I think if you ask people to give to help programs at a school through charity, you might find you get more than when you take through taxation.

Somehow I suspect some view my beliefs as less important because my 13 years in public education didn't instill in me that this is the only way. The pro-levy gentleman who told my wife how great the levy was turned and walked away when he found she wouldn't support it. Are we really all equal anymore or only when we go along with the crowd?

Ryan Anderson
Liberty Lake

Another way to look at the levy

In response to the information being distributed by the Citizens for Responsible Taxation, the Central Valley levy of \$81 million is for three years, which breaks down to \$27 million per year.

Here is how that money is allocated: You divide the \$27 million per year by 12,600 students in Central Valley, that equals \$2,142.86 per student, per year. Divide that by 180 school days, that is \$11.90 per student per day. Divide that by 6.5 hours per school day, and that equals \$1.83 per hour to educate, transport, feed and provide a safe learning environment, as well as the opportunity for band, debate, drama, after-school activities plus full athletics for every student who wishes to participate.

That is not a bad investment to educate our kids from kindergarten through high school graduation. The kids who graduate will make a far greater contribution to our society than the \$1.83 per hour that it takes to educate them.

Doug Wheeler
Spokane Valley

COUNCIL

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ficially under way, and 39 applicants have already formally responded to the advertised position with about a couple still trickling in each week.

The application deadline is Feb. 29.

According to a timeline presented Tuesday, Cecka hopes to narrow the applicant field to 12 in an executive session following the regular Council meeting March 6. Interviews with those candidates would be conducted over the next two weeks.

At the March 20 Council meeting, the field will again be narrowed down to five or six interview finalists in an executive session.

Final interviews should be completed by

April 14 and the Council may formally approve an employment contract. The projected start date for the new city administrator is May 14.

Council member Dan Dunne suggested including a public forum similar to "meet the candidate" forums used by the Central Valley School District to hire principals.

Cecka said he'd certainly recommend including such an event somewhere in the timeline, saying it's "a very worthwhile practice."

In other business

Cecka reported recent challenges with the city's computer system would cost the city close to \$15,000. He said unstable behavior with the server started Jan. 22, ultimately leading to total failure Jan. 24. Support teams determined the primary and back-up server both crashed, leaving

city staff without access to records, e-mail and other information. A back up system is rebuilding the server and restoring all records, though Cecka said the process is "painfully slow."

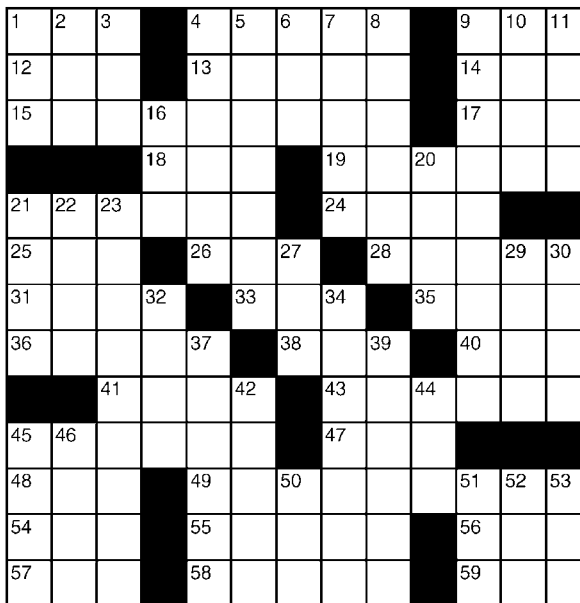
The Council passed a first read of an ordinance to authorize City Council members to serve as volunteer firefighters, ambulance personnel or reserve law enforcement officers. The move is intended to allow Brickner to continue his volunteer service through the police department.

At the next Council meeting Feb. 21, the Council will review a proposed amendment to the city's legal services agreement and a presentation from the library board regarding staffing and support needs. The Council will also make appointments to the city's lodging tax advisory board, the planning commission and the salary commission.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bar bill
- 4 Perspire
- 9 Use a crowbar
- 12 Knight's address
- 13 Actress Berry
- 14 Fish eggs
- 15 Alternative to a jail term
- 17 Eggs
- 18 Rhyming tribute
- 19 Vacuum brand
- 21 Salt companion
- 24 Opposed to "— Town"
- 25 Congeal
- 26 Cord fiber
- 28 Cattle drive tool
- 33 Pooch
- 35 Location
- 36 Couches
- 38 Sphere
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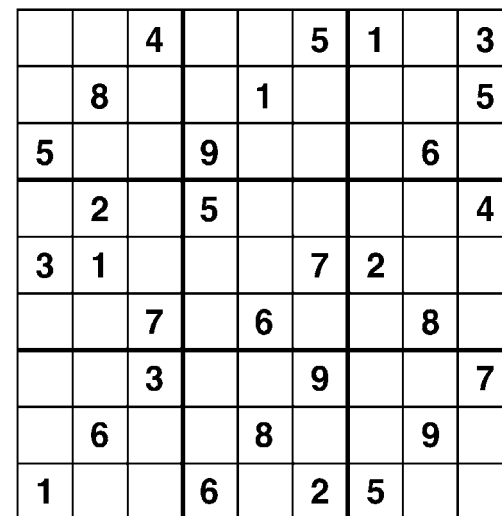
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- 52 Modern-day money
- 53 Lavish supply
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- 55 The gamut
- 56 Letterman rival
- 57 Information
- 58 "Frasier" star Kelsey
- 59 Taste
- 60 Sanguinary
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- 62 Cheerios ingredient
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by Linda Thistle

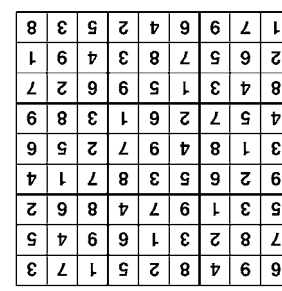


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