

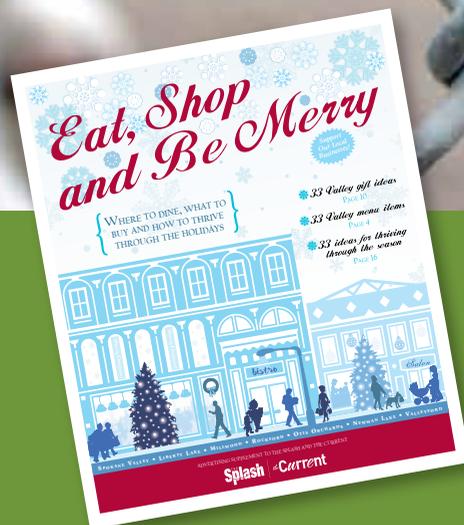
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Amanda Anderson, left, and her sister, Emily, pose with a quilt Emily made for a raffle Amanda organized to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. The elder sister made a \$1,203 gift to the organization to mark her 18th birthday.

A young woman's gift to herself helps others

By Jocelyn Stott
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

When Amanda Anderson turned 18 Nov. 8, she gave a \$1,203 birthday gift to people she didn't even know. Her gift in return was the joy that came with learning what her generosity meant to strangers.

Through weeks of pushing herself outside her area of comfort, Anderson collected donations and sold raffle tickets to raise the \$1,203 donation she made to the Wounded Warrior Project. The non-profit helps veterans return to civilian life through health and wellness programs based on individual areas of need.

Anderson learned of the project through her band teacher, Eric Parker, at Central Valley High School, who helped give Anderson a platform from which to raise funds. Since Anderson plays flute in marching and concert band, Parker allowed Anderson to raffle donations she had personally collected at the craft fair and concert. This year's craft fair and concert were mainly used to raise funds for the band's upcoming trip to Washington, D.C., in January.

Anderson said the CVHS band holds a fundraising concert each year around Veteran's Day to honor Vets. Band members are inspired, in part, by another Central Valley music instructor, Lieutenant Mason

profiles:

AMANDA ANDERSON

Nickname

Mandy. "I didn't know my real name was Amanda until I was about 5. No one told me," Anderson said.

Age

18

School

Senior at Central Valley High School

Hometown

Liberty Lake

Plans after high school

Attend Brigham Young University and become a teacher or a psychologist. Amanda sometimes helps teach German at Liberty Lake Elementary school.

Pets

A stray cat, fish and a pet deer that lives in the backyard

Most daring rescue

When she was 5, Amanda spied a red-eared slider turtle making its way down her street. She insisted on having her family help her return the wayward terrapin to the lake, almost a mile away through thick woods and private property. The family complied and the mission was successful.

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COMMUNITY

Nov. 30 | Liberty Lake Tree Lighting Ceremony

5:30 p.m. events, 8 p.m. tree lighting, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive. Pictures with Santa available until 7:45 p.m. will be taken by Spokane's Best Photography, which will donate 80 percent of proceeds to the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery.

Dec. 5 | CV Band and Color Guard Pizza Night

Papa Murphy's, 1334 N. Liberty Lake Road. Fifteen percent of all food sales will be donated to Central Valley High School band and color guard to go to Washington D.C. for the 2013 Presidential Inaugural Heritage Festival. Use the register marked fundraiser; not valid with other coupons or specials.

Dec. 6 | Valley Chamber Holiday Social

4:30 to 7 p.m. Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, lower level of Liberty Square Building, Liberty Lake. Light refreshments provided and Santa showcase tables available for \$50. For more: 924-4994

Dec. 8 | 14th annual Liberty Lake Holiday Ball

5 p.m. to Midnight. Davenport Hotel, 10 S. Post Street, Spokane. Elegant evening with champagne reception, three-course dinner, silent and live auctions and live music with dancing. The event is the sole fundraiser for Friends of Pavillion Park. Tickets can be purchased for \$100 per person or \$1,000 for

a table of 10 at the Friends of Pavillion Park website, www.pavillionpark.org. The Davenport also offers special room rates.

Recurring

Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of every month, 23123 E. Mission Avenue.

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

Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club Noon Thursdays, Meadowwood Technology Campus Liberty Room, 2100 N. Molter Road

Liberty Lake Lions Club Noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, Barlow's Restaurant, 1400 N. Meadowwood Lane. For more: 927-2193 or cheshierll@aol.com

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Senior Lunch programs 11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, and 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Talon Hills Senior Complex, 24950 E. Hawkstone Loop. Seniors age 60 and older invited; recommended donation \$3.50.

CIVIC & BUSINESS

Nov. 24 | Small Business Saturday

Founded by American Express, this day was created to encourage people to support local small businesses nationwide. To find participating businesses or for more: www.americanexpress.com/us/small-business/Shop-Small/

Nov. 30 | Valley Chamber Annual Meeting

"Like Us" 11:30 a.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley. Social media expert Frank J. Kenny will speak about helping businesses understand the need for using technology to stay relevant and be competitive. Cost: \$40 per person for members and guests; \$50 per person for non-members. For more: www.spokanevalleychamber.org

Dec. 6 | City Development Code 2013

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Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District Board 4 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

HEALTH & RECREATION

Nov. 22 | Turkey Trot 8 a.m., Palenque Mexican Restaurant, 1102 N. Liberty Lake Road. Fun run hosted by Liberty Lake Running Club. For more: kathyawhybrew@msn.com

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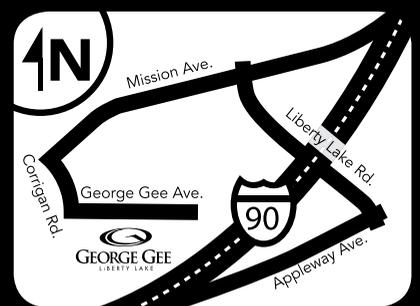
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City considers new course with animal services

Leaders have attempted to negotiate different terms for SCRAPS contract

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Nancy Hill sat in the back row of City Council chambers last week, an interested observer tuned into a conversation she's heard before.

The longtime director of Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service (SCRAPS) attended the Nov. 13 budget hearing for the latest update on Liberty Lake's chances of renewing a contract with the agency she oversees. By the time the meeting was over, Hill had given an impromptu pitch on the benefits of SCRAPS while the governing board was left contemplating a list of scenarios that could change the complexion of animal protection in the county's easternmost city.

As with most municipal topics, the conversation revolved around money.

"The last six months we've been talking to providers, looking into what the costs would be," said Police Chief Brian Asmus, who provided a context for the discussion with a brief PowerPoint presentation on animal control.

The city has received an estimate of \$11,618 from SCRAPS for 2013, down from this year's charge of \$12,115. Going back to 2008 — the year Liberty Lake reunited with SCRAPS after an in-house approach from 2004 to 2007 — the county's rate has de-



A cat passes the time at the SCRAPS shelter, 2521 N. Flora Road in Spokane Valley.

SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

creased. The fee peaked at \$14,512 in 2009.

The city could still do better from a cost standpoint, according to Mayor Steve Peterson.

"SCRAPS has been negotiating with Spokane Valley, but the other three cities, Millwood, Cheney and Liberty Lake, have just received a bill for services," Peterson said. "There were no benchmarks associated with reducing cost, no reaching out as to what the cities wanted from SCRAPS."

The city did attempt to bring up alternatives at a meeting of the county commissioners on Oct. 23, but to no avail. One of the proposals — which would have consisted of the city paying for support from SCRAPS on a case-by-case basis instead of the traditional means of calculating a percentage of overall service — was criticized

by Hill as "trying to change the way we do business."

From July 2011 to June 2012, Liberty Lake's portion represented only 1.81 percent of SCRAPS' combined workload. In contrast, the city of Spokane Valley accounted for 47.43 percent. The figure is based on a variety of activities, including impounds, investigations, emergency calls and other services.

Looking ahead to 2013, SCRAPS has estimated that animal license fees in the city of Liberty Lake would ring in at \$17,060. That number is subtracted from the agency's estimated costs of \$28,678 to emerge with the city's rate of \$11,618 to be extracted from the general fund.

Asmus emphasized that the city could generate as much as \$20,000 in licensing in-

come "by taking a proactive approach." One option being offered by the city would have the police department coordinate animal control at a cost of \$28,940. The scenario could include a seasonal employee assigned to promote pet licensing. Taking into account the increase in licensing revenue, the overall impact on the general fund would be \$8,940. The city has also discussed the option of a municipal model with no staff time. Assuming the same \$20,000 in licensing proceeds, the budget would reflect a surplus of \$3,000.

Hill, who is a resident of Liberty Lake, said the city needs to consider the overall value it receives from the county contract.

"With us, people know where to go and who to call," she said. "For one thing, we're close to Liberty Lake. Before, residents had to go to City Hall, and it was confusing. We're a one-stop shop. We have the shelter, free dog-training classes, the SCRAPS Hope Foundation and more. I appreciate everyone looking at costs, but animal protection services are often unappreciated until you need them."

Responding to criticism last week from a pair of Council representatives, Shane Brickner and Josh Beckett, regarding the agency's slow response to a feral cat case in city limits, Hill said SCRAPS was aware of the issue and addresses such concerns with a priority "on lives being saved."

"A large colony like that takes time," Hill said.

Beckett countered, saying if the city is paying SCRAPS to be its provider, "we

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Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Nov. 12-19.

Incidents and arrests

• **Injured animal** — At 8:40 a.m. Nov. 12, LLPD was dispatched to Appleway and Madson and found a severely injured coyote lying under a tree in the area. Based on the extent of the injuries, the coyote was put down.

• **Arrest assist** — At 7:50 p.m. Nov. 15, LLPD assisted the Spokane County Sheriff's Office with a 30-year-old Spokane Valley man who was running from deputies trying to serve an arrest warrant at the 18800 block of E. Cataldo. The man was located and taken into custody by LLPD officers and turned over to the sheriff's office.

• **Civil problem** — At 10:45 a.m. Nov. 15, LLPD was dispatched to the 1800 block of North Meyers Road, where a property owner had a court order to remove several squatters and their property from the home. Officers removed the subjects

and property from the home and towed several vehicles from the property that did not belong to anyone at the location, per the court order.

• **Two-car accident** — At 4:30 p.m. Nov. 14, LLPD was dispatched to a two-car, non-injury collision near the 1400 block of North Liberty Lake Road. Both vehicles were northbound when one stopped for traffic, and the at-fault driver hit the vehicle. The at-fault driver was issued an infraction for following too close.

• **Theft** — At 2:45 p.m. Nov. 16, LLPD received a report of a theft at the 23000 block of East Mission Avenue. The complainant reported several items were missing from her room at the assisted-living facility, including jewelry, a watch and commemorative quarters. The case has been assigned to Detective Ray Bourgeois.

• **Drug arrest** — A 19-year-old Spokane Valley man was arrested at 2 a.m. Nov. 17 at the 1600 block of North Aladdin for unlawful possession of a controlled substance called "spice," which is a synthetic

marijuana. Officers were dispatched to the area when a complainant reported the man had hit trees in the neighborhood and was leaving west on Mission. The complainant was able to provide a description of the vehicle and a partial license plate, and the vehicle was located by officers at Flora and Mission. When officers approached, the vehicle tried to leave but could not gain any traction. The driver was removed from the vehicle, was extremely lethargic and smelled of marijuana. The officer located a smoking device on the floorboard of the vehicle. After the investigation, the subject was taken into custody for DUI (drug impaired). The subject admitted to smoking marijuana earlier in the evening. The subject also told the officer he was using "spice." The officer located additional drugs in the vehicle. The subject was taken to Valley Hospital for a drug recognition evaluation and booked into Spokane County Jail on the drug possession charge. Additional charging requests are being forwarded to

the prosecutor for the DUI, hit and run, minor in possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **DWLS** — LLPD officers arrested a 27-year-old Spokane woman at 7:45 p.m. Nov. 13 for driving with a suspended license.

Calls for service

Agency assist	3
Citizen dispute	1
DUI	1
Malicious mischief	1
Suspicious person	1
Property theft	1
Traffic accident	2
Traffic offense	1
Vagrancy	1

Citations

DWLS	1
Liability insurance	1
Following too close	1
Speeding	5
Speeding in school zone	1

NEWS

EWU students working with city to study retail habits

By Jim Ryan
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The city of Liberty Lake and a senior business capstone class at Eastern Washington University are partnering on a retail business survey that, when completed in Spring 2013, should give the city, the business community and residents a better idea of what is needed to continue the city's positive growth.

About 200 people have already completed the preliminary survey, which is being treated as a pilot survey, said Larry Davis, lecturer with the EWU College of Business. Davis said he and his students will dissect the preliminary responses and comments and then tweak the survey before mailing out a final one in February or March to all residents and businesses.

The survey gauges eating and retail habits of local households, as well as gauges the types of retail businesses residents would most like to open in the community.

The EWU students are also working on several sub-projects, including: analysis of the total potential spending dollar that could be generated in Liberty Lake and the surrounding area; finding the criteria that business chains use for establishing a business in a location; and, finally, an analysis of what businesses would work well with other businesses.

The students initially talked to city staff and a variety of local business owners to develop the pilot survey. Davis explained the reason for the survey is to indicate the kinds of new retail businesses local and area residents would like to see added to Liberty Lake. He also said its purpose is to help recruit and incubate those businesses.

Liberty Lake Mayor Steve Peterson said he came up with the idea of the survey one day while talking to Davis.

"Larry thought it would be a good project for his class to take on," Peterson said. "We then talked about the survey during our City Council retreat in August, so this is just the perfect opportunity to use Larry's services at EWU."

Peterson said the end result he hopes for with the survey is to obtain a collection of data and demographics. He said it is prudent for the city to offer the preliminary survey before it mails out the final form to all Liberty Lake addresses, saying incremental steps are always best so that the finished product will ask the best, most relevant questions in order to obtain the most pertinent information.

"So when we're talking about community development and we're talking about new businesses and entrepreneurs, we will have a good, solid basis for what square-feet is available, what buildings are available, what

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needs the community has for businesses here, and what shrinkage we're losing to other communities — whether it be Post Falls, the Valley or Spokane," he said. "That way we can speak with much more authority when we're talking about community development."

Peterson said when the final results of the survey are released in Spring 2013, everyone will have access to them and the opportunity to voice their opinion, including the City Council, the administration, developers and the community.

"Everyone is going to have a good understanding, at least from a standpoint of the data that will be collected, to make decisions to invest here, grow here or stay here," Peterson said. "That is the goal. The more you know, the better off you are."

The mayor expects there will be public meetings to explain the survey findings and garner input from the community.

"The goal is to be proactive, not reactive in fulfilling the community's needs and wants," he continued.

Coinciding with the survey, the city is continuing to look at the possibility of developing a retail business incubator on land it owns between the Farmers Market and the STCU headquarters building.

The present business incubator, which was first established in 2002 and is located in the basement of Greenstone's Liberty Square building, has been "extremely successful" in giving birth to new businesses in the community, Peterson said.

"It is very successful, but here again, if we hadn't taken those incremental steps in 2002, would we have that incubator today? Probably not," he said. "So you take an incremental step and you take what you can get. You get started and you gauge what the activity and acceptance is going to be; you ask what we could have done better and then you build upon it."

Peterson explained that when the incubator was first started, the city wasn't sure who would be the strongest partner in the endeavor, perhaps SIRTII or the Valley Chamber.

"Right now we know the strongest partner is the one that's running it: the retail business section of the Valley Chamber," he said. "We are very happy with their success and the people they have been able to help."

Five candidates apply to replace Boyle

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Five candidates who applied to fill the seat of longtime Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District Commissioner Frank L. Boyle were interviewed Nov. 14 and 15, and a decision on his replacement was expected Monday.

Commissioner Steve Skipworth told Commissioner Tom Agnew he needed the weekend to weigh the candidates' applications and interviews further.

"This is extremely important to us and the community, and if it was a landslide with one of you, it would be no problem," Skipworth told the applicants. "But I see some real positives in each one of you and I'd have to sit down and decide before we go on with this. I'm sorry to put it off a few more days."

The meeting was recessed until 4:30 p.m. Monday, just after The Splash's early Thanksgiving press deadline.

The five applicants under consideration include:

- Jeff Hoover, insurance agency owner, former city of Liberty Lake planning commissioner and resident of the community since 1968;
- Kelly Lukes, owner of Lukes Accounting and Liberty Lake resident since 1982;
- Gary Wolf, 18-year resident and former materials engineer at Hanford



ON THE WEB

Due to early press deadlines for the Thanksgiving holiday, an update to this story as well as a report from Tuesday's City Council meeting will be posted at www.libertylakesplash.com on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

involved with handling power plant waste, current chemistry teacher at Spokane Falls Community College;

- Dennis Scott, retired Spokane County public works director and former president of the Liberty Lake Home Owners Association;

- Kottayam "Nata" Natarajan Jr., senior director for AvAirPros, holds a master's degree from Harvard University and has deep family ties to the lake and district through the Ashlock family.



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Letter to the Editor

City should stick with SCRAPS

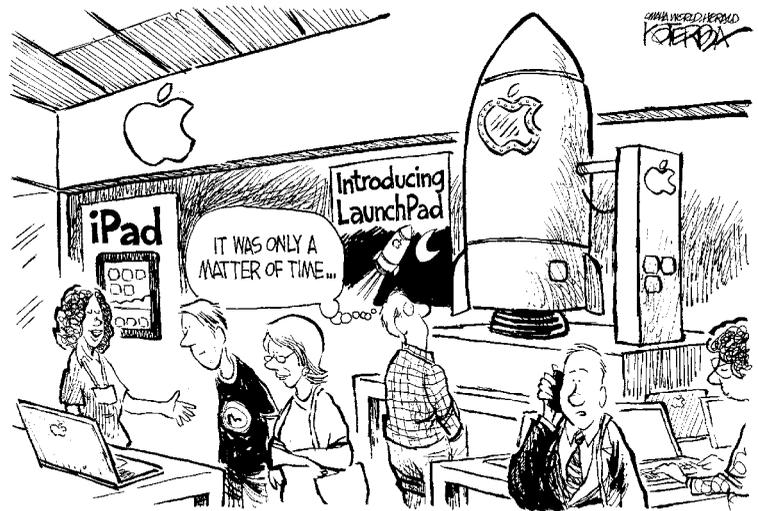
Shame on Mayor Peterson and shame on the Liberty Lake City Council members for even considering abandoning SCRAPS and returning the responsibility of animal control to the Liberty Lake police and/or Spokanimal. We tried that once (from 2004 — 2008), and it didn't work!

SCRAPS is a top-notch, professional organization. They provide excellent service and have done an amazing job deal-

ing with overwhelming and often heart-breaking situations. If Liberty Lake pulls out of SCRAPS, it will be a disservice not just to our community, but will jeopardize the funding SCRAPS needs to continue many of their really wonderful programs and services.

I realize that money is tight, but please don't balance the budget at the expense of helpless animals. Please stick with SCRAPS.

Kerry Masters
Liberty Lake



SPORTS

CV basketball squads look for return to finals

But both boys and girls teams have big holes to fill

By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

A year ago, they were basking in the glory of second-place State 4A basketball finishes. But pardon coaches **Rick Sloan** and **Freddie Rehkow** for dreaming of finishing one place higher.

"We've just got to find a way back and win it," Sloan said. "If I live long enough."

Last year was Sloan's second trip to the finals. The Bears also finished second in 2006 with a team of surprising over-achievers — winners when no one expected it.

Last year's Bears hold a special place in Sloan's heart, succeeding despite circumstances where many teams haven't. They got a late start because CV reached the quarterfinals of state football, but there was no basketball hangover.

"To come in late after the football season, battle like that and peak at the right time," Sloan said, "that was a fun bunch."

After five years program-building at East Valley, Rehkow figured he was done being a coach.

"I was kind of worn out, and it would be the perfect time to kick back and relax for a while," he said.

But the CV job opened, and it was the only one he couldn't refuse. Five years later, the Bears were in the state finals.

Both have sorted out their squads and are ready for a new season.

Well not dry for CV boys

Although the Bears return just two "impact players" in **Austin Rehkow** and **Adam Chamberlain**, Sloan isn't bemoaning his chances this year.

"We've got to fill some holes," he said of graduating seven seniors. "But we have good athletes, and I think we'll be competitive."

Beau Byus had considerable playing time last year. Among the newcomers who figure in are **Ryan Deckard**, like Rehkow a senior, and junior **Austin Daines**, who will play at a wing or forward, and junior guard **A.J. Knudsen**.

"Like I said, we have the nice pieces returning," Sloan said. "Success will hinge on the young kids' ability to adjust to the varsity game. I think we'll be fine this year."

The Greater Spokane League was senior heavy last year, so Sloan doesn't know what to expect. He looks at Gonzaga Prep and Ferris as likely contenders.

Class 3A University finished third in state last year and returns Greater Spokane League MVP **Brett Bailey**.

Bears girls inexperienced

This will be a learning year for Rehkow's group. Gone are three main cogs from last year's finalists, including GSL MVP **Brooke Galloway**.

"Other than that we have four others retuning from last year's team, only two with significant

playing time," Rehkow said.

They are posts **Madison Hovren** and **Mariah Cunningham**. Hovren averaged 12 points and nearly 10 rebounds a game.

Juniors **Victoria Lee** and **Molly Barnhart** are projected starters. Sophomore **Megan Dimmler** and freshman **Jenna Place** and **Lauren Simpson** will be asked to replace the graduated guards.

"This is definitely a group that will be much better in January than they will be (to start the season)," Rehkow said.

He's installing a different offense that won't rely as much on set plays, allowing the team more

freedom to innovate.

"This group is going to be as good as how hard they work," he added.

Gonzaga Prep and Mead are the teams to chase based on what Rehkow saw this summer, and Lewis and Clark is usually in the mix.

U-Hi, fifth in state, returns All-GSL **Kayleigh Valley**, but another first teamer, **Hallie Gennett**, transferred to Post Falls.

Scoreboard

SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 29

4 p.m. CV Wrestling Jamboree at University

Boo Ball champs



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Emerald City Smoothies girls 7th grade basketball team recently won the 2012 Boo Ball Classic AAU tournament. Pictured are (top row) Amiah Routson, Hailey Christopher, **Bryn Anderson**, Claire Dingus, Rachael Schlect; (bottom row) Bayley Brennan, Abby Gennett and **Kelsey Gumm**. The team is coached by **Ron Anderson** and Jeremy Gennett. (Liberty Lake residents are in bold.)

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Perry Nord captured the autumn colors of the area on a calm day in early November when he described the lake as “pure glass.”

Pint-sized patriotism



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Students in Mrs. Milliken’s kindergarten class show off their patriotic hats for some of the veterans who attended the flag-raising ceremony at the Central Valley Kindergarten Center on Nov. 9. Kindergarten students from all classes bundled up to go outside for singing songs, raising the flag and honoring veteran attendees.

Tearing down the house



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

An old house on city-owned land along the eastern ridge of Rocky Hill Park is torn down by a crew from Rob’s Demolition. The home was boarded up, but was demolished after repeated break-ins over the summer caused city officials to fear an unsafe situation at the crumbling site. The City Council approved a \$5,353.48 contract for the work.

Rockin’ B used as film set

The Rockin’ B Ranch recently served as a set for film students (pictured left to right) Adam McArthur, Ethan Seneker, Joe Nissell, Tommy Tang and James Schilling. The quintet of storytellers from Cascade High School (Everett, Wash.) was in town earlier this month to create a short-feature class project using the ranch’s western town as a film set.



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CVHS elects DECA officers



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The Central Valley High School DECA officers elected for the 2012-13 school year are (left to right) **Zack Termath**, Alec Bumgarner, **John Schutts**, Haley Hogberg, Carly Wolf, Madison Rountree and Molly Barnhart. (Liberty Lake residents are in **bold**.)

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NEWS

SCRAPS

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expect a better response."

Spokanimal, SCRAPS' counterpart in the city of Spokane, currently contracts with cities like Medical Lake, Tekoa and Rockford. Asmus outlined a potential collaboration with Spokanimal that would consist of a \$17,000 fee completely offset by the same amount in licensing revenue.

"Some facts that are determining our decision are cost," Peterson said. "SCRAPS is not a total provider for all of the cities in Spokane County. Most cities are covered by Spokanimal, and a couple do their own animal control. Liberty Lake, Cheney and Airway Heights police departments routinely handle the initial calls for service.

Chief Asmus has had extensive discussions trying to help SCRAPS understand our issues in this regard."

Hill has defended her agency's approach to licensing, saying that "we have a lot of good programs to promote this." The effort includes press releases, a regular insert in property tax statements and reminders on the SCRAPS website. Under Hill's tenure, the agency worked with district court judges to increase the fine for unlicensed dogs and cats to \$200.

"It would be great to have a full-service shelter paid for entirely through licensing, but this doesn't exist anywhere in the nation," Hill said.

Hill and Spokane County Commissioner Todd Mielke continue to champion a regionalized rendition of animal protection, a topic that came up at City Hall last week.

Hill told Council members that the model would feature "an economy of scale" and likely begin with a foundation that includes the jurisdictions of Spokane and Spokane Valley. Spokane's contract with Spokanimal runs out at the end of 2013.

"A regionalized approach would require a very specific facility and staff," Hill said.

Voters rejected a tax increase last November that would have paid for renovation of a space to house the new regional agency. The measure was defeated with 56-percent voting against it.

"Frankly, if SCRAPS truly wants to be regional, it must be in more than name only," Peterson said.

After Hill responded to a series of questions from Peterson and the Council on Nov. 13, Council Member Cris Kaminkas reminded attendees that the meeting

was intended to be a budget hearing, not a roundtable discussion. Based on Kaminkas' recommendation, a workshop discussion on animal control was added to the Dec. 4 City Council agenda. The city must have its 2013 budget approved no later than Dec. 31.

As the conversation over the future of animal protection continues, Peterson referenced Liberty Lake's most recognized canine — "first dog" Pecos Peterson, a well-mannered Chihuahua in attendance at most City Council meetings — in summing up the city's approach to an increasingly complex debate.

"I know that as mayor, I will provide the city with the best animal control with established benchmarks of service and care for our furry friends," Peterson said. "Just ask Pecos!"

PROFILES

GIFT

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Flemmer, an Army Reservist, who may return to deployment next year.

This year's concert fell on Anderson's 18th birthday, giving her a perfect opportunity to celebrate herself by helping others. Donated items included golf clubs, a Shop-Vac, restaurant gift cards and Albertsons raffle basket.

Perhaps one donation of particular significance came from Anderson's younger sister, Emily, 14, an eighth grader at Greenacres Middle School.

"Emily was the first person I told what I was going to do," Anderson said. "She instantly offered to make a quilt and two pillows."

Emily said she was glad to contribute. The quilt and pillows, constructed of red, white and blue squares, took her about a week to finish. The sisters learned to sew during a quilting class at Greenacres Middle School. (After the excitement of watching her quilt sell, Emily has decided she will do a Veteran's Day fundraiser every year.)

Anderson said she chose to help raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project on her own time because she knows many active-duty members of military and veterans and is moved by their willingness to make sacrifices for others.

"They go through so much — physically, emotionally and mentally — that we don't," she said. "I just felt like I wanted to give something back to those who come back and need help."

Anderson was able to donate her funds via a Wounded Warrior fundraising event held at the Liberty Lake Safeway. The Safeway Corp., based in Pleasanton, Calif., chose the Wounded Warrior Project as its charity of choice and equipped each store with related marketing materials. Anderson approached store management to see if they could help her get her contribution to the nonprofit.

"It was a surprise and an honor to tie in their efforts with our own company's efforts to support the Wounded Warrior Project," Safeway Store Manager Dan DiCiccio said. "I want Amanda to get the recognition she deserves for the effort she made on her own."

Anderson says her father, grandfather and great-grandfather all served in the Air Force during times of war, and she has a friend, Matthew Cox, she met at a church dance and corresponds with while he is serving in the Marine Corp. Anderson said Matt shares some of his training rigors with her, and she is amazed by what they are willing to do. As her friend prepares for deployment, she is both proud of his commitment

and worried for his health and safety.

During the fundraising activities, Anderson expected to be challenged by her apprehension to approach strangers for donations.

What Anderson didn't expect was how much her efforts meant to the people she met.

"Everyone was so supportive and told me they thought it was a good cause," she said. But the best part came when Anderson personally delivered the donated items to people that had won.

"A lot of people told me stories of loved ones they cared about who had served in the military," she said. "One man was an Army Major — that was really cool to meet him and have him thank me. I really felt like what I did made a difference. And that's such a good feeling. ...

"Asking for donations and talking to people was a challenge for me. I'm not good at that kind of thing, but I learned that sometimes I can move outside my comfort zone for something I really care about. Doing things that are hard can be really worth it."

Anderson's mother, Lara, shared that Amanda actually did have a little help on the sales end of things: "Our youngest daughter, Jamie, who is 11, has no problem at all talking to people — she helped sell a lot of raffle ticket."

The Anderson family has participated in a number of fundraising or charitable events as family over the years from cystic fibrosis and breast cancer awareness walks to Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery and emergency kits for Citizens Emergency Response Team fundraisers. One year, the family participated along with 2,000 other volunteers in

creating nearly 4,000 holiday cards for deployed troops.

But this project was all Amanda's idea.

Lara adds that seeing her daughter plan and fulfill her fundraising mission was certainly not out of character.

"She is good at watching people and reading needs," Lara Anderson said. "She is not exceptionally outgoing — she excels at one-on-one relationships. I was very thrilled to see her do this."

Charlie Anderson, Amanda's father, said all of his children, including his oldest, 20-year-old Eagle Scout son Derek, who is currently serving on a mission in Brazil, are generous with giving.

"I love to see them so cheerful," he said. "I always say that's the selfish side of giving — how cheerful it makes us feel."

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