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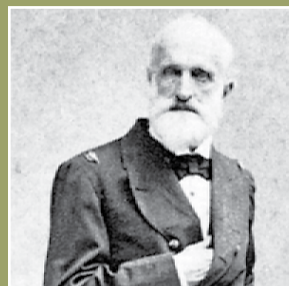
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From left, Shanna Thompson, Matt Hinea, Connor Shirley and Amanda Seely spread awareness of the environment and Central Valley High School's Green Club with a booth at the Liberty Lake Farmer's Market last year. Seely, now a senior, founded the club her junior year at CV.

Coloring her world green

profiles:

AMANDA SEELY

CV senior spreads message of environmental awareness

By Julia Marquiss
SPLASH INTERN

"Going green" is more than a trend that is sweeping the nation; it is a lifestyle that has altered our grocery stores, neighborhoods and schools. Recently, Liberty Lake resident and high school senior Amanda Seely founded Green Club — a club dedicated to creating, among other things, a recycling program at Central Valley High School.

Green Club has been in the workings since Amanda's freshman year. Amanda attended City School, a non-traditional school designed for students grades 5-8 in the West Valley District, where she discovered her interest in the environment through her work in the school's compost garden and green house. Coming from City School, where there were many hands-on environmental activities, to Central Valley High School "was a big change," Amanda said. She was concerned there was not a strong recycling program at CV. As a freshman, she knew she didn't have the resources to create a club, but by junior year, it was time.

The Splash sat down with Amanda to find out more about Green Club.

Q. Why did you wait until your junior year to start the club?

A. When I was a freshman, I didn't know a lot of people at CV or a lot of teachers. But by junior year, I felt like I had made my mark in high school, and I had the resources to create Green Club.

Q: How did you even go about starting a club at CV?

A: First, I had to go to ASB and write a constitution and find a teacher advisor. Mrs. Buratto was the perfect choice because she is known around the school for being a "green" person.

Q: Were there hurdles you had to overcome?

A: Putting the club together was a lot more work than I thought it would be, but the thing we are finding to be most difficult is raising money.

Q: What events has Green Club put on?

A: Early in the year, Green Club held its first "Trashion Show." The Trashion Show was a mock fashion show where students paired up into a model and design team. The designer's goal was to make the most appealing outfit out of recycled materials — essentially, trash. One student made a very cute skirt using plastic bags. Other students used pop bottle labels, old cereal boxes, things like that. We were able to raise

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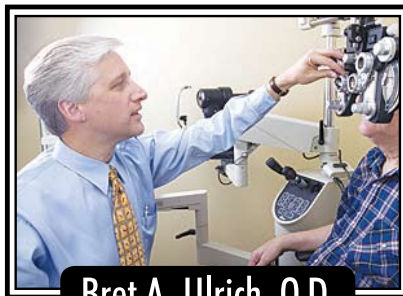
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FEBRUARY 22

6 p.m.: Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library annual meeting, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

FEBRUARY 23

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

5:45 p.m.: Liberty Lake Toastmasters, Denny Ashlock Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

7:30 p.m.: English Club, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 23515 E. Boone

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Library hosts resource workshop

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Avenue, is hosting a career services workshop on Saturday at 1 p.m.

The workshop will explain services available at the library and resources that can be accessed from home or the library. Interested participants are asked to bring their library cards.

To sign up for the event, call 232-2510.

Friends hosts annual meeting

Friends of the Liberty Lake Library is holding their annual meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of the library, 23123 E. Mission. The public is invited.

The group meets regularly on the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. For more information, go to www.libertylakefriends.org.

Kiwanis learns about "Get Lit"

Danielle Ward, coordinator for the "Get Lit" program, will be the guest speaker at the Liberty Lake Kiwanis meeting at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday at City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista.

Attendees will hear about the program and its goals of developing child literacy, engaging students in discussions around literature and offering tools to help students think critically and creatively about our world. The public is invited to attend.

Vote on Lego creations at library

Residents are invited to vote for their favorite Lego creations on display at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Avenue. Voting for the contest will continue until Feb. 25.

The library will host a Lego Mania reception on Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. Winners of the contest will be announced, and there will be games and activities for all attendees.

Club offers English lessons

Individuals who speak Russian or Ukrainian are invited to a free English Club on

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 23515 E. Boone.

The club is open to those wishing to practice their English skills, improve pronunciation and expand their vocabulary.

For more information, contact Ryan Romney at 720-1993.

Fathers, daughters invited to annual Kiwanis dance

Tickets are now on sale for the sixth annual Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by Liberty Lake Kiwanis and K-Kids. The event will be held March 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at CenterPlace at Mirabeau Point, 2426 N. Discovery Place in Spokane Valley.

Girls of all ages, along with their fathers or other adult male guest, are invited to an evening of dancing and fun along a Mardi Gras theme.

The cost is \$40 per father and daughter, and \$15 for each additional daughter. Price includes favors, refreshments, DJ and more.

To purchase tickets, visit libertylakekiwanis.org, fatherdaughterdance.webs.com or mail a check to Kiwanis LL Father Daughter Dance, PO Box 384, Liberty Lake, WA 99019.

For more information, call Linda at 951-3573 or Melanie at 315-4068.

Library offers reading program during winter months

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library is holding a winter reading program until March 31 for all ages.

Family readers or beginning independent readers can receive stickers for different types of books read. Older participants who read three books are eligible to win a chance at a Barnes & Noble gift card or other cold-weather treats.

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Council suggests budget process improvements

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

The Liberty Lake City Council revisited the frustrations of last year's budgeting season Tuesday with open discussion about how to improve on a "painful" process.

"We can learn from our mistakes so we can hopefully run into not as many the next year," Mayor Wendy Van Orman said. "It was painful. It was painful for me; it was painful for the Council, painful for the community — just painful all around."

The most consistently expressed concern regarded information dissemination. Council Member Cris Kaminskas asked to see the budget information earlier in the process rather than the night of the mayor's presentation. Van Orman also asked to see questions from Council members as early on as possible.

In addition, both Council members Josh Beckett and Susan Schuler expressed a lack of confidence in the information presented in the budget.

"There was a lack of integrity with the data we received on multiple occasions,"

Beckett said. "There was just lots of confusion."

Schuler added she wanted more opportunity to hear public comments during the process.

Other suggestions touched ways to make the formatting more effective. Council members discussed everything from general organization to bulleted information as opposed to narrative paragraphs.

"I'd like to see this conversation held a couple more times before we get to the number crunch," Council Member Odin Langford said. "I don't think any of us can disagree that what happened was a terrible thing."

In other business:

- Van Orman read a proclamation declaring February Kiwanis Cancer Cure month.

- The Council unanimously approved a resolution adopting the Spokane County Solid Waste Management Plan. The plan lays out guidelines for how recycling will be executed in Spokane County, options for waste reduction and proposed education programs.

CVSD awaits superintendent's proposal for moving forward

▪ After being caught off guard by the failure of their bond efforts, district officials prepare to look ahead with 'thoughtful deliberation.'

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

In the first school board meeting after Central Valley School District's failed bond election, the district acknowledged efforts of volunteers, but has yet to reveal any future plans.

CVSD Superintendent Ben Small told the school board Monday night he planned to present feedback on the recent bond efforts along with a proposal for moving forward at the regularly scheduled meeting March 14.

"I think, as we move forward the same thoughtful deliberation needs to continue to be brought to the table," Small said. "The election results were not what we

worked for, nor what we expected."

He said the challenges within the district, particularly overcrowded and outdated facilities, were real and showed no signs of going away.

Preparation for the Feb. 8 bond effort included more than 15 months of committee work to develop a Capital Facilities Plan with projects proposed through 2033. The plan ranked facilities and identified necessary updates, while taking projected enrollment data into consideration.

Board members Tom Dingus and Keith Clark acknowledged the efforts of CVSD staff and volunteers toward the bond efforts, thanking everyone for their work.

"I know a lot of people put their heart and soul into that," Dingus said. "It was much appreciated."

Also at the meeting, board member Cindy McMullen announced plans not to run for reelection when her term is up in November, capping more than 24 years of district service.

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Baxter was chosen over candidates Roy Murry and Rep. Matt Shea. The seat serves the area stretching from Spokane Valley

to the northeast edge of Spokane County, including Liberty Lake, Millwood, Peone Prairie, Mead, Colbert, Chattaroy and Elk.

Student named to dean's list

Washington and Lee University recently announced that Liberty Lake resident Randi Wilson made the dean's list for the fall term. Students must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale to qualify.

Wilson is a sophomore at the school, which is located in Lexington, Va.

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Jump Rope for Heart



Second-graders at Liberty Lake Elementary participate in Jump Rope for Heart during their health and fitness class Monday afternoon.

At left, Madison Nichols bounces to a finish line. At right, Kelly O'Dea and Lindy Williams try out skip-its.



SPLASH PHOTOS BY KELLY MOORE



Fifth-graders volunteered to turn the ropes for jumpers Sam Hislop (far left) and Bryan Bach (left). In addition to participating in Jump Rope for Heart, students are collecting donations for the American Heart Association and learning about cardiovascular health in their classes.

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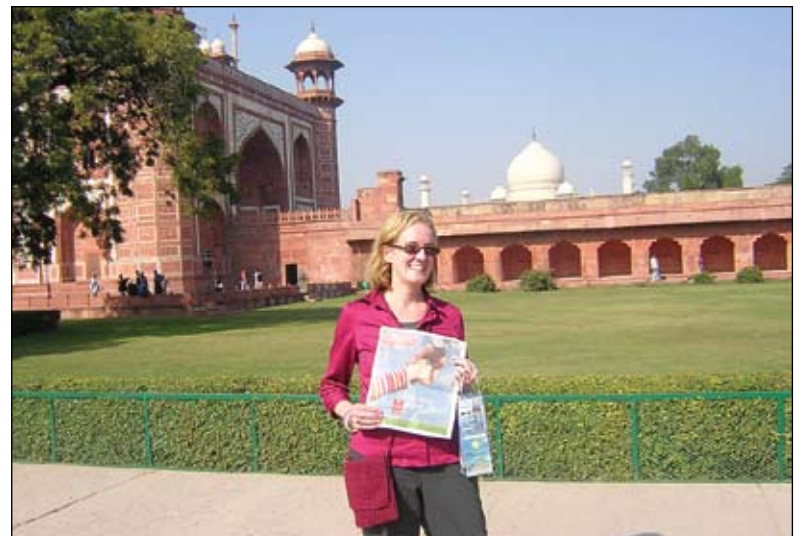
Unusual cloud formation



Jane Ruggiero snapped this photo of lenticular (lens shaped) cirrus clouds during a sunset earlier this month.

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Rebecca M. Stephanis traveled to India in December to present a paper at a conference. She took The Splash along when she went to visit the Taj Mahal in Agra.

NEWS

Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Feb. 7-14.

Incidents and arrests:

• **Driving with suspended license** — A 29-year-old Liberty Lake man was arrested at 8:15 a.m. Feb. 8 at Country Vista Drive and Henry Road for driving while his license was suspended. The vehicle was initially stopped for an expired registration.

• **DUI** — A 23-year-old woman from Fairchild Air Force Base was arrested at 2:20 a.m. Feb. 2 at Harvard Road and Euclid Avenue for DUI. The vehicle was initially stopped for a speeding violation.

• **Driving with suspended license** — A 24-year-old Liberty Lake man was arrested at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at Mission Avenue and Holl Boulevard for driving while his license was suspended and littering. While behind the vehicle, the arresting officer observed the driver throw a lit cigarette out the car window. The officer stopped the vehicle and during the contact, learned the driver was also suspended.

• **Commercial burglary** — At 10 a.m. Feb. 11, LLPD responded to Allsport at 19505 E. Broadway Ave. for a commercial burglary that occurred sometime overnight. The complainant reported that someone cut through the fenced area on the northeast side of the building and entered a storage area where vehicles are kept for repair. At the time of the report nothing appeared to be stolen. Detective Ray Bourgeois is following up on the case.

• **Drug possession** — A 19-year-old Liberty Lake man and an 18-year-old Otis Orchards man were arrested at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Bella Lago development for unlawful possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

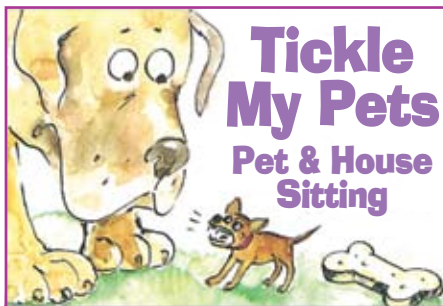
The arresting officer was patrolling the area of the Bella Lago development due to recent reports of people using the area for illicit activity. While patrolling, he observed a vehicle occupied by three people at the end of the development on a dirt path. As the officer contacted the subjects, he noted an odor of marijuana in the vehicle. The driver told the officer he had a marijuana pipe and a device used to cut up marijuana in the vehicle. The front passenger told the officer he had some marijuana and a pipe in his jacket pocket.

The drug detection K-9 team was called to the scene and located several smoking devices with burned marijuana residue in them and the cutter that contained a small amount of marijuana. The two subjects were issued criminal citations and released. The other occupant in the vehicle was not charged.

• **Domestic assault, unlawful imprisonment** — A 63-year-old Liberty Lake man was arrested at 9:15 p.m. Feb. 13 at the 23200 block of East Maxwell Drive for domestic violence assault and unlawful imprisonment. Officers were dispatched to the residence for a report of a domestic violence assault in progress. The investigation determined the suspect had assaulted the victim by pushing her and hitting her in the face. The suspect then allegedly pinned the victim to the floor, refusing to let her get up or leave. After some time, the suspect let the victim up off the floor and she called 911. The suspect was booked into the county jail.

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Lake's former namesake had presidential ties

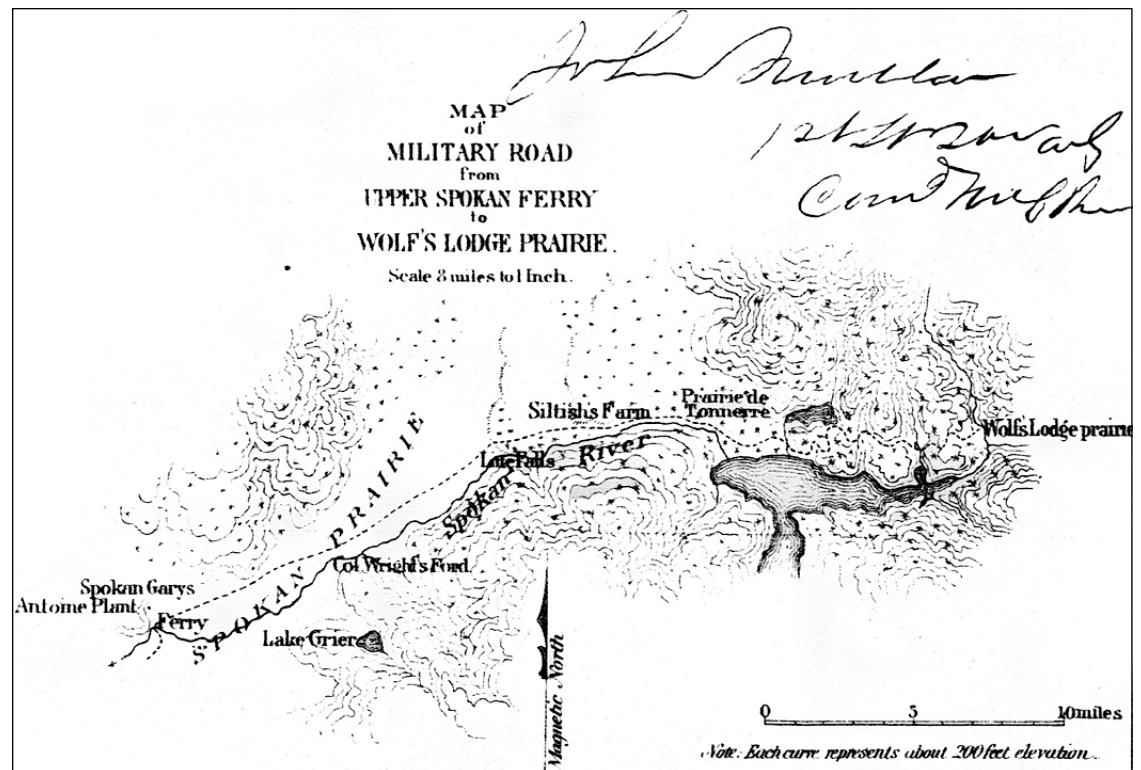


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This historic military map pinpoints the location of Lake Grier, which today is known as Liberty Lake. Brevet Major William Nicholson Grier was a cavalry soldier of the western frontier in the mid-1800s.

By Ross Schneidmiller
LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Editor's note: With Presidents' Day Monday, we asked Liberty Lake Historical Society President Ross Schneidmiller to share one of his stories about connections between Liberty Lake and American presidents.

Liberty Lake was once named Lake Grier after Brevet Major William Nicholson Grier for acts of bravery performed during the Spokane Indian War of 1858. But it was an act of kindness, not bravery, that may have made its greatest impact by this take-charge cavalry soldier of the western frontier.

In 1840, after serving time on frontier duty in Indian Territory, Grier returned to West Point to instruct infantry and cavalry tactics. One evening, Grier came upon Ulysses S. Grant and his roommate while making a tour of inspection. Fredrick Dent Grant would write an article for the New York World Sunday Magazine about this encounter between his famous father and

Grier. He told how a turkey had been smuggled into the room of the first-year cadets, and they were in the process of cooking it as Grier arrived:

"The odor of roasting turkey was strong in the room and must have smote the officer in his nostrils before he crossed the threshold. He walked around, keeping his eyes continually upon the ceiling, and announced with ostentatious severity: 'Gentlemen, it seems to me I can smell something cooking.' Grier carefully avoided looking at the guilty faces of the two young fellows or towards the fowl on their hearth. It was perfectly clear that he had not the faintest intention of reporting them, and he did not do so. Of course he should have reported them, for their's was a serious offense. His consideration saved the boys a great deal of trouble, and possibly from dismissal from the corps of cadets."

After the Civil War, when the downsizing of the army took place, Grant "remembered the favor shown to him by Grier, and he did not allow the pressure



brought by the friends of other officers to secure them places in the new army list to outweigh the just and proper claims of one who had rendered a kindness to him in his early life."

In August 1866, "Grier, who was a brave and efficient officer," was named commander of the 3rd U.S. Cavalry. General Ulysses S. Grant rode his popularity from the Civil War into the White House, becoming the 18th President of the United States in 1869.

NEWS

Unemployment insurance agreement to save WA businesses \$300 million

Measure beats deadline, gets governor's signature

By Tiffany Vu

WNPA OLYMPIA NEWS BUREAU

Gov. Christine Gregoire signed two bills on Friday to extend federally funded unemployment benefits and permanently reduce state taxes on those benefits. The bill signing ended weeks of contentious debate in the Washington State Legislature over unemployment insurance.

"I do think this is a historic moment," Gregoire said, praising both houses, both parties, business and labor for uniting over the issue.

The passage of SB 5135 extends unemployment benefits for 70,000 workers, bringing in \$320 million in federal dollars. It reduces tax rates for unemployment insurance from a proposed 36 percent to 5 percent, saving Washington businesses an estimated \$300 million this year. Gregoire claimed that some businesses would see a tax reduction of up to 48 percent.

The bill passed the Senate 46 to 1 on Feb. 4. The lone dissenter was Sen. Sharon Nelson, D-Vashon Island, who op-

posed the bill after a labor-backed benefit expansion failed a Senate vote on Wednesday, with six Democrats joining the Republicans to defeat it. This expansion would have included a benefit extension for workers' dependents at about twice the cost to the state.

"I believed that [SB 5135] did not go far enough," said Nelson, who had favored a delay on the vote until additional benefits to unemployed workers could be agreed upon. "It was difficult for me ... but I felt I took a principled decision and I'm proud of the fact that that's where I stood."

However, Nelson added that she was satisfied with the additional weekly benefits included in EHB 1091.

Lawmakers had to work against the clock to pass the bill, which was delivered to the Governor on Feb. 9 — just hours after the Employment Security Department's (ESD) deadline to begin rewriting tax bills to send to employers. However, Gregoire said that she had directed the ESD to begin the process the previous day because "we knew we were going to get the bill."

Gregoire dismissed concerns that benefit expansion would endanger the state's

trust funds, calling them among the most robust in the nation.

"We had no concern that we were going to take [unemployment insurance] to the point that we would jeopardize the health of the trust fund," she said. "And thank goodness, frankly, that we have the capacity to do this when virtually no other state does. ... Some other 35 states are bankrupt. We are not."

EHB 1091 permanently caps taxes on unemployment insurance, adds an additional \$25 to weekly benefits through November 2011 and expands training benefits for dislocated workers, raking in an additional \$98 million in federal aid. It passed the Senate 41-4, the dissenters being Senators Jerome Delvin (R-Richland), Doug Ericksen (R-Ferndale), Jim Honeyford (R-Sunnyside) and Mark Schoesler (R-Ritzville).

Schoesler called the weekly benefit increase "a nice gesture," but said that it would be "very difficult" to scale it back in November and criticized the bill for failing to ultimately solve the state's problems in funding unemployment insurance.

"If there was any money from the federal government, I would've preferred to

see it spent on training benefits or not at all," Schoesler said. "We made some honest changes, but we didn't fix the problem. We still fundamentally have an expensive system ... that doesn't make Washington a more competitive state for attracting and retaining business."

The House of Representatives passed both bills unanimously, but not before a dramatic deadlock on Feb. 9 over the question of making the benefit expansions permanent in EHB 1091. However, both sides were able to reach a last-minute compromise behind closed doors.

Gregoire acknowledged the inter-party wrangling at the signing, saying, "It's all the art of compromise here. No one got everything they want ... but unlike times past, it was done [in an] absolutely bipartisan [manner]. And even sometimes more importantly than that, it was done across the dome ... and then business and labor came together, which doesn't happen all that often. I'm hopeful that this is a great first start."

The next major item on the Legislature's agenda will be workers' compensation reform, which Gregoire said would be a much more difficult and contentious

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Strict discharge permits intended to clean up the Spokane River will require significant technology upgrades for dischargers like the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District.

Cleaning up our waters

\$10 million upgrade just one part of LLSWD's plan to meet stringent permit standards

By Kelly Moore
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Enforced water quality standards intended to clean up Lake Spokane and the Spokane River will soon be felt in the pockets of area citizens as new discharger permits will be issued with costly-to-meet guidelines. The Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District is already bracing for a necessary \$10 million upgrade.

Despite having closed for public comment three months ago, the Washington State Department of Ecology still doesn't expect the long-awaited discharger permits for the Spokane River to be issued until spring. These permits — 12 years in the making — will be the first to address problems with excessive pollution in the river and a federal mandate to clean it up.

To meet the new permit standards, LLSWD Manager Lee Mellish said the Liberty Lake wastewater treatment facility would have to undergo an upgrade to provide additional filters and treatments — something most likely to be paid for by residents. LLSWD is currently working on engineering plans for the upgrade, which Mellish said must be up and running by 2018.

"If we can get some grants or loans, that'll

be great," Mellish said. "But with the economy the way it is, there aren't any grants out there that I know of. It's going to be a challenge."

To fund the upgrade, Mellish said the LLSWD might look at bonds or possibly borrow money from the Public Works Trust Fund, a state loan program that funds local government projects. Mellish said the district does a rate study every other year that shows they'll have to bump up rates by about 50 cents to \$1 every year "for a while." Liberty Lake residents just saw a \$2 increase to sewer rates this year.

"We'd rather do it that way than have a

huge jump later down the road," Mellish said.

Four dischargers in Washington, including the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, will soon adjust to the new, costly limitations to the quality of effluent put out into the river. These limitations are spelled out in the new permits and are the first step in the Water Quality Improvement Plan — known as the TMDL. The TMDL restricts the "total maximum daily load" of certain pollutants that are discharged into the Spokane River.

"(The TMDL) is the guiding principles for how we're all going to work together to solve this problem," Ecology Communications Manager Jani Gilbert said. "And it's a big problem because it costs a lot of money to solve it."

The TMDL identifies where the pollution comes from and how much is in the river. More importantly, it describes how everyone plans to reduce it.

Gilbert said permits are usually issued by this time, but responding to the vast amount of public comment slowed the process. The response is required by law, and with 397 pages of comments, it can be quite time consuming.

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Why are the new permits necessary?

The new permits crack down on nutrient-pollutants like phosphorus in the Spokane River and Lake Spokane. According to Washington State Department of Ecology Communications Manager Jani Gilbert, phosphorus promotes the growth of algae in stagnant areas of these waters and algae uses up oxygen needed for fish to thrive.

"It's important for several reasons," Gilbert said. "One reason is that we don't have a very lively fishery anymore. We used to have a lot of redband trout and salmon. They can't thrive when they don't have enough oxygen in the water. We're trying to protect and regain the fishery."

Gilbert said Ecology is also worried about the algae itself. She said it's not only dangerous for walking, but it also hinders swimming and recreation activities. In addition, she said area lakes have experienced outbreaks of toxic blue-green algae. She said there were instances where dogs and people got sick from the algae. She said one dog even died from the toxic algae in Newman Lake.

"It's very important for people to stay out of the water when there's an outbreak, in particular of the blue-green algae," Gilbert said. "It's difficult because wildlife gets in and dogs get in. There's a danger to people in that respect and a big danger to fish populations and other aquatic life."

Spokane Center for Justice Riverkeeper Program attorney Rick Eichstaedt said toxic PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) also need to be addressed in the new permits.

"PCBs are incredibly dangerous for human health," Eichstaedt said. "They're known to cause cancers and other serious health issues."

He said PCBs are absorbed and concentrated in the fatty tissues of fish in the lake and river.

"It's not good for the fish, and it's certainly not good for people or anything else that eats fish," Eichstaedt said.

COVER STORY

WATERS

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“Every comment we received is responded to,” Gilbert said. “If they tell us to go to hell or something, we answer why we can’t go to hell. We’re still working on that.”

Gilbert said one of the most pertinent comments came from the Spokane Center for Justice.

According to Spokane Center for Justice Riverkeeper Program attorney Rick Eichstaedt, the upcoming permits still don’t meet the legal standards mandated by federal law because they fail to address toxic chemicals like PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls).

Eichstaedt explained that previous studies have shown dischargers were a source of PCBs in the river. Under the Clean Water Act, he said, “when you have a problem and you know where it’s coming from, you have to do something about it. ... Frankly, Ecology has a legal obligation to take care of PCBs.”

Gilbert said dischargers are already required to monitor their PCB output, and the department is working on a solution to satisfy legal requirements in the final permits.

“It’s not like we’re attaching some kind of multimillion-dollar project,” Eichstaedt said. “It’d most likely be finding out where it’s coming from and coming up with a plan for trying to stop it. ... Right now we’re not doing anything. We’re ignoring the problem, and it’s not going to go away.”

The draft permits focused mainly on nu-

trient-pollutants that promote the growth of algae. Algae uses enough dissolved oxygen when decomposing to keep fish from thriving in Lake Spokane and the Spokane River. Gilbert also said some species of algae that grow in these waters are toxic.

“They’ve put more stringent requirements on the dischargers in particular regards to the phosphorus,” LLSWD Manager Lee Mellish said. “In fact, the levels that they are requiring us to meet are on the edge — if not beyond — technology. So it’s a real challenge.”

Even after the \$10 million upgrade, Mellish said LLSWD would still fail to meet the phosphorus standards set in the new permits. He explained a few alternatives the dischargers will be allowed to pursue to make up the difference.

One suggestion, pollutant trading, would give credit to dischargers who do not remove the required amount of phosphorus so long as enough other pollutants are removed.

The “bubble concept” was also introduced to give dischargers a little more flexibility. This concept would look at the daily pollutant allowance for the dischargers as a whole. That way if one discharger can remove more than their share, another discharger could benefit.

In addition, the dischargers also completed a study through the University of Washington that showed algae were unable to absorb some forms of the phosphorus in Spokane waters. This means not all the phosphorus pollution contributes to the problem.

Doing your part

Every little bit of help from the public can make a difference in future cleanup efforts. Using phosphorus-free detergents, dishwashing soaps and fertilizers can reduce levels of the pollutant in area waters.

For information on safe disposal options for household chemicals, electronics and yard debris call 1-800-RECYCLE. Disposing of these items properly keeps potentially toxic chemicals from entering the air and water.

LLSWD is still required to take responsibility for the phosphorus standards they don’t meet. To make up the difference, LLSWD is working on a “delta plan” — a plan to identify and reduce other sources of phosphorus.

The details of the plan are still being hammered out, but Mellish said LLSWD could do anything from preventing erosion along the riverbanks to paying farmers to make adjustments on their property to prevent runoff. LLSWD already gives away phosphorus-free fertilizer in the summer.

Another option, one Mellish sees as most economical in the long run, is using the treatment facility’s effluent to irrigate nearby land.

“Because we’re out in a less populated area, we’ve got some options,” Mellish said.

“We can get out of the river.”

Even with a smaller population, LLSWD would need close to 200 acres of vacant land to take up all the effluent it puts out. Then, they can only irrigate the land during the months when plants are growing. During winter months, effluent would have to be directed back into the river.

Because phosphorus is a natural plant food, standards for irrigation are much more lenient. This may cut potential expenses on continual facility upgrades, but setting up an infrastructure for irrigation can also get pricey.

LLSWD has its eye on a number of land areas that could be irrigated. Mellish said the top choice at this point is routing to the Saltese Flats, but it’s expensive because it’s several miles away. He explained that getting to the golf courses, a more nearby option, would also be expensive because eventually they’d have to dig up streets to lay the pipe to get there.

Other options would be the banks along the Spokane River, grassy areas along Interstate 90 and park areas where irrigation would create more lush vegetation.

Mellish said getting out of the river is a project many years down the road for LLSWD. Until then, the district is at the mercy of planned reductions that will continue to be implemented through 2028. In the meantime, dischargers hope technology will catch up to the increasingly strict standards.

“It’s kind of like chasing something you can’t catch,” Mellish said. “We’re always just one step behind.”

New permits cap more than a decade of efforts

- **1996** — Lake Spokane fails to meet water quality standards for dissolved oxygen and is put on the federal “impaired waters” list under the Clean Water Act
- **1999** — The Washington State Department of Ecology starts water quality studies
- **2001** — Ecology publishes technical report describing studies that determines the levels of phosphorus needed to be reduced in Spokane River and Lake Spokane
- **2003** — Start of TMDL advisory group meeting between dischargers, Avista, Spokane Tribe, Ecology and the Sierra Club
- **2004** — Ecology issues draft water quality plan for dissolved oxygen (TMDL). The draft is open for public comment through December. Dischargers ask Ecology to change water quality standards, saying the TMDL standards are impossible to meet.
- **2005** — Ecology temporarily suspends completion of TMDL to collaborate with dischargers on a mutually acceptable TMDL.
- **2007** — Second draft TMDL released for public comment.
- **May 2008** — Third draft TMDL released for public comment with revisions prompted by 2007 public comment.
- **September 2008** — EPA halts process saying “background” pollution measurements need to be taken from Lake Coeur d’Alene, not the state line.
- **October 2009** — Ecology begins reworking TMDL using new data.
- **September 2009** — Final public review begins in reworked TMDL.
- **October 2009** — Ecology receives more than 500 individual public comments.
- **October 2009 to January 2010** — Ecology prepares response to public comments, makes final revisions to TMDL.
- **February 2010** — Ecology submits TMDL to EPA for approval.
- **May 2010** — EPA approves TMDL; Ecology issues draft permits.
- **Nov. 10, 2010** — Ecology holds public hearing to gather formal testimony on draft permits.
- **Nov. 15, 2010** — Ecology closes public commenting period for draft permits.
- **December 2010 to present** — Ecology reviews and prepares response to public comments before issuing final permits.



Bears rally to beat North Central



PHOTO BY BOB JOHNSON/SPOKANE SPORTS SHOTS

Gaven Deyarmin goes up for a short jump shot against North Central High School. Deyarmin had a team high 21 points as CV won 75-71.

CV girls basketball team upset in districts



PHOTO BY BOB JOHNSON/SPOKANE SPORTS SHOTS

Kayla Tucker attempts a lay-up during Central Valley's first round district game against Ferris High School. Tucker and her teammates lost 62-57 and saw their season come to an end.

THREE CHEERS



Cheer 1: Colton Orrino, Central Valley Wrestling

Orrino, a freshman, earned a first place finish at the recent 4A regional meet wrestled at Ferris High School in the 119 pound weight class. Orrino won his first match 11-1, his semi-final match 3-1 and took home the title with a 5-3 win.

Cheer 2: Jarod Maynes, Central Valley Wrestling

Maynes, a senior from Liberty Lake, dominated throughout the regional tour-

namment as he won the 125 pound weight class. Maynes pinned his opening round opponent before cruising through the semi-finals with a 23-8 victory. He pinned his final opponent for the win.

Cheer 3: Brenton Beard, Central Valley Wrestling

Beard, a senior, won the 130 pound weight class at the recent regional meet after overcoming a close semi-final match. Beard won his first round match with a pin, followed by a 7-5 win and closed out his first place finish with an 11-3 final win.

CVHS Sports Roundup

Boys basketball splits two games

The regular season wrapped up for the Central Valley High School boys basketball last week with the team splitting two games. The Bears lost in overtime to Mead High School 72-70 and then bounced back to defeat North Central by a score of 75-71. CV ended their regular season with a 9-9 conference record and a 10-10 overall record.

Against Mead, CV led by nine going into the final quarter before Mead rallied to force the game into overtime where the Panthers outscored CV by a score of 6-4. The Bears offense was balanced throughout the game as four players scored between 10 and 14 points in the loss. Danny Nimri led the way with 14 points including four three pointers, Tanner Wollan and Gaven Deymarin both had 12 points while Joseph Guerrinha added 10.

After watching Mead rally late to defeat them in their previous game, it was CV's turn to pour in the points late. They overcame a five-point, fourth-quarter deficit while outscoring North Central 34-25 in the final eight minutes to pull out the win. The Bears were led by Deyarmin who had 21 points including making all seven of his free throw attempts while Guerrinha added 13 points in the win.

With the win CV wrapped up the third seed to district play and earned a first round game against number two seed Gonzaga Prep which was played on Tuesday (game results were unknown when The Splash went to press).

Girls' season ends in districts

The CVHS girls basketball team's season ended on a down note as they dropped their final two regular season games 53-30 to Mead High School and 61-58 to North Central. The team then lost a loser-out first round district game to Ferris High School 62-57.

Against Mead the Bears led by one after the first quarter but saw Mead steadily pull away over the final three quarters. The Bears were led once again on offense by the GSL's third leading scorer Brooke Gallaway who

had 14 of the team's 30 points. CV tried to bounce back against North Central but saw their regular season come to a close with a 10-10 record after their three point loss. CV was led in scoring once again by Gallaway who had 17 points.

The girls squad entered districts as the four seed and had a home game against the fifth seeded Ferris Saxons in a loser-out game. CV jumped out to a 17-point halftime lead but came out flat in the third quarter when Ferris outscored them 18-4. This cut the lead to three heading into the final quarter where Ferris put the game away to upset the Bears. Three CV players scored in double digits as Katie Estey and Sydney Emory combined for 27 points including seven three pointers, and Brooke Gallaway added 14 points in the loss.

CV wrestlers advance to state

The CVHS wrestling squad came in second place at the recent 4A regional meet at Ferris High School. Mead High School won the regional with 204 points as CV finished with 181.5 just one and a half points ahead of Moses Lake High School. Despite finishing behind Mead, the Bears advanced eight wrestlers onto the state meet - one more than the first place Panthers.

Three CV wrestlers advanced on the basis of winning their weight class at the regional meet as Colton Orrino at 119 pounds, Jarod Maynes at 125 pounds and Brenton Beard at 130 pounds won three straight matches to win the championship final. Three other grapplers, Patrick Grady at 140 pounds, Jake Hollenbeck at 152 pounds and Tanner Davis at 160 pounds, each made it to the championship finals before losing. Two CV wrestlers, Braden Davis at 135 pounds and Dan Schoultz at 285 pounds, qualified in the third and final position in their weight class.

Gymnastics team finishes fifth

At the recent 4A regional gymnastics meet held at University High School, the CV squad finished in fifth place failing to

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BUSINESS/SPORTS

In Biz

Local salon switches owners

LaShara Davis and Hailey Jensen took over as owners of Spa Zenaida Salon, 23801 E. Appleway, in January.

Davis is a licensed nail technician, and Jensen is a licensed esthetician. The spa employs two others as well as rents out a chair to an individual.

The salon is planning to accept insurance for massage in the coming month, Jensen said, and is also in the process of switching their facial line from Dermalogica to Bio-elements. Jensen said they hope to expand services offered at the salon by hiring more staff, being open more hours and moving into a larger facility in the future.

“We are very excited in our new venture,” Jensen said. “We have a great staff and atmosphere and invite everyone to come on in to say hello and take a free tour.”

The salon’s hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, go to www.spazenaida.com.

Tax preparer offers deal

In honor of Presidents Day, Liberty Tax Service is offering free or discounted tax preparation services on Monday to new customers who share presidential names.

According to a press release, new customers with surnames of U.S. presidents can have their taxes prepared with no fees. In addition, the Spokane Valley business is offering a 50 percent discount to those with the last names of vice presidents.

“Everyone is looking for a tax cut, and we

have one in the form of a cut on fees,” owner and Liberty Lake resident Paul Stephanis said. “On a day when consumers shop the sales to save, Liberty Tax Service gives them a tax cut of value by slashing their tax prep fees.”

For more information, call 892-1040 or email opportunity@libertytax.com.

Preschool holds open house

Building Blocks Pre-K, 23402 E. Riverside, is holding an open house on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. This informational night will allow parents to tour the facility and ask any questions about the program.

The school is currently accepting registrations for the 2011-2012 school year. For more information, contact Amy Dickeson at 993-9845 or go to www.libertylakeprek.com.

Salon expands to include school

Monique’s Salon, 10 N. Evergreen Road in Spokane Valley, recently announced the opening of a new cosmetology school called Eversmith Academy.

The school is licensed to train future professionals in cosmetology, esthetics and instructor trainee programs. Both the salon and school are owned by Liberty Lake resident Monique Smith.

To learn more about Eversmith Academy, contact 321-3661 or info@eversmithacademy.com.

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

Stretching toward the sky



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Laurie Denney snapped this shot of students from Liberty Lake Children’s Academy Pre-K class doing yoga during a recent field trip to The Mat. Their visit culminated a month of studying habits to keep bodies healthy and strong.

Scoreboard

BOYS BASKETBALL

Standings	League	Overall
GSL Team		
Ferris	18-0	19-1
Gonzaga Prep	16-2	17-3
University	14-4	16-5
Central Valley	9-9	10-10
North Central	8-10	8-12
Mead	7-11	8-12
Rogers	7-11	7-13
Lewis and Clark	5-13	5-15
Mt. Spokane	3-15	6-15
Shadle Park	3-15	4-17
Results		
2/8 CV vs. Mead	72-70	L
2/10 CV vs. North Central	75-71	W

Gonzaga Prep	16-2	17-3
Shadle Park	13-5	15-6
Lewis and Clark	13-5	14-6
North Central	12-6	13-8
Mead	11-7	13-7
Central Valley	9-9	10-10
University	6-12	8-13
Mt. Spokane	5-13	7-14
Ferris	5-13	6-13
Rogers	0-18	1-19

Results		
2/8 CV vs. Mead	53-30	L
2/10 CV vs. North Central	61-58	L
2/14 CV vs. Ferris	62-57	L

GYMNASTICS

2/12 4A Regional Tournament	5th
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WRESTLING

2/12 4A Regional Tournament	2nd
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Tacoma Dome.

Liberty Lake resident Lauren Speers finished in third place on the balance beam with a score of 8.9 and earned a sixth place finish in the floor exercise with a score of 9.4 to qualify for the state meet in both events.

YMCA league champs



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A team of third grade boys placed first in their YMCA competitive league during the regular season and also won the final tournament championship. **Doug Sanders** coached the team consisting of (top row) **Josh Hermes, Ethan Moriniti, Quinn Johnson, Noah Sanders, Joseph Thomas**; (bottom row) **Zachary Solt-ero, Ryan Harper, Korbryn Rider and Alex Knudsen**. (Liberty Lake residents are in bold.)

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qualify as a team for the state meet. However, one gymnast qualified in two disciplines for the meet held this weekend at the

Splash Editorial

Dissecting the CV bond

What went right, what went wrong and what's next

Central Valley School District's \$69.6 million bond measure failed with plenty of room to spare, but getting to the root of why it happened is a pretty complicated proposition. There are not simple questions, and there is no single answer. However, there is much to be gained from such an investigation as the CV community plans for the future.

Why didn't it pass? Well, the reasons that can be pinpointed will be helpful to the future. What didn't change in all of this is the responsibility this community has to continue to provide a top-notch education to its children.

We've heard a number of reasons the setback to CV's plans, some of them carrying more weight than others:

- It's the economy, stupid. Many people begin and end the conversation with this remark, and there is much to be said for its validity. While the economy can be blamed for the margin of defeat, it shouldn't be a discussion-ender. After all, the district never came within 3 percent of passing a bond in 2003 and 2006. There is more to consider.

- Don't ask for so much. Clearly, there is sticker shock any time there are two commas after a dollar sign, but voters tend to pay more attention to whether the plan is perceived to be "pie in the sky" than the specific dollar amount. This wasn't the case with the CV bond.

- The "yes" campaign wasn't effective enough, or the "no" campaign was too strong. The "Vote Yes for Central Valley

Schools" group was well organized and communicated its message effectively. Superintendent Ben Small criss-crossed the district, educating anyone who would listen. There wasn't anything more they could have done. The "no" contingents had their impact, but even those need to be taken with a grain of salt. The Rocky Hill group, for instance, was located in a precinct that supported the bond by more than 57 percent, a full 10 percent higher than the district as a whole.

- The plan was too intimidating. Perhaps it was daunting to some, but connecting the bond to a 25-year Capital Facilities Plan showed foresight and cohesion. Things that perhaps didn't make sense immediately were addressed down the road. And once the tax rate was set, the bonds expired in such a way that the taxes would not be raised over the life of the plan and the five bonds charted over the course of the 25 years. For those who were willing to dive deep enough into the 25-year vision for the district, the plan made sense, was malleable and provided security and stability.

- There were no specified plans for a school in Liberty Lake. Indeed, the people who feel the growth pains the most like to be able to feel the love. While this was a drawback to Liberty Lake support, the community isn't what brought the bond down. The six Liberty Lake precincts supported it with 51.07 percent of the vote, the other 40 precincts in CVSD chimed in at 45.97 percent.

- Vote by mail makes it easier on some who wouldn't traditionally support the bond. This is perhaps a reality, but clearly no one in the community wants to pass something by making the process less democratic. Voter turnout for all the school elections in the county on Feb. 8 was 50.14 percent. It needs to be higher because that means more people are engaged in the process. Apathy is a larger problem than who happens to be more prone to vote by mail.

- School bonds are increasingly hard to pass when a supermajority is required. While this wouldn't have helped the most recent bond, the requirement to get 60 percent approval needs to be taken up in the Legislature. A simple majority makes more sense.

Survey question

Why do you think the bond failed? We didn't cover all of the possibilities. Take our online survey at www.libertylakesplash.com/surveys or write editor@libertylakesplash.com. Let's keep the conversation going.



"I DIDN'T SEE MANY OF THE BEST PICTURE NOMINEES THIS YEAR, DID YOU...?"

Bond failure, elusive plan B leave sinking feeling for future

By Sarah Patchin
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN

As I saw the results for the bond, I became sad. Can we really say the "Vote No" campaign in Liberty Lake had an impact? Or, do we blame the already troubled economy? Can I honestly say that if either my husband or I had lost our job in the last year, would I have voted to approve the bond? I'm not sure.

But I do know the schools are going to suffer from this, our children will suffer from this and down the line we as taxpayers may suffer. How much will the district spend on another campaign (money that could have been used in the schools)? How much will the bond be next time, \$80 or \$90 million? The amount won't get smaller as the buildings have more time to fall apart and communities have more time to grow.

As a member of this community living in the Rocky Hill area, I supported the bond — a little odd as I was surrounded by the "Vote No" campaign. Ideally, we would all like our children to attend a school which is seen as one of the best in the district.

Until a voucher system is put in place, where we as parents have to vie for a slot in a school, we are subject to school boundary lines. These boundaries change and can change at any time to align and/or diversify the population of a district, and these lines are independent of city boundaries. It is called a "public school system." A public school system means our children are subject to a public education. They may have to attend more than one elementary as boundary lines change, they may have to deal with a teacher who isn't ideal for their learning style, they may have to deal with outdated equipment, they may be taught

in a room where the heating system never functions properly and they may have to compete to get the attention of a teacher in an already overcrowded classroom. No matter what, our children rely on us to support them in their education and provide them with a safe place to learn.

As a registered voter in this county, I was given the opportunity to provide children with a better place to learn — one which wouldn't be overcrowded, one that may have better equipment, one where the building wouldn't be outdated or falling apart and, in my case as a Rocky Hill resident, one that is several miles from home.

In an article from the Feb. 3 Splash, "Five questions with Rocky Hill's 'vote no' contingent," the idea of a Liberty Lake School District was brought up. Well, it was tried just a few years ago and failed. We may have higher incomes in the Liberty Lake area than in other areas of Central Valley, but we don't have the population for an LLSD. It is pretty much a double-edged blade. CVSD needs our dollars for the bond, Liberty Lake doesn't have enough votes to make a difference and Liberty Lake children are going to be bused to other schools as we are not able to support a new school district.

In the end, I would have been fine with my daughter not going to Liberty Lake Elementary in forfeit of a better learning environment. Who knows? At this point, she still may not go to Liberty Lake Elementary. By the time the next bond passes, with a common-sense solution that 60 percent can agree upon, my child may have completed high school.

Sarah Patchin lives in Liberty Lake. This column originated as an online comment at www.libertylakesplash.com.

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OPINION

Letters and Comments

Knudsen will be missed

I am so disappointed with Mayor Wendy Van Orman's decision to not hire Ron Knudsen back as she stated last year. Was it Ron's perfectly cut greens, his awesome hanging flower pots or it must have been his hundreds of hours of unpaid overtime that helped her make her decision?

Ron, you will be missed.

H. Harper
Liberty Lake

Online: Bond sticker shock

Editor's note: The following comment was left on www.libertylakesplash.com after returns were posted on Election Night.

This was way too high an amount of bond to try to pass. True, all projects need to be done, but be smarter and do it in smaller amounts. It is called sticker shock in selling a \$69.6 million bond.

In my business, I haven't borrowed money for all my 10 years in projects at once.

Spread it out, and it will pass next time.

Patrick Carter

Voter turnout shameful

Vote "no" ... vote "yes" ... how about voting, period! 47 percent of the registered voters in Liberty Lake even bothered to vote. I am appalled at this sad statistic. The registered citizens who did not vote should be ashamed, but I know they are not.

I am very familiar with these types of

people, for these are the same people who do not have a clue as to what price this country's patriots paid for their freedom to vote, nor are they appreciative. The proof is in the pudding, and non-action, just like action, speaks louder than words.

Next time there is an opportunity to vote, I implore the registered voting citizens of this community to get out and vote. Prove me wrong with your action!

Robert Cayce
Liberty Lake



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Ann Swenson, City Clerk

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOKANE

In the Matter of the Estate of Mitchell A. Miller NO. 11400160-3

Deceased NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of First Publication: February 17, 2011

Personal Representative: Cheryl E. Miller

Attorney for the Personal Representative: Douglas A. Pierce James, Vernon & Weeks, PA 1626 Lincoln Way Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Address for Mailing or Service: Douglas A. Pierce James, Vernon & Weeks, PA 1626 Lincoln Way Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON,
COUNTY OF SPOKANE

In re the Estate of: No: 11400174-3

GEORGE R. SICILIA, PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Personal Representative: Richard M. Sicilia

Attorneys for Personal Representative: Terry L. Snow, WBSA # 00689 Terry L. Snow, PLLC N. 711 Lincoln, Ste. A Spokane, WA 99201 (509) 324-0100 (509) 324-0107 fax Spokane County, Washington Superior Court Cause No.: 11400174-3

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a lot of money for our recycling program, but also in a joking sort of way showed students and parents that there are many ways to recycle.

You may have also seen Green Club at the Farmer's Market last summer collecting donations. We were more than happy with the generous donations of Liberty Lake residents and Farmer's Market customers and business owners.

Q: What other events are you planning to put on this year?

A: We do plan to hold more events, but we aren't sure yet. Right now our main focus is to create a recycling program at CV, which is why we needed to collect money.

Q: Do you have advice for members of Liberty Lake to "go green?"

A: Don't go to Idaho to buy dishwasher detergent with phosphates. You're causing eutrophication in Liberty Lake. Also, don't fertilize your lawn as much, or stop using de-icer in the winter. (Sand is a great alternative.) Chemicals end up in our watershed. Since we live near a watershed, we have to be more environmentally conscious. Also, recycle.

Q: Is it really out of place to see people not recycling when it's a lifestyle you are so accustomed to?

A: Yeah, it seems out of place to me in general the way we do things. There are so many things we could recycle and reuse. Composting would be huge. There are a lot of ways to reduce our waste that people don't think about.

Q: What is the future of Green Club?

A: It's up to the future members. ... It has unlimited potential.

profiles:

AMANDA SEELY

Favorite book

"Everything is Illuminated," by Jonathan Safran Foer

Favorite song

"Hallelujah," by Leonard Cohen

Favorite band

Simon and Garfunkel

Pet peeve

Ignorant yet argumentative people

Career goal

Pediatrician/ healer of the world

Perfect meal

Sushi — vegetarian, of course

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Not staying organized

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My dog, Sparkey

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by Linda Thistle

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★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

Answer

COMMUNITY/NEWS

BRIEFS

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Library offers computer class

Computer classes are offered on Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission.

The class consists of basics of computer use, how to set up an email account and how to use Microsoft Office programs.

Interested participants can

sign up by calling the library at 232-2510.

City hosts Senior Lunch

The Senior Lunch Program in Liberty Lake is served Mondays and Wednesdays. Seniors age 60 and older are invited at 11 a.m. at Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive. The recommended donation is \$3.50.

FOPP looking for event volunteers

Friends of Pavillion Park has volunteer opportunities for con-

cert event positions, including helping with publicity and event setup and tear down.

Friends of Pavillion Park meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month and produces the Summer Concert Series, Outdoor Cinema, Liberty Lake Loop Fun Run, Holiday Ball and awards college scholarships each year.

For more information, contact David Himebaugh at 994-7933 or davidh@pavillionpark.org.

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CVSD

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"I came to realize that more than half of my adult life was spent working with the district here in this room," McMullen said. "And that's a good thing. ... At this time, our school district is poised to move forward, and I think someone else should get to experience those opportunities."

School board members represent districts within CVSD boundaries. McMullen represents Dis-

trict 1, which is the westernmost portion of CVSD. Liberty Lake is represented by District 5 Director Anne Long, whose current term doesn't expire until 2013.

In other news:

- District counselors were recognized for their work within schools.

- The district's tobacco use policy was updated to allow nicotine replacement therapy with a doctor's prescription. Use of replacement therapies must follow policies regarding use of medication by students.

Cheer on CV athletes in our Spring Sports Calendar!

Show your school spirit while promoting your business on this calendar that will be published in *The Splash* on March 10. Cost is \$30 for a full-color square that will border the CV fall sports schedules. Don't delay – guaranteed ad deadline is March 3.



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INSURANCE

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issue. Premium rates for workers' compensation have risen steadily during the past decade to cover costs, with the latest increase of about 6.5 cents per hour announced on Jan. 28.

"I'm not sitting on the healthiest trust fund ... in workers' compensation," Gregoire said. "Something has to be done, and any time you start talking about workers' compensation, there are disagree-

ments; they've already surfaced. What I say to them is: You don't have to go with my bill, but you do have to put us on a trajectory that's going to be sustainable in the near future."

According to the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I), Washington state has the seventh-largest workers' compensation program in the United States.

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