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# Fit for the task

Phipps chaired citizen-based group assigned to research facilities

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

It is a tradition that goes back to the days before Liberty Lake could even call itself a city.

A group of residents attach themselves to a cause for the betterment of the community, dedicating their time, talents and, occasionally, taxes to ensure that projects like a trail network and civic landmarks like Pavillion Park reach fruition. While the areas of emphasis and funding components may vary, the history of citizen involvement in Liberty Lake has helped mold the area's character like a river impacts the surrounding landscape.

Enter citizens like Joe Phipps, who moved to Liberty Lake two years ago with his wife, Monica, and their daughter. The family had lived on Spokane's South Hill for a decade but transitioned to the Rocky Hill neighborhood despite Joe's job as assistant principal at Rogers High School in North Spokane. While the commute may be a little longer, Phipps said the greenspaces and family-friendly culture of Liberty Lake have made the move a positive one.

"It's exactly the kind of community we hoped we would find when we made the decision to relocate," he said.

Born and raised in Alaska, Phipps figured he would ultimately settle down in the 49th state. That changed in 2001, when his wife took a job at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. Shortly after, Phipps enrolled in graduate school at Gonzaga University to pursue his master's in teaching. When not attending sporting events to support his daughter, Phipps spends his spare time creating furniture from salvaged materials and restoring his 1959 Ford Truck.

Phipps latched on to one of Liberty Lake's most recent civic initiatives earlier this year when he volunteered to join the Community Facilities Task Force, a resident-led committee that was assigned to research the feasibility of large-scale projects like an aquatic facility, new library and community center. The group began meeting in June with the support of municipal staff and representatives of the City Council.

While more participated over the life of the task force, Phipps was joined by a core group that included Mike Kennedy, Leslie Zilka, Kelsy McHenry, Kathy Whybrew,



NewsMaker Q&A

Lynn Diddens, Laura Hotchkiss, Lorissa Van Wolfradt and Jennifer Tomlinson. At one point in the process, Phipps was nominated by his fellow volunteers to be chair, a decision that panned out well, according to City Administrator Katy Allen.

"Joe pulled the task force together with ideas, his educational experience and vision for the future of our community," Allen said. "I appreciated his inclusion of everyone's input."

The task force researched site options for a community center/pool, evaluated potential costs, toured existing facilities and emerged with a thorough presentation for council that Phipps delivered on Sept. 1. At the following meeting, council voted to allot \$50,000 for a project manager, signaling the most direct validation of the plan since it emerged on the municipal priority list.

**Q. How did you first find out about the Community Facilities Task Force and why did you decide to participate?**

**A.** I was asked to be a part of the Community Task Force by Councilman Shane Brickner. After having several discussions about the possibility of an aquatic facility in Liberty Lake, he told me about a task force being formed to look at possible sites to house an aquatic facility and community center. I've obviously been involved in the educational community for a number of years, but have never had the opportunity to contribute at a civic level in my community. I've always been a vocal proponent of bringing more recreational opportunities to Liberty Lake and see an aquatic center and community center as something that can provide activities for all demographics in Liberty Lake.

**Q: Did you bring any particular opinion about community facilities to the table when you began volunteering with the task force?**

**A:** Despite having a reputation as a very clean, safe and beautiful community, at times I think Liberty Lake struggles to find an identity. You have a very unique mix of residential communities and a growing high-tech sector, along with a number of parks and golf courses, but there is not really a "main street" type of gathering place in the city. Having lived very close to the Southside Aquatic Center on the South Hill, my family and I really missed having a swimming pool on the sweltering summer

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## NEWS

## PHIPPS

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days here in the Spokane area. My desire to participate on the task force was fueled by a desire to better the community we live in and play an active role in the thoughtful planning process.

**Q: How did the task force take shape and progress from the first meeting until your presentation to the City Council on Sept. 1?**

**A:** One thing people should know about the task force is it is a broad representation of our community, including members from a variety of neighborhoods and backgrounds. The core group of members who were present from the initial meeting until the final presentation to council was committed to honoring the work council had charged us to complete. Any time you are trying to facilitate a group with that many voices and opinions at the table, there will be times when not everyone is on the same page, but this group was always willing to listen to the ideas of others. We consistently had members from the community in the audience at each of our meetings, contributing ideas and suggestions throughout the entire process. By the time we presented to council, the group felt like they had done a nice job of researching and providing them with a great blueprint to bring to the community.

**Q: It sounded like the group looked at five sites before deciding on Town Square Park for the future site of the community center/pool. Why did this location make the most sense?**

**A:** Town Square made a lot of sense on a variety of levels. The task force landed on this theme of a "third gathering place," somewhere in the community that folks can congregate outside of home and work. Out of the five sites, the Town Square was the most centrally located, already had a cemented following with the Farmer's Market on Saturdays, provided the opportunity to continue the work the city had started with the initial phase of Town Square Center and could accommodate all



SPLASH PHOTO BY CRAIG HOWARD

Liberty Lake resident Joe Phipps has served as chair of the Community Facilities Task Force, a citizen-based committee that began meeting in June to discuss ideas surrounding construction of a community center, library and aquatic facility in Liberty Lake.

the space needs for both an aquatic facility and community center.

**Q: When you looked at some of the more established facilities in different parts of the state, are there certain aspects they had in common?**

**A:** Many of the aquatic facilities and community centers we looked at were in communities similar to size and population of Liberty Lake. It was important to look ahead and find something that will not only fit the needs of our current community but be able to continue to support the needs of our community as it is projected to almost double in size over the next decade. Swimming facilities need to not only provide a hub for lap swimmers and lessons but include zero entry and play structures for children and families.

**Q: Some people are wondering why there hasn't been more discussion of the library's role in this project. How**

**do you think that will play out?**

**A:** The library was included in the discussion from the beginning and had representatives at many of the task force meetings. The library plays a very vital role in our community and, in many ways, has been acting as both a library and a community center for the city. Not only does the library provide books to the community but also computer access for residents who do not have either a computer or high-speed Internet. It also sponsors many craft activities for the youth of our community and classes for adults. The feedback from the parks and rec survey pointed towards the community's desire for an aquatic facility and a community center but also showed a lot of support for a quality library facility. The task force struggled with the fact that we already have an existing library, despite the fact it does not have enough space to satisfy the demands of our community and it is located

in a building that was really never meant to be the long-term location, including being located next to the police station. The task force landed on the idea of a community center but did not exclude the possibility of the library being housed in the community center and being able to share the large community spaces. The library is short on conference room space, not necessarily in need of more shelf space. We actually see the potential of a nice partnership between the community center and library, even if they were to remain in separate locations.

**Q: It appears the future of this project will hinge on the result of a capital facilities bond vote. How do you feel the community might respond to this request for funding?**

**A:** The council took a great first step approving funding to move forward with the selection of a project manager at their last council meeting. This will allow the city to pursue the work of the task force in a more formal manner and continue to explore the potential of the project. The task force knows it will be vital to the success of the vote to involve the community in the process, hoping to invite residents to provide feedback at both council meetings and possibly a booth at the Farmer's Market. Ultimately, the voters will decide the fate of the project, but I feel strongly that the project includes something for everyone in the community regardless of age or interests. The Town Square has all the potential to become the third gathering place for the entire city of Liberty Lake. In many ways, I think the community is starving for something like this project.

**Q: Finally, what did you enjoy most about being part of the task force?**

**A:** It's always nice to have the opportunity to meet people in your community. I have gained a lot of insight into the history of Liberty Lake, as well as a much better understanding of the future growth we will see in the years to come. I have a new appreciation for the City Council and many of the folks who work on our behalf over at City Hall. There is so much to be thankful for in Liberty Lake and I feel very fortunate to call it home.

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Police Report

The following items were among those reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department from Aug. 16 to Sept. 21. The report is listed in chronological order.

Incidents and arrests

- **Drug arrests** — A man and three juvenile males were arrested at 3:05 p.m. Aug. 16 at North Bella Lago Lane for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The four males were called in as suspicious after a resident witnessed two vehicles traveling up onto private property. An officer made contact and found they had been smoking marijuana; they were cited for the above charges, and parents were called to pick up the juveniles. At 6:18 p.m. that evening at the police station, a fifth man was arrested on a related charge of tampering with physical evidence after it was learned that while the officer was arresting the four on the drug charges, he stole the marijuana confiscated during the arrest from the officer's patrol vehicle.
- **Wire fraud** — At 11:13 a.m. Aug. 19, LLPD received a report of wire fraud at the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive. A complainant reported that while using his computer, someone gained access to it and remotely logged in, advising he had a virus and needed to update his virus protection by wiring \$200. The complainant did so and was charged \$2,000 instead of \$200.

- **Television theft** — At 4:23 p.m. Aug. 22, LLPD received a report of burglary at the 19000 block of East Cataldo Avenue. A complainant reported someone had cut a hole in the fencing and entered the business, taking six flat-screen televisions from unlocked RVs on site.
- **Disorderly conduct** — At 6:41 p.m. Aug. 25, LLPD responded to the 24000 block of East Mission Avenue when a male subject came to the location during a drug class and wanted to present his own materials and program he had put together using the internet. The subject was trespassed from the location.
- **Returned wallet** — At 8:33 p.m. Aug. 25, LLPD found property at the 19000 block of East Broadway Avenue. A wallet with several hundred dollars was located in the roadway and returned to its owner.
- **Hit and run** — A 65-year-old Liberty Lake man was arrested at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 2 at the 20000 block of East

- Baldwin Avenue for hit and run. A woman reported finding someone had struck her parked vehicle while she was in a store near East Country Vista Drive. The woman noticed the damage, and a witness provided information as to the driver of the suspect vehicle. An officer went to the registered owner's address, and spoke to the man, who reported he "thought" he had backed into something but wasn't sure so left. He was arrested for hit and run. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at near \$3,000.
- **Theft** — At 9:13 a.m. Sept. 3, LLPD responded to the 19000 block of East Cataldo Avenue for a theft. The complainant reported a male subject used fraudulent information on his application in order to purchase a \$70,582 RV. The incident was placed under investigation.
- **Assault arrest** — A 41-year-old Spokane Valley man was arrested at 8:18 p.m. Sept. 6 at the 1800 block of North Harvard Road for fourth-degree assault and unlawful imprisonment. The complainant reported that a male was outside the location holding a woman's arms above her head. Officers arrived and found the male to be highly intoxicated. After speaking to the female, it was learned the male had held her up against a vehicle for more than five minutes without letting her leave. He was arrested on both counts and booked into jail.
- **Harassment** — At 6:27 p.m. Sept. 8, LLPD responded to the 25000 block of East Hawkstone Loop for a harassment call. A woman reported she is currently being evicted, and someone had stuck gum in her keyhole, making it impossible for her to gain entry to her apartment. An officer instructed her to remove the gum and try her key.
- **Harassment** — At 10:30 p.m. Sept. 10, LLPD responded to the 23000 block of East Appleway for a report of harassment, assault and a hit and run. A man reported that while riding his bicycle on Appleway, a vehicle unknown to him clipped his left arm with its side mirror. The vehicle proceeded forward about a quarter-mile before doing a U-turn and heading back toward the complainant before stopping. The window was rolled down, and the driver stuck the barrel of a gun out of the window of the vehicle pointing it toward the complainant. The vehicle then sped away. The vehicle is described as a black Audi with Oregon plates.

News Brief

Residents encouraged to apply for Planning Commission

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Applications can be found at [wa-libertylake.civicplus.com](http://wa-libertylake.civicplus.com) or at City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista. They can be submitted via email to [aswenson@libertylakewa.gov](mailto:aswenson@libertylakewa.gov) or in person to Ann Swenson at City Hall. The deadline to submit an application is 4 p.m. Oct. 14.

- **Burglary** — At noon Sept. 14, LLPD responded to a burglary at the 22000 block of East Country Vista Drive. A woman reported her ex-boyfriend was advised he could enter the garage and get a pair of jeans that belonged to him as he had the code. A short time later, he came to the door and knocked. After she didn't answer, he left, but returned three times doing the same thing. When she wouldn't answer the door, he went to her bedroom window and threw something against it saying, "I know you're in there." He then tried to open the slider door, which was locked. Then, he went back to the bedroom window and took the screen off, opened the window and started to step through into the residence. The woman yelled for him to leave, and a witness observed the subject jump off the deck and run from the area. Charges for burglary were forwarded to the prosecutor's office.
- **Citizen contact** — At 12:13 p.m. Sept. 16, LLPD received a report from the 21000 block of East Bitterroot Lane for a citizen contact. The complainant reported that someone had left a note on her vehicle that said, "We love keying cars that are parked inappropriately. Sincerely, your neighbors." The subject also left photos of vehicles that were keyed.

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| Alarm                          | 2  | Vehicle prowling  | 2  |
| Assault                        | 5  | Vehicle theft   | 1  |
| Burglary                       | 6  | Violation of court order  | 2  |
| Child abuse or neglect         | 1  | Welfare check   | 1  |
| Citizen assist                 | 2  | Citations   |    |
| Citizen dispute                | 2  | Allowing unauthorized to drive  | 1  |
| Custodial interference         | 1  | Assault   | 2  |
| Disorderly conduct             | 3  | Defective headlights  | 1  |
| Domestic violence              | 1  | Driving without lights when required                                  | 1  |
| Drug possession                | 1  | DUI   | 2  |
| Drug sale                      | 1  | DWLS  | 18 |
| DUI                            | 3  | Expired registration  | 5  |
| Fraud                          | 4  | Failure to stop   | 4  |
| Fugitive                       | 2  | Following too close   | 1  |
| Harassment                     | 4  | Fugitive of this state  | 1  |
| Juvenile problem               | 1  | Hit and run   | 1  |
| Lost or found property         | 7  | Ignition interlocks   | 4  |
| Malicious mischief             | 1  | Liability insurance   | 11 |
| Not classified                 | 17 | License in possession/display   | 1  |
| Property theft                 | 11 | License and plates required   | 1  |
| Recovered stolen property      | 1  | Negligent driving   | 1  |
| Suspicious person/circumstance | 4  | Speeding  | 7  |
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|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Emergency medical service calls   | 59 |
| Motor vehicle accidents           | 3  |
| Fires                             | 4  |
| Service calls                     | 3  |
| Building alarms                   | 4  |
| Hazardous materials               | 1  |
| Unauthorized burning              | 3  |
| Dispatched and cancelled en route | 7  |

*\*This report reflects the service area for SVFD Station No. 3 in Liberty Lake, which includes areas inside and outside of incorporated city limits*

## Highlights

• **Barbecue fire** — SVFD crews responded to a reported barbecue fire in the 20100 block of East Indiana Avenue just before 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6. Upon arrival, the home appeared unoccupied, but crews found a hot barbecue on the second-story deck containing burned chicken and turned it off. At this time, a woman who had been in the bath came out of the home and realized she'd forgotten about cooking.

• **Sprinkler system alarm** — Just before 9 a.m. Sept. 16, SVFD crews were dispatched to the 2200 block of North McKenzie Lane in response to a sprinkler system alarm. Upon arrival, crews found a commercial business under construction, and a sprinkler head that had accidentally been knocked off. The business owner was issued a fire watch notice until the sprinkler system is repaired and operational.

• **Motor vehicle accident** — SVFD crews responded to a two-car accident at the corner of Liberty Lake Road and Country Vista Drive at 8:30 p.m. Sept. 17. A Toyota Tundra and a Chevy Malibu were involved in a low-speed accident. None of the occupants was seriously injured.

• **Unauthorized burning** — Shortly after 7 p.m. Sept. 19, SVFD crews responded to a report of an illegal burn in the area of Legacy Ridge across from Trailhead Golf Course. The caller pointed out two individuals on the hill who were attempting to light a fire. The SVFD crew went to the area above Liberty Heights Road and made contact with two teenagers who admitted they were attempting to light a campfire. The crew made sure the fire was extinguished, advised the teenagers of the severity of their actions and released them to one of their mothers.

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## NEWS

# Project manager to be tapped for pool

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

While it may not be time to step up to the diving board or hop in the water for a few conditioning laps, the Liberty Lake City Council moved closer to the reality of an aquatic center last month.

By a unanimous vote on Sept. 15, the governing board agreed to retain a project manager for a pool and community center at the site of Town Square Park at a price tag of \$50,000. The funds have already been set aside in this year's budget.

"This discussion is about the best way to deliver a project," said City Administrator Katy Allen. "The residents want to know what it's going to cost and what they're going to get."

In addition to securing a project manager, the money will cover the city's application to the state's Project Review Committee, the group which approves "design-build" methods of construction. The city is leaning toward a "progressive design-build" strategy, which starts with what Allen described as

"a team based on their experience and approach to your project," as opposed to the traditional bid and build process.

Gary Bernardo of Bernardo Wills Architects told council on Sept. 15 that design-build projects represent "the lowest risk and most reliable, accurate method." Bernardo was involved as a consultant with a citizen-based Community Facilities Task Force that researched site options for the pool/community center.

"With this approach, you have a very strong certainty that what you're showing to the public, you can actually afford," Bernardo said.

Allen said progressive design-build has been used effectively by entities like the University of Washington and Sea-Tac Airport.

"You're aligning the scope and budget, saving time and putting more dollars toward construction," she said.

The \$50,000 will also pay for procurement of a design-build team, legal review and mapping out of a budget. Allen said the selection of the project manager will occur between now and the end of the year.

Council remained wary of the dollar amount affixed to the entire design-build plan, which would include retention of a contractor, program development, design concepts, a construction estimate and building schedule. That lineup rang in at a cool \$100,000 not counting a \$25,000 contingency.

Adding in the agreed upon \$50,000, the overall expense of \$175,000 left some around the dais reticent about the city committing too much for development costs alone. Council Member Keith Kopelson described it as "sticker shock."

"I'm concerned about spending \$175,000 moving ahead with a project without knowing it's going to be approved," said Council Member Bob Moore.

The additional \$125,000 would need to be approved by council in the 2016 budget. If endorsed, Allen said the funds would likely come from revenue generated through the real estate excise tax.

Allen added that the funds would represent the "good faith" investment the task force was hoping for from the city, a gesture that would not only lower the cost of a capital facilities bond but also indicate the city's level of commitment to the project, possibly influencing voters.

Council Member Dan Dunne said he enthusiastically supported retaining a project manager.

"I think it's critical that voters be in-

## IN THE BOOKS, ON THE DOCKET

A look back and ahead at news from City Hall

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

### In the Books (September)

- Council voted 3-2 on Sept. 15 (Shane Brickner and Hugh Severs missed the meeting with excused absences) to require all voting members of the planning commission to reside within city boundaries. Currently, up to two of the seven standing members can be non-residents. The ordinance will be changed to take effect at the start of 2016. The change, initiated by Council Member Bob Moore, who served four years as chair of the commission before joining council, would allow two adjunct (non-voting) members to be non-residents.

- City Administrator Katy Allen said the city "has struggled with the numbers to justify the full interchange" at Henry Road. The future project is receiving early indications that while off-ramp construction might pass an interchange justification report required by the Federal Highway Administration and the Washington State Department of Transportation, on-ramp construction may be problematic based on growth projections and future buildout in Liberty Lake. The project received funding support in the last state legislative session.

- The city plans to install three flashing traffic beacons to improve pedestrian safety at the intersections of Molter and Boone, Molter and Country Vista and Mission and Malvern. An illuminated speed monitor will also be installed on Mission near Rocky Hill Park alerting westbound traffic to stay within the posted speed limit. Allen said the equipment should be in place within the next four weeks.

- Library Director Pamela Mogen

commended resident Andrew Ferrero for his efforts to build a picnic table on library grounds. The table, which will meet accessibility guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), was part of Ferrero's Eagle Scout project.

- Council discussed a list of potential priorities for 2016 at its Sept. 1 meeting, including the second phase of the Town Square project, business support and recruitment, transportation projects, parks and recreation and public art. Mayor Steve Peterson said the city needs to place more emphasis on a legislative agenda that would address the competitive disadvantage Liberty Lake has with Idaho when it comes to recruiting businesses. Council passed a resolution at its Sept. 15 meeting, adopting priorities for next year.

- Allen said the city is consulting with municipal attorney Sean Boutz about adding more clout to its code enforcement policy based on "ongoing issues and concerns with certain properties."

### On the Docket (October)

- A workshop is scheduled for the Oct. 6 council meeting to discuss traffic data on Mission Avenue.

- Also on the agenda for Oct. 6 is a public hearing on the city's development code and the River District specific area plan. Council will also address a second read ordinance amending the comprehensive plan, development code and RDSAP.

- Council will hear a first read ordinance on municipal code enforcement on Oct. 6.

- Council will be presented with the mayor's budget for 2016 on Oct. 20. There has been talk of raising the fees at the Liberty Lake Ballfields to parallel rates in the city of Spokane. Fees for large events (over 100 people) at Pavilion Park may also be increased.

- A second read ordinance will be considered on an update to the capital facilities plan.

- The next City Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 6.

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formed of the objective of the bond," Dunne said.

Mayor Pro Tem Cris Kaminskas said residents considering a property tax hike to build a facility "will want to know what this project is all about."

The preliminary estimated price of the pool/community center is \$11.2 million, not including operation and maintenance costs. The project would cover 16,000 square feet and be built on land owned by the city. Town Square Park already occupies 2 acres of the overall 6.4-acre site on Meadowwood Lane.

The city's anticipated timeline, as outlined by Allen, would include hiring a project manager between now and December and bringing on a contractor sometime between January and May of next year. Public outreach meetings would follow between May and August with the initiative appearing on the ballot in August. A capital facilities bond requires a supermajority of at least 60 percent for approval.

### Regional sports complex appeal

Another sports-related project shared

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the stage with the Town Square dialogue on Sept. 15.

Spokane County Commissioner Shelly O’Quinn and Doug Chase, director of Spokane County Parks and Recreation, provided an overview of an ambitious regional sports complex plan that would include, among other sites, an area around the HUB Sports Center in Liberty Lake as well as the county park on the banks of Liberty Lake.

The idea was initiated by the discussion to build a downtown sports complex, O’Quinn said.

“We heard these conversations and thought, ‘Why not the Valley?’” she said.

Under the plan, the grounds near the HUB would be the new home of softball and baseball diamonds and one multi-use field as well as parking, illumination and a maintenance building. An upgrade at Plante’s Ferry Park would mean more soccer fields and softball diamonds featuring synthetic turf and illumination.

The next step is to commission an economic impact study that would estimate the ripple effect of the new and improved facilities on the communities involved, particularly on businesses like hotels and restaurants as the sites host tournaments and other events. O’Quinn said the collaboration would ideally include the cities of Spokane Valley and Liberty Lake, the Central Valley School District and the Spokane Regional Sports Commission. The cost of the study — in the neighborhood of \$48,000 — would be split among the entities that sign on.

“We look at this as a greater Valley partnership,” O’Quinn said.

Liberty Lake has yet to commit funds to the study, although Mayor Steve Peterson has attended meetings of the sports facilities advisory committee.

“We need to be very diligent about what we can find out for ourselves before we go out and spend anything,” Peterson said. “I want to make sure we have a good understanding of what this means to us.”

The county has talked about a levy lid lift to pay for the project, though nothing has been finalized. O’Quinn said it would be ideal to have the economic impact study completed this fall, utilizing the same consultant hired to address the downtown project.

“We’re still in that gathering information phase so we can move forward next year,” O’Quinn said.

Dunne said the study would provide “an opportunity to understand what the impact of this project would be.”

“I value the notion of a third party opinion here,” he said.

Wayne Frost, chair of the HUB board, said the study “would provide the answers.” The HUB now generates an estimated \$6 million a year in economic impact each year.

“You’re willing to spend \$50,000 (on the Town Square project design phase) but not \$12,000 on this?” Frost said. “There’s a lot of history behind this. These facilities bring money here from other places.”

Peterson recommended a combined meeting with representatives of the county, Liberty Lake, Spokane Valley, CVSD and the sports commission before the city agreed to pay any portion of the study.

Task force presents findings at Sept. 1 meeting

Much of the legwork for discussions and decisions made at the Sept. 15 meeting happened Sept. 1, when the Council heard a summary from the Community Facilities Task Force which began convening in mid-June to discuss three potential capital projects — a pool, a library and a community center. Joe Phipps, chair of the committee, took the lead at the presentation.

“People seemed to be interested in the discussion and bringing forth their input,” Phipps said of the process which utilized last year’s Parks and Recreation community survey as a springboard.

With help from Bernardo, the task force

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Dan Dunne is a long time resident and community volunteer who has served the City of Liberty Lake continuously for more than seven years. Dan is actively engaged in the community and drives for results in city administration. Dan has been a primary advocate and sponsor of recent successfully completed city projects, including the Liberty Lake Baseball Park. Dan is an advocate of a balanced approach to city services, providing advocacy to local businesses, as well as residents and property owners.

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looked at five potential locations for the community center/pool but finally landed on the Town Square Park site on Meadowwood Lane as the most feasible. Phipps said the space made sense for its centrality, accessibility and standing as an established civic venue. Along with hosting the Liberty Lake Farmers Market each year, the city-owned property features amenities like the park and a Fallen Heroes station.

“It’s a central location that people are already familiar with,” Phipps said. “This (project) would build upon work the city has already done.”

Phipps added that the available square footage at the property would accommodate not only facilities, but parking and open green space. When considering the acreage necessary for the project, the task force reviewed information compiled by Allen that included a summary of pools and community centers in cities of similar size to Liberty Lake. Representatives of the group also toured and studied other facilities in the area.

The estimated cost of \$11.2 million includes sales tax and escalation for 2017 bond rates. Kaminskas noted that aquatic center participation fees would likely cover only around 30 percent of ongoing maintenance costs.

As for the project itself, the task force presented financing options for capital bonds covering both 20 and 30 years. A 20-year, \$10 million bond would translate to an annual property tax increase of \$175 for a home valued at \$300,000. A 30-year bond would cost a homeowner \$145 more each year.

In 2008, a \$9.8 million funding initiative for a new library and community center earned a paltry 38 percent of the ballot — well below the necessary 60 percent. The result prompted the city to purchase a former manufacturing warehouse that was eventually renovated into a new library and police precinct.

Little was mentioned concerning the library’s stake in the Town Square venture on Sept. 1, other than Phipps mentioning that library representatives “have expressed interest in being part of the community center.”

“It’s really not our job to delineate what would be there,” Phipps said.

Another layer to the discussion was added on before Phipps even began his presentation. Frost told council about the proposal to build an outdoor sports complex on the north side of Liberty Lake in the River District that is currently penciled in as part of a \$25 million initiative to upgrade parks and recreation sites across Spokane County, the same project that was presented later in

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Dan Dunne was first elected to the City Council in 2011 after serving on the Liberty Lake Planning Commission. The incumbent is seeking his second full term as a councilman.



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Josh Beckett was first elected to City Council in 2009. He served one term before deciding against another run in 2013. He is also seeking a second — albeit nonconsecutive — term on the Council.



# Dash for the dais

Beckett, Dunne race showcases contrast in candidates

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

They are doting dads with professional careers and a penchant for multi-syllable words. Both have served on the Liberty Lake City Council, earned respect from their colleagues at City Hall and gone through the rigors of approving budgets, putting in committee work and slogging through piles of municipal ordinances and resolutions.

Yet that's where the similarities might just end for Josh Beckett and Dan Dunne, former cohorts on the governing board who now find themselves as foes in the upcoming general election. The race marks the first time in the city's history that a former council member has challenged a

current one for a seat at the dais.

Beckett stepped away from city government in 2013, opting against re-election after four years. Dunne served the same amount of time on the planning commission before running unopposed for council in 2011. When they both sat on council, Beckett and Dunne were anything but chummy. Their opposing views on the utility tax — Beckett wanted to repeal it; Dunne supports it as a reliable revenue source for roads — represented one of several clashes. Since leaving, Beckett has been critical of Dunne's "failure to create coalitions and tendency to rubber stamp

the policies of the administration."

While three other sitting council members — Cris Kaminskas, Shane Brickner and Bob Moore — are also on the ballot this November, none will face a challenger. Beckett said his latest campaign resembles his first in 2009 when he attempted to represent a new voice at City Hall.

"Spending money on pet projects gives the impression that we're experiencing progress, but I question if the money the city is spending is really in the best interest of our long-term vitality," Beckett said of his

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## Best of the ballots

A look back at Liberty Lake general election highlights over the years

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Few would argue that the most significant election in Liberty Lake's short history came in November of 2000 when nearly 65 percent of voters approved the incorporation of Spokane County's newest city. Since then, ballot drama has been scarce, though not entirely absent. Here's a look back at the top five general election highlights over the past 15 years.

**2003** — Only two years into cityhood, Liberty Lake's first full-fledged fall election featured races for all seven City Council seats and mayor. Unfortunately, only one

of them included more than one candidate. Joanna Klegin defeated Odin Langford by a mere 17 votes (491 to 474) to retain the position she had been appointed to that spring, when Tim Shea stepped away from the dais. Langford would eventually earn a chair on the governing board when Klegin moved to Texas in 2007, and he was appointed over Phil Hamm.

**2007** — Steve Peterson had served as mayor of Liberty Lake since the city officially incorporated in August of 2001. Wendy Van Orman was part of the original City Council for the same tenure. In the autumn of 2007, the two squared off for the mayor's seat, with Van Orman capturing 52 percent of the vote (966 to 905). Van Orman would lead the city from 2008 to 2011, while Peterson stayed in the public eye, running a crepe booth at the Liberty Lake Farmers Market with his wife, Charmaine. The city's inaugural mayor would re-emerge on the ballot in 2011.

**2009** — In one of two council races, Josh Beckett and Cris Kaminskas vied for the position left by Neal Olander, who did not run for re-election. Meanwhile, Langford faced his first challenge on the ballot from Jason Adelman. Beckett earned 55 percent of the electorate and became the first council member in the city's history to take the oath of office from a hospital in January 2010 while he recovered from viral meningitis. Kaminskas would follow Beckett around the dais later that month when she was appointed to replace Patrick Jenkins, who relocated to Utah. Langford earned a supermajority in his race, collecting just over 60 percent.

**2011** — Peterson was in the familiar role as a candidate for mayor this year, but he would not run against an incumbent. Van Orman stepped away from politics after over a decade split between council and the mayor's office. Beckett would step up to challenge Peterson but only garner 25 percent of the vote as Peterson

reclaimed the gavel in a landslide. A total of 2,394 votes were cast in the mayor's race, the most in any Liberty Lake election since incorporation. Overwhelmingly, 71 percent of voters opted against transitioning from the strong mayor/council form of government to a city manager/council approach. In the only contested council race, Shane Brickner edged Keith Kopelson by 77 votes. Kopelson would later be appointed to council in February 2012, replacing Ryan Romney.

**2013** — A trio of council competitions made for an unusually intriguing campaign season two years ago. With Beckett not seeking re-election, Hugh Severs and Jeff Sitton faced off, with Severs collecting 57 percent of votes to win. Langford defended his seat again, toppling challenger Mike Tedesco with 54 percent. Lori Olander, who had been appointed to replace Susan Schuler that May, earned 56 percent of ballots to defeat Debbi Haskins.



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former colleagues' most recent efforts.

At the same time, Beckett said he is wary of being "an armchair quarterback" when it involves a critique of current city leaders.

"It's easy to look back and to be critical of decisions that have been made, but it's not fair or productive," he said. "The council is asked to make lots of decisions, and those decisions are multi-faceted and complex."

When asked to characterize the way he and Beckett collaborated in their shared time on council, Dunne was characteristically diplomatic.

"I believe we both contributed to policy discussions and made prospective opinions clear," Dunne said.

Looking back on his four years, Dunne said he is proud of the city's prioritization of public safety, roads, parks and trails as well as a well-utilized library.

Dunne also pointed to a list of completed projects during his tenure, including the Harvard Road roundabout, Liberty Lake Ballfields and Appleway Avenue renovation.

"I have enjoyed supporting and contributing to the successful projects which the city has completed during my first term as councilman," he said. "I'm proud of the work completed to date and believe there is more important work to be done."

While Dunne has stepped up in support of a proposed community center/aquatic facility at Town Square Park, Beckett said the city should be looking at the north side of the community for this and other projects.

"The future growth of the city will be north of I-90, but no new city projects have been constructed in the River District," he said. "Residents on the north side of I-90 feel alienated and forgotten by the city and for good reason. I want to lead the discussion about how we best grow our city infrastructure and the placement of projects on the north side of I-90. It's an investment that will pay off as the city continues to grow and the population up there exceeds that south of I-90."

Dunne said he appreciates the opportunity to "enable and empower the volunteers in the community," such as those who have rallied to build the Fallen Heroes Circuit

## To the point

## Candidates weigh in on top 10 municipal issues

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

When he served on Liberty Lake City Council, Josh Beckett earned a reputation as a skilled orator. In his time around the dais, Council Member Dan Dunne has shown a similar flair for words.

Yet what happens when each candidate is asked to funnel his thoughts on the city's top 10 issues down to one sentence?

The Splash presented Beckett and Dunne with a collection of the most pressing municipal topics recently with a goal of extracting the most concise responses possible. While both candidates proved equal to the task, the opinions expressed wound up far from parallel.

Let the brevity begin ...

**1) Town Square community center/aquatic facility**

*Beckett:* "I do not want to see any more development at Town Square, and the aquatic center should be located on the north side of the city."

*Dunne:* "A valuable and important recreational facility which requires the consideration of the voters."

Course. He points to Liberty Lake's work with the Central Valley School District and neighboring jurisdictions as examples of the city's emphasis on collaboration.

"I'm confident that collaboration with these other agencies serves our common patron, the citizens," Dunne said.

As for the chemistry on the current council, Dunne said the mix of opinions and backgrounds provides a healthy atmosphere for constructive dialogue.

"I'm grateful for the diversity of opinions and believe different perspectives give meaning and substance to policy debate," he said. "I'm particularly grateful for those who respect each other's opinions and act to allow all to be heard."

Beckett said being away from that sort

"If the county comes back with a levy lid lift, Liberty Lake residents will get hit twice, even if they don't vote for it," said Langford. "I think it's important that we get the global view of what's going to be taking place."

Langford went on to speculate that Liberty Lake's project could be tagged onto the county project as one expansive complex.

When considering overall value, Kaminiskas said the River District layout paled in

**2) The future of the utility tax**

*Beckett:* "The City Council promised the voters we would eliminate this tax as soon as we could and the tax is still on the books — I want to repeal it."

*Dunne:* "A critical component of ensuring the integrity of our roads and streets."

**3) Potential changes to the sign code**

*Beckett:* "I do not want our city to look like the Valley, so I believe we should not amend the sign code."

*Dunne:* "Necessary to enable businesses which front the I-90 corridor."

**4) The Henry Road interchange**

*Beckett:* "We should continue working with the state to get this project funded — have you seen the traffic at 5 p.m.?"

*Dunne:* "An important economic development for the undeveloped commercial property in our city."

**5) Mayor Peterson embarking on another four-year term**

*Beckett:* "I sincerely wish the mayor well — his dedication to our city is impressive."

*Dunne:* "An epic volunteer and community founder will continue to provide service to the people of the city."

**6) Reorganization of the Parks and Recreation department**

*Beckett:* "Something smells fishy — I'd be asking lots of questions about this."

*Dunne:* "Creating the potential for an award-winning parks and rec operation."

**7) Upgrades at the Trailhead facility**

*Beckett:* "The upgrades are badly needed and an investment I strongly support."

*Dunne:* "An important revenue-positive asset of the city requires renewal."

**8) Allowing only Liberty Lake residents to serve on the planning commission**

*Beckett:* "You should be a resident if you are going to serve on the planning commission — it just makes sense."

*Dunne:* "No code changes required to enable."

**9) The proposed outdoor sports complex near the HUB**

*Beckett:* "If planned correctly, this complex can be a huge benefit to the city, but it's too early to give my support."

*Dunne:* "A valid and important public use for currently undeveloped land and an opportunity to collaborate with adjacent jurisdictions."

**10) A traffic roundabout at Mission and Molter**

*Beckett:* "I was a champion of the roundabout at Harvard, so placing a second one at Mission and Molter makes sense to me."

*Dunne:* "An innovative and necessary traffic improvement to support continued development."

of critical conversation the last two years is one of the reasons he is on the ballot. He often challenged Mayor Steve Peterson on issues and even ran for the city's top office against Peterson in 2011, losing by a wide margin.

"Participating in the process to shape our future is an awesome responsibility and one I took very seriously," Beckett said. "I enjoyed the debate and working with my peers and the mayor to make decisions that have real impacts on our community."

As for his campaign strategy leading up to the Nov. 3 election, Beckett said he has incorporated lessons from the tactics he used four years ago.

"Face to face interaction is always the best approach," he said. "Unlike in the past, my goal isn't to plaster campaign signs all over

Liberty Lake because most residents hate seeing all the signs. I will continue going door-to-door and talking with voters. I have also received lots of support from residents, council members and friends who have been active in spreading the word about my campaign."

On his campaign trail, Dunne said he is "looking forward to listening to and talking with the people of Liberty Lake, both person-to-person and in public forums."

"I have a track record of commitment and results for the people of the city," he said. "I sought and delivered collaboration with peers and staff to contribute to the successful city government we have today. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve and ask the people for the privilege to continue for another term."

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the month at the Sept. 15 meeting.

With the county project looming as a possible April 2016 ballot issue, it was clear that council had concerns about the River District project and the community center/pool development competing for taxpayer dollars.

comparison to the construction of a community center/pool more centrally located within the boundaries of Liberty Lake.

"I don't see the county project benefitting our residents," she said.

Peterson took the case for a city-sponsored development further.

"A pool and community center will be a guaranteed benefit for our community," he said. "And our community is going to make

the decision on it."

Phipps said there is already enthusiasm within the task force to promote the vote to build the pool and civic center.

"You can sell the idea of a third gathering place," he said.

Kopelson said that based on community feedback and the task force study, the city "needs to make a decision to move ahead with this project."



## NEWS

# Griffin let go as part of parks and rec shuffle

By Craig Howard  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Last month, Michelle Griffin attended the dedication ceremony for the Coast Guard Fallen Heroes station, a project she had worked on for months with a committee of local residents.

Even though the site of the ceremony was only steps away from Liberty Lake City Hall — Griffin's professional home for the past seven years — the longtime Parks and Recreation coordinator was there on Sept. 11 as a volunteer, not a municipal employee.

Griffin was relieved of her duties on Sept. 2 by Mayor Steve Peterson, who described the move as being "more about the process than the person." In what he called a "reorganization of the parks and recreation department," the mayor eliminated Griffin's role and elevated Jennifer Camp, parks and open space superintendent, to a director's position. Meanwhile, Luke Clift, who has worked on the maintenance/coordination side of parks, was named the interim event and recreation lead, according to City Administrator Katy Allen.

"I'm the visionary for parks and recreation," Peterson said. "I don't want to be in the business of providing recreation services. Michelle's job has changed since Katy

arrived. Really, all we want to do on the parks side is provide the facility and some funding."

Peterson went on to say that entities like the HUB Sports Center, Skyhawks and the Spokane Regional Sports Commission "provide better services than the city can." In the new format, those groups will take on added responsibility in coordinating activities. Camp, who oversees all municipal parks facilities, will be the contact person for recreation programming. Peterson said Allen will also be helping out on the recreation side.

"I didn't approach this move with the thinking that I don't like what Michelle is doing," Peterson said. "We're just looking to be more efficient and effective with our resources and our people. Our goal is to provide a quality environment for the programming to take place."

Griffin began her tenure with Liberty Lake in 2008 in administrative services and was hired as recreation coordinator two years later. She was integral in the acquisition of several city grants before her move to parks, including funding for solar panels at the police station. In 2009, she was awarded the city's "Above and Beyond" award.

As coordinator of Parks and Recreation,

Griffin oversaw facility reservations, managed the community garden program and CHILL day camp and served as the liaison between the city and groups like Friends of Pavillion Park. This year, the city has already set a record in recreation revenue, collecting over \$70,000.

Allen described Griffin as "a hard-working, reliable and trustworthy employee."

Under Griffin, the recreation lineup has grown to include winter sports like snow shoeing, cross country skiing and "Snowgusta" in December, a cold-weather rendition of miniature golf. Other additions have included STEM classes, a bicycling club, lacrosse and flag football camps. Griffin had also begun work to add a Soccer Tots program for next year.

Peterson launched the parks and recreation format during his first term as mayor, drawing upon local colleges and universities for interns who coordinated programming.

"From the standpoint of coming in, taking over for interns and building a program, Michelle did her job," Peterson said. "I think this move will really allow her to expand professionally in the long run."

Griffin said she did not see the change coming.

"Before I was laid off there was no mention of the need for reorganization," she said. "The city coffers are very healthy and recreation programming is currently being expanded."

Griffin was heavily involved in the city's parks and recreation survey last year, which set the tone for the current discussions about a community center/swimming pool facility. She and Amanda Tainio, planning and building services manager, coordinated the revival of Liberty Lake Days this summer as Barefoot in the Park. The event drew positive reviews from City Council members like Shane Brickner, who commended Griffin and Tainio following their recap presentation in August.

"I can't commend you guys enough," Brickner said. "It was an incredible event."

Allen said the revised organizational chart, reflecting the change in parks, will be part of Peterson's 2016 preliminary budget. In the strong mayor form of government, Peterson oversees employment at City Hall. A similar transition took place in late 2005 when another Griffin — inaugural City Administrator Lewis Griffin — was told by the mayor his role would be dissolved beginning in 2006. Similar to the parks recalibration, existing staff absorbed duties left behind by the shift.

In 2012, longtime Community Development Director Doug Smith was let go by Peterson as part of another restructuring move. That change took place two months after Allen was hired as the second city ad-



SPLASH FILE PHOTO

Michelle Griffin, parks and recreation coordinator in Liberty Lake since 2010, was given a layoff notice on Sept. 2 as part of a reorganization of the department announced by Mayor Steve Peterson.

ministrator in Liberty Lake's history.

"We looked at this and asked, 'Do we really need an event staff?'" Allen said of the parks shuffle. "Instead, we want to leverage existing programs and use other experts. Look at the city of Spokane Valley, they do it all by leveraging outside groups. We see this as a blend of grounds and recreational activities that will bring increased efficiencies."

Griffin, who worked for the Central Valley School District and Upper Columbia Resource Conservation and Development program before being hired by Liberty Lake, said she did her best to make parks and recreation shine in the community that became her professional home.

"I worked a lot of evenings, weekends and holidays away from my family and for no additional pay, as an exempt employee, because I loved my job and enjoyed providing recreational opportunities for the residents of Liberty Lake," she said.

Peterson said the revised format will place the city as a facilitator, with Camp as a point person "who is actually out in the field."

"People have to understand — the environment changes," Peterson said. "The city is not going to be in the activities business."

Peterson said the transition was made now because he "didn't want to impact an employee going into the holiday season." Griffin has been offered severance pay and has yet to decide on her next career move.

"I would like to thank the residents of Liberty Lake for the opportunity to serve them for the past seven years," Griffin said. "It was an honor to be part of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course Committee and to get to work with so many wonderful volunteers and citizens of Liberty Lake. I feel blessed for the opportunity."

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# Programs target early readers

By Lauren Campbell  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Reading with young children can help them develop their vocabulary, build reading comprehension and instill a life-long love of books. Liberty Lake Municipal Library has always made early literacy a big part of their program, but the library is taking a big step this fall by kicking off two new programs—1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and The Very Ready Reading Program.

Studies show that more than two-thirds of 4-year-olds aren't enrolled in preschool. For those kids, parents and other caregivers are the ones making sure they're ready for kindergarten. The first five years of a child's life have a huge impact on their success in school later, and even preparing them for adulthood. Library Director Pamela Mogen said that reading to and with kids is one of the best ways to help prepare them for school.

"Early literacy has been a top priority among early childhood people for a long time," she said. "We all have said that getting children interested in literature is important."

That's why the library is starting the programs this fall. Both are being financed by Friends of the Library, a non-profit group that funds many of the library's programs.

The program 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, is a home-based, nationwide initiative encouraging parents to read 1,000 books with their children before they start school.

"We really want families to be continually interacting with their children over books," Mogen said.

Sign up for this program will be Oct.



1-3 at the library. The first 50 families to sign up will receive a special record book and book bag. Prizes will also be awarded as families reach 100-book benchmarks, and accomplishments will be noted on a Wall of Fame in the library.

The Very Ready Reading Program is more intensive and is built around the seven different strategies for building literacy skills. It encourages caretakers to share playtime, books, sounds, words, rhymes, songs and stories constantly with their children. The program also includes tip sheets for both librarians and caregivers, suggesting ways that they can help to build literacy even in very young children.

The provided lesson plans are supported by materials from famous children's illustrator Eric Carl and enable librarians to make library-based storytimes as educational as possible. The program is organized to constantly challenge children to learn and grow and includes separate plans for birth to 24 months, 2- and 3-year-olds, and 4- and 5-year olds.

For the youngest children, the program focuses on rhyme and rhythm. There are accompanying songs and books that introduce babies to new sounds. There is a lot of movement incorporated into the program, encouraging parents to play games with their babies and do simple movements along with the songs.

As the children get older, the books get a bit more complicated, with a few lines of text per page. Songs and movement are still a big part of the program, with the lyrics becoming more complex and encouraging fine motor skills.

As kids reach the preschool years, the stories build to match their increased attention span. Follow-up activities are included that dive into the themes of the books, and kids are encouraged to enjoy imaginative play building on the stories.

"By the time they're entering kindergarten, kids should be able to start reading programs with a solid background," Mogen said.

While it was expensive to begin, Mogen said the library will be able to use the curriculum for years to come, helping to build literacy skills and a love of reading in Liberty Lake's youngest residents.

Registration for the Very Ready Reading Program will be the week of Oct. 5, and story times will begin the week of Oct. 12. For more, call 232-2510.

## Book Reviews

# Library patrons comment on summer reads

Library staff shared the following reviews from summer reading participants.

## "Accused" By Lisa Scottoline

Loved the series with the Philly lawyers. Glad the series is continuing! The characters are well-rounded and so human. Easy to identify with them all. The story was a bit far-fetched with reason for the crime but not totally unbelievable.

— ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆ by Cindy Slaton

## "Barefoot" By Elin Hilderbrand

Very emotional and touching. The three women all go through their own trials but Vicki's is definitely the toughest road. She,

a mother of two, is diagnosed with lung cancer and you get a good view of all the emotional ups and downs in dealing with such a devastating disease.

— ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ by Cornelia Hobbs

## "Downtown: My Manhattan" By Pete Hamill

Last fall I was able to go to New York City, a long awaited dream come true. Pete Hamill, a lifetime resident, writes about Manhattan with passion and understanding. He likens it to Oz, which I think it just might be.

— ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆ by Mernie Matthews

## "Judy Moody, Mood Martian" By Megan McDonald

I thought it was cool how Judy fin-gerknitted a chain that was over a mile. I wish her friends didn't think that she was an alien.

— ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆ by Elyvia Carter

## "Danielle the Daisy Fairy" By Daisy Meadows

This book was funny. A girl found out the fairy secret! But luckily she did not tell. It was hailing over a rock which had the magic petal. You have to read this book. It's great, perfect even!

— ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ by Gretchyn Carter



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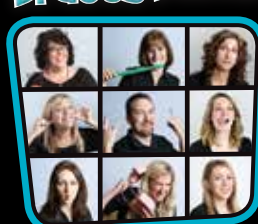
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**Oct. 1 | Travel Club meeting** 6 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Do you love to travel or are you currently planning a trip? Join travel agent Penny Rowell at our first Travel Club meeting to learn about how to plan trips. For more: 232-2510

**Oct. 2-4 | Custer's Antique and Collectors Sale** 4 to 9 p.m. (Fri.), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sat.), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Sun.), Fair and Expo Center, 404 N. Havana St. Over 150 dealers will showcase vintage treasures in all price ranges. Admission is \$6 for adults; children 12 and under are free. For more: [www.custershows.com](http://www.custershows.com)

**Oct. 3 | Build a fire truck** 9 a.m. to noon, Home Depot, 21701 E. Country Vista Dr. This free hands-on workshop is designed for children ages 5 to 12. Pre-registration is encouraged. To register or for more: 891-0613 or [www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com)

**Oct. 3 | The Upriver Scrub** 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Harvard Road trailhead, Barker Road trailhead and Mirabeau Park. Volunteers are wanted to be part of a clean-up team. Trash bags will be provided. To register or for more: [www.spokaneriver.net](http://www.spokaneriver.net)

**Oct. 7 | Grange Potluck and Meeting** 6 p.m., Tri Community Grange, 25025 Heather St., Newman Lake. A potluck will be followed by a 7 p.m. meeting for this community-based service organization. For more: 926-2517 or [geje2@yahoo.com](mailto:geje2@yahoo.com)

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**Oct. 8 | Envision Orchard Park** 6 to 8 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 22710 E. Country Vista Dr. Residents are invited to share ideas for amenities and activities for a community park in the River District. For more: 755-6708 or [www.libertylakewa.gov](http://www.libertylakewa.gov)

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**Oct. 22 | Cheesy Movie Night: "Ghostbusters"** 6 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. All ages are welcome for this PG-13 flick. For more: 232-2510

**Oct. 29 | Library Halloween party** 5 to 7 p.m., Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. Toddlers to age 10 are invited to come in costume for this celebration with carnival games, cake walk and crafts. Friends of Liberty Lake Library will have pictures available for a \$2 donation. For more: 232-2510

**Oct. 30-31 | The Witching Hour Haunted House** 6 to 10 p.m., 22911 E. Eaglebend Lane. This free haunted house is appropriate for all ages, as it is customized for each group that goes through. For more: search "The Witching Hour Haunted House" on Facebook

**Oct. 31 | Halloween**

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**Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake** 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays, Liberty Lake City Hall, 22510 E. Country Vista Drive. For more: [www.libertylakekiwanis.org](http://www.libertylakekiwanis.org)

**Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club** Noon Thursdays, Meadowwood Technology Campus Liberty Room, 2100 N. Molter Road. For more: 922-4422

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

**Liberty Lake Lions Club** Noon on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, Barlow's Restaurant, 1428 N. Liberty Lake Road. For more: 869-7657

**Liberty Lake Municipal Library** 23123 E. Mission Avenue. Toddler and preschool story times, Create space for kids, Baby lap-sit story time, Lego club, Knitting Club, kids crafts and more. For times and more: 232-2510

**Liberty Lake Toastmasters** 5:45 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District building, 22510 E. Mission Ave. For more: 208-765-8657

**Pancreatic Cancer Action Network** 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. For more: [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org) or 534-2564

**Senior Lunch** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, Talon Hills Senior Complex, 24950 E. Hawkstone Loop. Seniors age 60 and older invited; recommended donation \$3.50.

**Spokane Valley Writer's Group** 6:45 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month, Lakeside Church, 23129 E. Mission. This supportive critique group welcomes adult writers. For more: 570-4440

### MUSIC & THE ARTS

**Oct. 2-3, 8-10 | "The Elevator"** 7 p.m. (also 2 p.m. on Saturdays), Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. Tickets are \$12. For more: [www.libertylaketheatre.com](http://www.libertylaketheatre.com)

**Oct. 5-6 | Auditions for "Every Christmas Story Ever Told"** 6 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. This show performs Dec. 10-19. For more: [www.libertylaketheatre.com](http://www.libertylaketheatre.com)

**Oct. 9-10 | Cowboy Supper Shows** Rockin' B Ranch, 3912 Spokane Bridge Road. For show times and more: [www.rockinbranch.com](http://www.rockinbranch.com) or 891-9016

**Oct. 20 | Dessert and a Show** 7:30 p.m., Central Valley High School, 821 S. Sullivan Road. The CVHS Marching Band and Color Guard will perform their 2015 production of "Once Upon A Dream" at this free event followed by dessert in the CVHS Commons. For more: [cymbPublicity@hotmail.com](mailto:cymbPublicity@hotmail.com)

**Oct. 24, 26 | Auditions for "Rumplestiltskin"** Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. This Reader's Theatre production performs Nov. 16-21. For more: [www.libertylaketheatre.com](http://www.libertylaketheatre.com)

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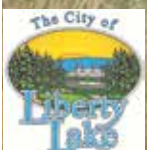
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CALENDAR

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**Oct. 24 | This, That or the Other** 8 p.m., Liberty Lake Community Theatre, 22910 E. Appleway Ave. Tickets are \$7 for this PG13 improv comedy. For more: [www.libertylaketheatre.com](http://www.libertylaketheatre.com)

Recurring

**Spokane Valley Camera Club** 7:15 p.m., third and fourth Monday of the month (September through April), Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District building, 22510 E. Mission Ave. All levels of ability — students through experienced photographers — are invited to learn. Social events include field trips and workshops. For more: 951-1446 or [www.sv-cc.org](http://www.sv-cc.org)

— This month's meetings are Oct. 19 and 26

CIVIC & BUSINESS

**Oct. 13 | Women Executives of Liberty Lake (WELL)** 12:45 to 2 p.m., Liberty Lake Portal Building, 23403 E. Mission. Shaun Johnson from the Exercise Institute will share about strength and the ideal longevity. For more: [www.womenexecutivesoflibertylake.com](http://www.womenexecutivesoflibertylake.com)

**Oct. 16 | Business Connections breakfast** 7 to 9 a.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan Road. Cheryl Kilday, president and CEO of Visit Spokane and board chair for the Washington Tourism Alliance, will talk about plans for a state-wide tourism program and what it means for local businesses. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for future members (price goes up \$10 after Oct. 12). For more: [www.spokanevalleychamber.org](http://www.spokanevalleychamber.org)

Recurring

**Central Valley School board** 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, CVSD administration building, 19307 E. Cataldo, Spokane Valley.

**Liberty Lake City Council** 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive.

**Liberty Lake Library Foundation** Noon the first Wednesday of each month, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

**Liberty Lake Merchants Association** 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Liberty Lake Portal, 23403 E. Mission Ave., Suite 120. For more: 999-4935

**Liberty Lake Municipal Library board** 10:30 a.m. the first Thursday of each month, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

**Liberty Lake Planning Commission** 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive.

**Liberty Lake SCOPE** 6:30 p.m. on the first

Wednesday of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

**Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District board** 4 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

HEALTH & RECREATION

**Oct. 3 | Warrior Camp MMA Event** 7 to 10:30 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. The cost of admission for these live MMA Cage Fights is \$20-30. Tickets can be purchased at Warrior Camp, 5027 E. Trent in Spokane. For more: [www.warriorcampfitness.com](http://www.warriorcampfitness.com)

**Oct. 10-11 | Breakthrough Basketball Camp** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Chris Oliver will run this two-day skill camp for high school and middle school players. Cost is \$210 per player. For more: [www.hubsportscenter.org](http://www.hubsportscenter.org)

**Oct. 10 | Holistic Festival** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., CenterPlace, 2426 N. Discovery Place, Spokane Valley. Booths, lectures and a psychic panel are all part of this festival. Admission is \$6. For more: [www.holisticfestivals.com](http://www.holisticfestivals.com)

**Oct. 17-18 | HUB Hustle Basketball Camp** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Boys and girls teams in 6th through 8th grade are invited to participate. Cost is \$200 per team if registered by Oct. 8. For more: [www.hubsportscenter.org](http://www.hubsportscenter.org)

**Oct. 22 | Yoga for The Cure** The Mat, 21651 E. Country Vista Drive #B. For more: [themat.info](http://themat.info)

**Oct. 24 | Superheroes vs. Villains Pickleball Tournament** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Join the North Idaho Pickleball Association for this round robin tournament. Cost is \$35; registration ends Oct. 9. Superhero or villain attire required, and proceeds benefit pediatric oncology at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. For more: [www.hubsportscenter.org](http://www.hubsportscenter.org)

**Oct. 24 | BS to Cancer, PGA Benefit for Bob Scott** 11 a.m., MeadowWood Golf Course, 24501 E. Valleyway. The cost for this fundraiser event is \$100 per player. Proceeds will benefit MeadowWood Golf Pro Bob Scott who was recently diagnosed with non-operable brain lymphoma. Entry deadline is Oct. 10. For more: 255-9539

**Oct. 24 | Superhero Dodgeball Tourney** Noon to 7 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Junior high, high school and adult divisions available. Cost is \$75 per team; registration ends Oct. 16. Proceeds benefit pediatric oncology at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. For more: [www.hubsportscenter.org](http://www.hubsportscenter.org)

Obituary



**Tom Brubaker**

Oct. 5, 1958,  
to Sept. 5, 2015

Thomas Allen Brubaker passed away peacefully at 11:40 a.m. Sept. 5. The longtime Liberty Lake resident was at home with his family. He was born on Oct. 5,

1958, in Maplewood, N.J.

The family is grateful to the community for years of support. All are welcome to attend a memorial service at 11 a.m. Nov. 28 at Valley Bible Church, 3021 S. Sullivan Road.

Oct. 25 | NBC Volleyball Skills Clinic

9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. This clinic is available for girls in 4th through 8th grade. Cost is \$39 per one session or \$70 for both. For more: [www.hubsportscenter.org](http://www.hubsportscenter.org)

Recurring

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

**Liberty Lake Running Club** 6 p.m. Thursdays, Twisp Café & Coffee House, 23505 E. Appleway Ave. The club meets for a three-mile run weekly through October. For more: 954-9806

**HUB Sports Center** 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. Various activities are held weekly, including:

- *Badminton open gym: 7 to 9 p.m. Tues., \$5/person*
- *Basketball open gym: Noon to 1 p.m. Tues. and Thurs., \$4/person*
- *Pickleball drop-in: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mon. through Thurs.; 6 to 8 p.m. Sun. and Wed. \$2/seniors (\$4/non-seniors)*
- *Table Tennis: 7 to 9:30 p.m., Mon. and Wed.; \$3/player*
- *Classes including Keno Karate, Modern Farang-Mu Sul, Wing Chun Kung Fun and Zumba Aerobics. See website for cost and times.*

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

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## Drawing on their skills

Art Chalet provides home  
for kids' creativity to flourish

By Treva Lind  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Art created by children has a certain charm, just ask longtime instructor Annette Carter.

Five young students recently took to canvas at The Art Chalet in evening classes that run during the school year. On Sept. 10, the kids created a painting to represent some summer-time favorite shoes, a pair of flip flops, using whatever designs and vibrant colors of acrylic paint they chose.

Carter encouraged their choices, helping them mix colors and offering a few tips. She often cheered on the students' ideas.

"I will guide them," Carter said. "If they need me to draw one eye, they'll look at that and draw the other eye themselves."

"They call me Miss Annette," she added, while smiling. "I'll go around the table, and I'm watching."

Mostly, the kids ages 8 to 9 worked independently drawing sandals and creative designs they thought up to put on the images. Then they painted the artwork with concentration, smiles and whimsical results as music from classic Disney movies played in the background.

Carter has taught fine arts to children and adults in Liberty Lake since 1997, with 11 of those years in her studio, The Art Chalet, at 23106 E. Melkapsi. The Bavarian-style building was constructed in 1954 as the original post office for the lake area.

At the recent class, the students wore painting aprons provided by Carter, and they sat at a long table with their canvases and supplies.

Annella Lyon, 9, wanted to draw and paint Eiffel Tower designs on her flip flop art, so Carter brought her another painting



SPLASH PHOTOS BY TREVA LIND

Annette Carter, owner of The Art Chalet, provides Annella Lyon some pointers for drawing an Eiffel Tower design during a recent class.

Riley Spackman, below, goes to work painting her design after Carter helped her find the right color.

### FOR MORE ...

The Art Chalet • 23106 E. Melkapsi

Classes and workshops for kids and adults are provided in watercolors, pastel chalks, acrylics, pen and ink and oils. For cost and more, call 255-9600 or visit [www.theartchalet.com](http://www.theartchalet.com).



with that landmark for Annella to follow as she sketched in pencil before applying paint.

"I really like Paris," Annella said. She added that she finds all art enjoyable. "I like watercolor the best."

Ellie Edminster, 8, said she's taken classes at The Art Chalet for about three or four years.

"I like that I learn many new things," Ellie said. "I can get so much more experience here in art."

Another student, 8-year-old Riley Spackman, added her thoughts about classes: "I want to come here forever," she said.

For her painting of flip flops, Riley envisioned a pattern resembling ocean coral, and she just needed a little help from Cart-

er mixing colors.

"I'm trying to do a coral design," she said. "I want to make it look ocean-y. I've painted flowers too. That's my favorite, and I like painting animals."

"In classes, we do over 100 subjects," Carter said. She also exposes children to a variety of mediums from watercolors to chalks. Students try different techniques as well, such as spattering and glazing.

"There's up to 30 techniques with watercolor," Carter added. "We'll do something every week that's different. The children are quick learners, like little sponges."

During the school year, the Kids Class is held at 4:15 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, and also at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Those sessions go for just over an hour. Children must be at least 5 years old.

Carter charges \$15 per class, and sessions are open to new students. She also offers package prices for a schedule that runs through December. New sessions start in January for the spring. Additionally, she holds longer art workshops during the summer and over school holiday breaks.

She also teaches adult classes, a session for home-schooled students, and another class tailored to special-needs young adults.

Over the past 18 years, Carter has taught numerous Liberty Lake children who began while in preschool and continued with instruction until high school graduation. Some of her young students successfully sell their artwork, she added.

"It's naïve art; it's childlike art. I love that when that happens."

Each year she holds an end-of-summer pool party at her house for young students who take her summer classes. The Art Chalet also hosts an art show displaying children's work each spring.

"With adults, I do a demonstration," Carter said, about the differences between classes. "The kids just want to paint. With kids, I can say this is what we're doing. Once I give them a subject, then I tell them, 'You can do whatever you want.'"

"I love kids; they're always giving me compliments."

In the recent Kids Class, Carter continued around the table and suggested that Ellie switch to a smaller brush. "I owe all my talent to you," Ellie quipped.

"Oh, thank you," Carter responded. "See why I love it here?"



COMMUNITY

# Spark your interest in fire prevention

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley | SPLASH STAFF WRITER

The recent wildfires in our state have made everyone aware of the danger of fires as well as how to best prevent them. October is National Fire Safety Month, and The Wave would like to share some information about how you and your family can lessen the risk of fires and be prepared if a fire were to come to your home.

## By the numbers ...



30

Seconds it can take for a flame to become a major fire

1 out of 3

American households that have practiced a home fire escape plan



40,000

Pets die each year in house fires



11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Time during which half of home fire deaths happen



20

Percent of homes with smoke detectors that don't work

911

Number to call to report a fire



Sources: [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org), [www.firesafetyforkids.org](http://www.firesafetyforkids.org)

## Safety tips

- ✓ Ask your parents to install smoke alarms on every level of your house. Remember to replace batteries twice per year.
- ✓ Place fire extinguishers throughout your home, and make sure everyone in the house knows how to use them.
- ✓ Keep matches, lighters and candles out of the reach of young children.
- ✓ Never leave food unattended on the stove.
- ✓ Blow out candles and turn off space heaters before you leave a room or go to sleep.
- ✓ Avoid plugging multiple appliance cords into the same electrical socket.

## In advance, develop an escape plan.

With your family, **create** a blueprint of how to escape in case of fire. Include two ways to get out of every room, in case one is blocked by flames or smoke.

**Test** to make sure windows are not stuck and screens can be removed for easy escape.

**Determine** who will assist those who need help (the very young or those with disabilities) in advance.

**Decide** on a meeting place for all family members a safe distance away from the house.

**Call** the fire department once you have escaped.

**Practice** your plan. Get a stopwatch and see how fast your family can escape.

## If a fire comes ...

- ✓ Never hide in closets or under beds — go outside!
- ✓ Don't waste time getting dressed or gathering valuable items.
- ✓ To escape, fall and crawl. It will be easier to breathe if you stay low while getting out.
- ✓ Always use the back of your hand to test if a door is hot before you open it.
- ✓ If your clothes are on fire, stop, drop and roll. Shout for help.
- ✓ Never go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, tell the firefighters who have the clothing and equipment to safely rescue people.



## Casting some light on

C O L O R

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley | SPLASH STAFF WRITER

In honor of National Color Day on Oct. 22, decide whether each of the statements below are true or false. Then check your answers at the bottom of the page.

- T or F** 1. The first color a baby sees is red.

**T or F** 2. The word color is derived from a Latin word "colos" which means "a cover."

**T or F** 3. The color wheel was invented by Picasso.

**T or F** 4. Blue is the favorite color for about half of the world's population.

**T or F** 5. School buses are yellow because yellow gets your attention faster than any other color.

**T or F** 6. A shade of a color is made adding white to the base color, while a tint is by made adding black to the base color.
- T or F** 7. Research shows that mosquitoes are attracted to bright colors like orange and yellow.

**T or F** 8. Chromophobia, also known as chromatophobia, is an irrational fear of colors.

**T or F** 9. One out of 12 males are colorblind.

**T or F** 10. A combination of yellow and red makes you hungry.

**T or F** 11. Bulls are attracted to the color red.

**T or F** 12. Bees and butterflies can see colors that humans can't see with their range of vision extending into the ultraviolet.

Sources: [www.kidsworldfun.com/amazing-facts-about-colors.php](http://www.kidsworldfun.com/amazing-facts-about-colors.php); [www.colormatters.com/color-matters-for-kids/how-animals-see-color](http://www.colormatters.com/color-matters-for-kids/how-animals-see-color)

Answers to Casting some light on color: 1) True; 2) True; 3) False; 4) True; 5) True; 6) True; 7) True; 8) True; 9) True; 10) True; 11) True; 12) True. Any moving object, including a cape, becomes a target for bulls. 12) True. They are attracted to dark colors, especially blue. 8) True; 9) True; 10) True; 11) True; 12) True. Isaac Newton: 4) True; 5) True; 6) False. Swap the tint and shade to be correct. 7) False. Sources: [www.kidsworldfun.com/amazing-facts-about-colors.php](http://www.kidsworldfun.com/amazing-facts-about-colors.php); [www.colormatters.com/color-matters-for-kids/how-animals-see-color](http://www.colormatters.com/color-matters-for-kids/how-animals-see-color)



## COMMUNITY

# Kernels of knowledge about corn

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley  
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

While the seasons may force a shift from enjoying fresh corn on the cob to finding your way through corn mazes, this crop plays a huge role in history as well as our eating habits. In the early 20th century, a farmer could hand pick approximately 100 bushels of corn in a nine-hour day. Today, a modern combine can pick this amount in seven minutes.

Did you know that corn will always have an even number of rows on each cob? Or that corn can be classified as a vegetable, grain and a fruit? See what pops into your head about this widely-grown crop as you review the multiple choice questions. Answers can be found at the bottom of page 24.



1 On average, an ear of corn has...

- A. 150 kernels in 10 rows
- B. 400 kernels in 12 rows
- C. 800 kernels in 16 rows
- D. Over 1,000 kernels in random rows

2 About how many kernels make up a pound of corn?

- A. 330
- B. 555
- C. 1,000
- D. 1,300

3 Maize, another word for corn, comes from an Indian word meaning what?

- A. "Sacred mother" or "giver of life"
- B. "Stalks of goodness"
- C. "Sweet bits of deliciousness"
- D. "Yellow pieces"

4 Who was believed to be responsible for bringing corn from the West Indies to Europe?

- A. The pilgrims
- B. Indians
- C. Christopher Columbus
- D. King Ferdinand

5 Corn is produced on every continent expect which one?

- A. Africa
- B. Antarctica
- C. Asia
- D. Australia

6 There are how many different uses for corn products?

- A. 75
- B. 150
- C. 1,000
- D. 3,500

7 A bushel of corn can sweeten how many cans of soft drinks?

- A. 4
- B. 40
- C. 400
- D. 4,000

8 As of 2012, which country produced the most corn in the world?

- A. U.S.
- B. Mexico
- C. Spain
- D. Zimbabwe

9 Which of the following states produce over one-third of the total U.S. corn crop?

- A. Illinois
- B. Iowa
- C. Both
- D. Neither

10 How many ears of corn did the world-record holder eat in 12 minutes?

- A. 6
- B. 12 and a half
- C. 24
- D. 33 and a half

Sources: [www.sciencekids.co.nz/science-facts/food/corn.html](http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/science-facts/food/corn.html); [www.dairymoos.com/interesting-facts-about-corn/](http://www.dairymoos.com/interesting-facts-about-corn/)

## ... Harvest some local fun ...

Celebrate October by taking part in these autumn activities geared just for kids!

### Valley Mission Haunted Pool

Oct. 16-17, 23-24; 7:30 to 10 p.m.

11123 E. Mission Ave.,  
Spokane Valley

There will be no swimming; rather, the pool will be converted into a haunted house designed to scare. Intended for ages 12 and up, admission is \$4 per person or \$3 with a canned food donation.

For more: [www.spokanevalley.org/hauntedpool](http://www.spokanevalley.org/hauntedpool)

### "Hansel and Gretel"

Oct. 16-25, various times

Theater Arts for Children  
2114 N. Pines, suite 3, Spokane Valley

Find out what happens when a brother and sister are tempted by candy in this Grimm classic performed by local children. Tickets sold at the door.

For more: Search "Theater Arts for Children" on Facebook

### Liberty Lake Library Halloween party

Oct. 29, 5 to 7 p.m.

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

Toddlers up to age 10 are invited to come in costume for carnival games, a cake walk and crafts. Pictures will be available for a \$2 donation.

For more: [www.libertylakewa.gov](http://www.libertylakewa.gov)



### Halloween in Rockford

Oct. 31, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Rockford Lions Club will host a bonfire in Rockford Park with hot dogs and cider, and the McIntosh Grange will have a cake walk, games and prizes for kids 12 and under. Also, the Rockford United Methodist Church will be spooking up the churchyard and handing out candy.

### KiDDS Dental Great Candy Buy Back

Nov. 2, 4 to 8 p.m.

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Kids can bring unopened candy and trade for \$1 per pound plus goodies donated by local businesses. The excess candy is sent in holiday care packages to troops serving overseas.

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

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Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Which two ladies appear on a map of the U.S.A.?

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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2. Victorious one

3. Utter without thinking

4. Elevator chute

5. Horde of geese

6. Nautical

7. Bakery cuisine

8. Priestly or Robards

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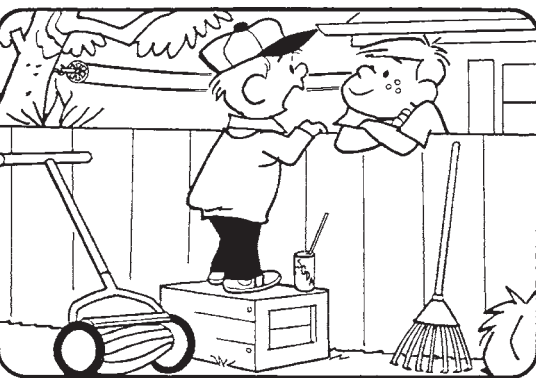
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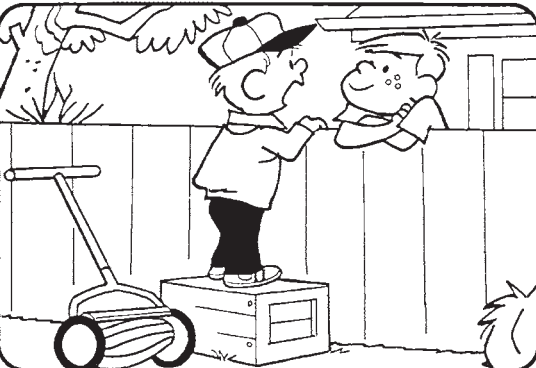
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Clothesline is missing. 2. Handle is shorter. 3. Sweatshirt is shorter. 4. Can is missing. 5. Crossed arms are switched. 6. Fake is missing. Find Puzzles Galore! • Order at: [rbmamall.com](http://rbmamall.com) or Call: (800) 708-7311 x250

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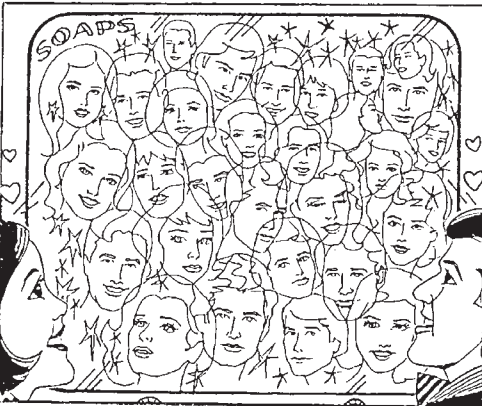
WATCH OUT? A birdwatcher on a quiet day decided to liven things up with some simple mathematics. Each robin he sighted scored two points. Each wren he sighted scored one point. At day's end, he had sighted 35 birds, four times as many robins as wrens, totalling 91 points. Question: What number of robins did he see, and what number of wrens? Can you answer?



He saw 28 robins and seven wrens. WELL SAID! "Let us not throw the — after the bucket," said Cervantes, and one can't help but string along with his words. What four-letter word is missing? Answer quickly. The missing word is "rope."

OUTWITTING THE DESERT SAND

Traveling through the desert, your right front tire blows out. You are fortunate to be carrying a jack and a spare. However, just as you are about to change wheels, a sandstorm blows up and delays you. Luckily, the storm is over quickly, but alas, it leaves the lug nuts from your wheel buried forever. Without reattaching the wheel, of course, you are not able to continue on your way. What to do? Alakazam, you think of a temporary measure to get you rolling. What's that? Time limit: 1 minute. Take one lug nut from each of the other wheels.



SOAP HAPPY! How many make-believe soap-star faces appear on this TV screen — 20, 25, more? Take a guess, then count.



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THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points. Possible twosome: Slam, nine.



Even Exchange answers

1. Breath, Wreath

2. Champ, Clamp

3. Blunt, Blunt

4. Shaft, Shift

5. Gaggle, Giggle

6. Naval, Navel

7. Pastry, Panty

8. Jason, Mason

9. Silver, Salver

10. David, Davis

Answer

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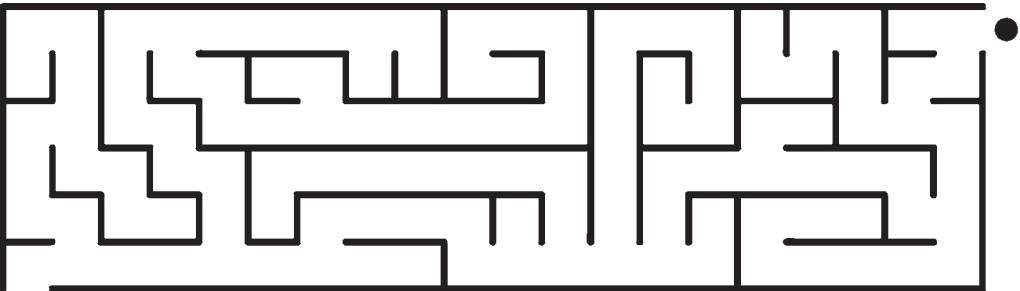
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## COMMUNITY

## Community and Education Briefs

### Nonprofit welcomes volunteers

Partnering for Progress, a Spokane-based non-profit, organizes two trips to Kenya every year in the fall and early winter. P4P works with community leaders and citizens in villages, schools and clinics on a variety of projects including health, education, water/sanitation and economic development to break the cycle of poverty and disease.

Volunteer opportunities are available for medical professionals, educators, engineers and business people to share their expertise and make a difference in the lives of many people in south Kenya. Volunteers pay their own expenses which are approximately \$2,800.

In addition, P4P is holding their annual fundraising dinner and auction Oct. 10 at the Mirabeau Park Hotel. Attendees can learn about P4P's programs while enjoying an African-themed dinner and auction. Tickets are \$65 per person and can be purchased at [www.infoafricaauction.org](http://www.infoafricaauction.org).

For more, call 720-8408 or visit [www.partneringforprogress.org/volunteer.html](http://www.partneringforprogress.org/volunteer.html).

### Annual Great Candy Buy Back to be held Nov. 2

KiDDS Dental is offering kids \$1 per pound of candy during their annual buy back from 4 to 8 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Liberty Lake office, 1327 N. Stanford Lane, suite B. The candy must be unopened and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Banner Bank is helping by giving away cash, and other businesses are contributing non-sweet goodies to exchange for candy. The sweets are shipped to an organization dedicated to serving troops by delivering the candy overseas in holiday care packages.

For more, visit [www.growupsmiling.com](http://www.growupsmiling.com).

### CV craft show slated for November

A fall craft show benefiting the Central Valley High School marching band and color guard is scheduled for Nov. 7 and 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the high school, 821 S. Sullivan Road in Spokane Valley.

Admission is \$2 at the door. For more information, email [cymbpublicity@hotmail.com](mailto:cymbpublicity@hotmail.com).

### Colleges honor local students

The following students from Liberty Lake were recently recognized by colleges for their academic performance. Information was provided via press releases submitted from schools or parents.

#### Washington State University

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Hanna Christine Bledsoe, Lauren Lynnette Schillb, Spencer Kyle Stephenson, Austin Tyler Wittman



## Are your children wearing the correct mouth guard protection?

With kids back in school and the community's playing fields and gymnasiums full of young athletes embroiled in competition, this is an important, yet often overlooked, question. In fact, dentists estimate that between 13% and 39% of dental injuries occur while playing sports – most often to those most visible teeth at the front of the mouth. Roughly 80 percent of dental injuries affect at least one of the front teeth. That's where sports guards literally come into play. They help prevent split lips, jaw fractures, the possibility of concussions – and of course those broken teeth. What sports should you use them for? I always tell people it is advisable to wear a mouthguard any time there is a strong chance of your head making any sort of physical contact. Today's mouth guards are customizable in more ways than one. Our expert team not only fits a mouth guard to each person's mouth for the best comfort and durability, but they can also be custom-designed with a favorite team logo and assorted colors to choose from. Protect your teeth in style. Call our office to learn more or schedule an appointment.

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# The Fountain

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# Lions leave mark on community

Lippincott instrumental in establishing local club

By Sarah Robertson  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

After 44 years as a member of Lions Club International, Harry Lippincott is still very passionate about the mission of the organization. It's that passion for service and helping his community that has made him a major advocate for the Liberty Lake Lions Club.

Started just five years ago, the Liberty Lake Lions Club is a small but determined group. In 2010, Lippincott was a Zone Chair Person, which is someone who oversees about eight or nine clubs. This is when several Liberty Lake community members considered starting a club in their city. Lippincott thought it was a fabulous idea.

"It was an area we felt could use a service club in the community," he said.

If you ask what makes this club special, he has no problem singing its praises: "This club is special because they are persevering and providing services needed by the community."

Club President Wendy Van Orman remembered Lippincott coming to the office when she served as Liberty Lake mayor and stating that the community needed a Lions Club.

"He is a wealth of information," she said. "Since our club is only five years old, we are still feeling around and figuring out what we are doing."

Lippincott is very proud of the work the club has done in such a short time, especially the Sensory Garden near City Hall. He acknowledged that the club re-

## Fountain profiles:

HARRY LIPPINCOTT

**Years as a Lion**

44

**Favorite Restaurant**

Barlows

**Local event he frequents**

Liberty Lake Farmers Market

**Favorite Lions' event**

Charter Nights, where the clubs celebrates its anniversary, and the yearly district conventions

**On being a Liberty Lake Lion**

"There are lots of good people in Lions, and I love what they do."



SPLASH PHOTO BY SARAH ROBERTSON

Harry Lippincott has been a member of Lions Club International for 44 years. He has been elected as District 19 governor for the 2017-2018 season, which he said is very exciting since that year is the organization's 100-year anniversary.

thought I should have a job," laughed Lippincott.

Lippincott worked in many parts of the U.S. and Canada, holding different positions. He worked on satellite survey crews that served as an early precursor to GPS and also helped establish the elevation for the Minuteman Missile silo sites.

However, his favorite job was a temporary assignment in Alaska after the "Good Friday Earthquake" in 1964. Lippincott was assigned to "re-establish elevation and horizontal controls at airport runways."

But his favorite part of being in Alaska was the fresh king crab, which paired excellently with a cold beer.

Lippincott's job also helped him find his wife, Janette.

"I was on a crew in northern Manitoba, and that is where I met Janette," he said. "She was the secretary for the manager

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# Give Back

Spotlighting timely needs our community can meet together

To our friends and neighbors in the greater Spokane Valley:

Did you know that Spokane Valley Partners now has a separate clothing bank specifically for career clothing? Recently, the organization separated out items from the clothing bank that could be used for job interviews or career clothing and put them in a separate area to reserve for people who need wardrobe assistance when it comes to getting back on their feet with a job.

In the coming weeks, Spokane Valley Partners will be working with Humanix as well as local libraries that feature career and job resources to help people looking to enter into the workforce get connected with resources to jumpstart their success.

This fabulous program needs your help, however. The clothing bank is looking for donations of career-oriented clothing — shirts, slacks, shoes, ties, belts, jewelry, etc. — to help stock this now separate service operated by Spokane Valley Partners. Retired residents and anyone looking to lend a hand are asked to revisit their closets looking for clothing that could be donated. As usual, men's clothing is the least-donated, so thereby is in the biggest demand.

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

Thanks for joining us in helping our career-seeking neighbors get the assistance they need to get off on the right foot.

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## COMMUNITY

# Trivia Test

- 1. RELIGION:** In what country was the Coptic Orthodox Church founded?
- 2. TELEVISION:** Who played Officer Pete Malloy in the TV show "Adam-12"?
- 3. ART:** What war did Pablo Picasso's famous painting "Guernica" draw attention to?
- 4. GAMES:** In what game might a player be invited to "bat the birdie"?
- 5. LANGUAGE:** What is "plonk" in Great Britain?
- 6. HISTORY:** The Boer War is most closely associated with which African nation?

- 7. LITERATURE:** What 18th-century novel was inspired by real tales of a shipwrecked sailor?
- 8. MUSIC:** Who composed the operas "Madame Butterfly" and "Tosca"?
- 9. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** What 19th-century novelist once said, "Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself"?
- 10. MATH:** What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numeral MCCCXXVI?

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## LIONS

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at Sherritt Gordon Mines in Lynn Lake, Manitoba... We were married in her hometown of Eaton, Saskatchewan, in July 1965."

Soon after their marriage, Lippincott was transferred to the main office in Rockville, Md., which is where he spent much of the remainder of his career.

So the burning question is, how did he end up in the area? In 1989, Lippincott temporarily ran the tide gauge in Seattle while an employee had training in Maryland. He liked Washington state very much.

After retiring in 1995, Lippincott and Janette came out to Washington to decide if it was a place they wanted to settle. They knew Seattle probably wasn't right for them, but Janette really liked the Spokane area with its four seasons. It's also a day's drive to most of her family in Canada and easy access to the airport, which is essential since their only child, Nora, lives in England.

And of course, moving to the Northwest meant finding a new Lions Club — Lippincott's passion in life.

He's very excited to be a part of the Liberty Lake Lions Club's activities such

### FOR MORE ...

The Liberty Lake Lions Club meets noon to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Barlows Restaurant, 1428 N. Liberty Lake Road.

To learn more about Lions International, visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). To find out about the local chapter, contact Wendy Van Orman at 220-1557.

as sponsoring the Bed Races at Valley-Fest and volunteering at the Lions' North Idaho Fair food booth.

Van Orman believes that the hearing, eyesight and diabetes screening that the Lions provide at the farmers' market has been a very big asset to the Liberty Lake community. She adds that the club is always looking for new ways to leave their mark on the community.

Lippincott also encouraged anyone interested in the club to attend a meeting held the second and fourth Wednesdays at Barlow's from noon until 1 p.m.

"We are always looking for new members willing to work together for one's community," Lippincott said. "New people means new ideas!"

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

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- 4 Pom-pom
- 8 Decisive defeat
- 12 Foreman opponent
- 13 Frizzy coiffure
- 14 Therefore
- 15 Titanic aid
- 17 Dropped
- 18 Right angle
- 19 Type of newspaper
- 21 Starbucks supply
- 24 Caustic solution
- 25 In times past
- 26 Tariff
- 28 Brilliance
- 32 Make 21-Across, in a way
- 34 Cage component
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| 60 Picnic invaders      | 9 Dunkable treat       | 40 Highlands musicians    |
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### Answers to Trivia Test

1. Egypt
2. Martin Milner
3. Spanish Civil War
4. Badminton
5. Cheap booze
6. South Africa
7. "Robinson Crusoe," by Daniel Defoe
8. Puccini
9. Leo Tolstoy
10. 1,326



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## COMMUNITY

# 'Living life in the front row'

LL woman provides VIP experience for people with life-threatening illnesses

By Benjamin Shedlock  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

On a February Thursday night at the Spokane Arena, Gina Moriarty's oxygen tank was pumping adrenaline. She stood, unbowed by her Cystic Fibrosis and transfixed by Miranda Lambert. Her energy ran as high as the stretch SUV that picked her up that afternoon was long. In it, she had found a gift bag and a bouquet of her wedding flowers. Hair done and face made up, Moriarty, along with her husband, sisters and girlfriends, headed to Milford's Fish House for dinner, and continued to the concert, where she met Miranda backstage and had a private box waiting for her.

The pieces of this family mosaic were arranged by Audrey Williams and her colleague, Kaile Monroe, for the Front Row Foundation. Moriarty's live experience was the only one produced in Spokane by Front Row, a national nonprofit based in Blackwood, N.J., that helps people with life-threatening illnesses to "live life in the front row," to forget their illnesses by sharing a live experience with family.

While Monroe has left Front Row, Williams, a Liberty Lake resident, remains its director of communications and the West Coast spokeswoman. She is trying to spread the word about Front Row to create more events like Moriarty's in the Inland Northwest.

Front Row focuses on experience. Instead of fundraising for research or commemorating those who have died, the organization celebrates the living. Williams points out how often seriously ill patients are "poked or prodded, and told how, and told when, they're going to die."

By creating a Front Row experience, Williams tries to facilitate joy that recipients can share with their families.

"Family members say, 'I forgot what it looked like to see him smile. I forgot what that joy looked like,'" Williams said. "That's the reason why we do what we do."

Moriarty's family also appreciated a reprieve from the round-the-clock caregiving they have provided since her diagnosis.

"It was nice for them to come in," said Moriarty's sister, Lori Ullman. "That way



Communications Director Audrey Williams strikes the "Front Row Pose." Calling it a "release of joy," Williams says the Front Row Pose symbolizes Front Row, and recipients make it in their keepsake pictures.

we can really all connect with each other again and hang out."

When Moriarty's husband leaves on business for weeks at a stretch, maintaining their insurance, Ullman becomes her primary caregiver.

Ullman enjoyed seeing Moriarty get ready, as if for a wedding.

"That was a neat feeling, and I think it was good for her husband to see that, too," she said.

Front Row events are not as expensive as cures, but they don't come cheap. The centerpiece of the event is the seats, but Front Row also gets passes for backstage meet and greets. Gina met Miranda, and "she lit up like a little girl in a candy shop," Williams said. Williams also managed an event where a recipient met country star Alan Jackson, who gave him a signed guitar, but more importantly a compliment on his beard.

The before and after is just as important. Front Row flies in friends and family and puts them up in luxury hotel suites. Before their show, recipients have a fancy meal with their families and make a VIP entrance at the venue in a limousine. Everyone in attendance receives a gift bag. Each event is customized, and Front Row's event directors work with recipients for six to eight months to make sure their event has details just for them.

"I think there were 12 of us, so it was definitely a big ordeal," Ullman said. "I was really impressed with the way they did things."

To commemorate the event, Front Row takes pictures and video of the event and turns them into keepsakes that recipients can continue to enjoy with their families.

Once they secure tickets, Front Row stages a surprise unveiling, when a family member delivers a letter to the recipient. Moriarty "was super surprised," Ullman said, when she opened a magazine with Miranda on the cover and found the letter.

"We want each event to be special, so we tend to go all out," Williams said.

Raising enough money to provide Front Row experiences is key to Williams' role. She started as a half-time volunteer, becoming full-time to focus on fundraising and communications. She keeps up with 150 Front Row Ambassadors, donors whose monthly gifts keep Front Row's finances stable. She has also built a robust social media presence, cultivating over 8,500 Facebook page likes and 2,500 Twitter followers.

Resources determine how many events the organization can provide each year. Currently, the count is about 13. The main fundraisers are an annual gala and a golf tournament held every other year.

Individuals can also contribute by becoming a Front Row Ambassador, by participating in online auctions, or by starting fundraising pages.

Front Row sponsors live experiences through local fundraisers, like the wine and cheese party and silent auction that supported Moriarty's experience. But to have these, someone needs to be nominated.

"We never get nominations on the West Coast," Williams said. "We need more in this region."

Front Row has a stringent nomination process and meets with families prior to the event. Family members, friends or others who know the recipients can nominate



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Kaile Monroe, Gina Moriarty and Audrey Williams prepare for Gina's Front Row experience at the Miranda Lambert concert at the Spokane Arena last February.

someone, but nominees cannot know.

Ullman took three hours to input medical, personal and narrative information about Moriarty.

"They want to make sure the applicant really needs it," Ullman said.

Once an applicant is selected, the planning begins.

Front Row rejects applicants that do not align with the mission, who are not healthy enough, or if there are not enough resources to produce an event.

So far, Williams has not rejected anyone. If Front Row cannot help, it tries to direct applicants to organizations that are a better fit.

Among organizations that serve severely ill people, Front Row filled the niche of live experiences. Front Row's founder, Jon Vroman, realized people close to the action were part of the show, not thinking about their daily lives. He wanted to create an organization "with this philosophy of being an active pursuer of life, instead of being a spectator of life," Williams said.

## YOU CAN HELP

For the most up-to-date information on local events and how to give, follow "Front Row Foundation" on Facebook or Twitter.

Other specific ways to help:

- Nominate recipients
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- Host a fan fundraiser such as a lawn game event



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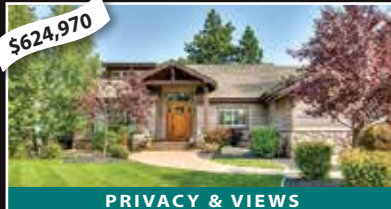
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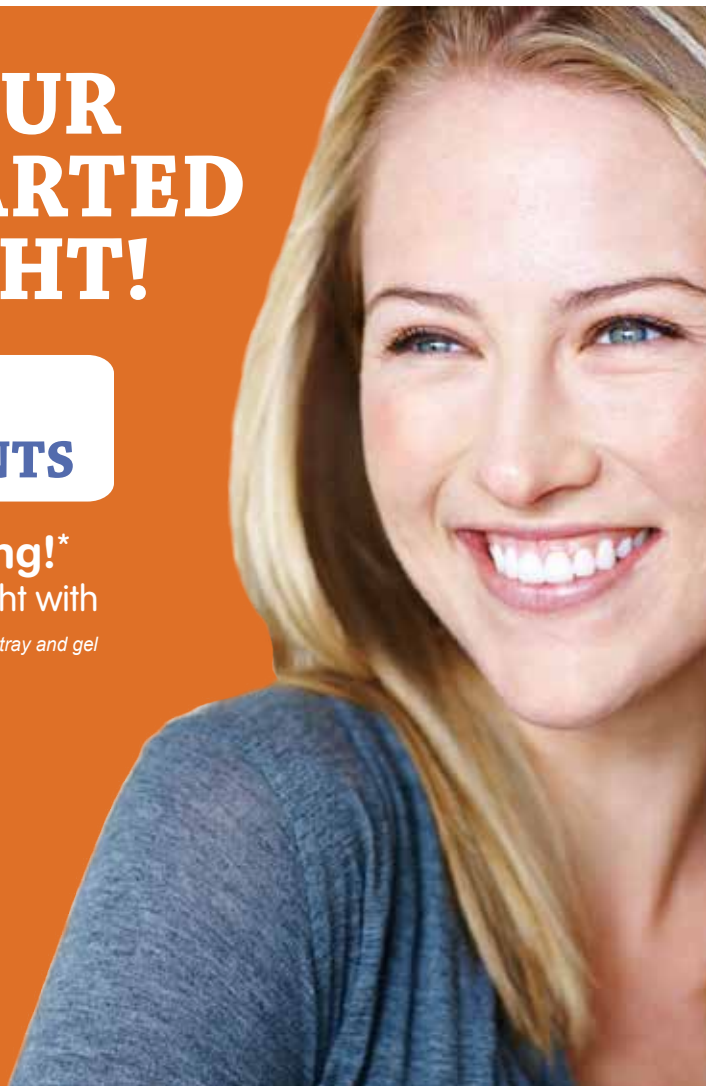
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# Fields of play provided hours of entertainment

By Ross Schneidmiller

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My parents, Elmer and Marian Schneidmiller, purchased a lot and built a home in the Valley Country Club Addition on Liberty Lake's north side in 1956. The house, a red brick rancher, was situated between the golf course and lake atop Della Street overlooking the Northside Beach Club's community beach. Although many lake-front lots were available and at reasonable prices then, my parents opted for a view lot thinking it more peaceful. Besides, my dad's thought was, "When would farmers have time for lake activities?"

There was plenty of open space to play, but a concentrated amount of neighborhood fun took place on the former Liberty Lake School grounds. Norm and Darlene Stokke purchased the old school and tore it down. They salvaged the building materials and used them to construct a home on the east side of the property.

The empty land where the school once stood became our baseball field. We used glazed masonry blocks salvaged from the school's demolition for our bases. They were indestructible yet hazardous for the unsuspecting player who found an exposed edge sliding into second. Square in the middle of right field was Norm's brickyard. Any ball that found its way in there received the automatic double rule. An added advantage to having stacks of bricks occupy the space was it took one less player to defend the outfield. There was no backstop behind home plate; instead, there was a manual merry-go-round remaining from the school's playground. This gave the team at bat something else to do as they waited their turn to hit. However, if the catcher missed the ball, play would be suspended until the carousel stopped and the ball could be retrieved from underneath the contraption. A substantial portion of the outfield sloped downhill away from home plate, making it difficult to defend especially when the older kids were up to bat. If the outfielder played up, they often had to back pedal downhill to make a play on the ball. Whereas if they played back, it was difficult to see the batter.

While our baseball field was lacking, our football field was nicer than most neighborhoods could hope for. It was flat with a well-manicured surface of Merion Bluegrass. What we called our football field on a crisp Sunday afternoon in the fall, others called the fifth-hole fairway of the Liberty Lake Golf Course! Back then only a three-strand twisted wire fence framed in the course with occasional openings so golfers could fetch their wayward golf balls. The course professionals and superintendent did not seem to mind our playing, nor did the golfers. Golf play was light in October, and if we spotted a group on the tee we would stand out of the way until the golfers passed. I remem-



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The playground equipment at Sandy Beach Resort, shown on both sides of this circa 1948 photo, was one popular place for kids to play around Liberty Lake. Additional playground equipment was added over the years.

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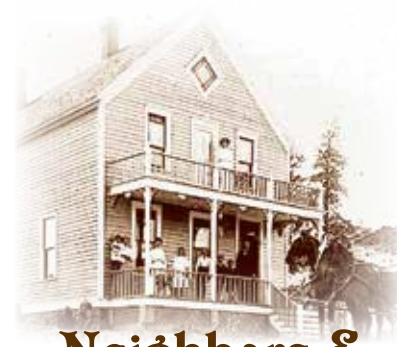
- Growing up, all eyes were on "Big Rock" to determine the start of summer swim season. Once all the snow was gone, we could jump in.
- Different resorts at Liberty Lake offered swimming lessons during the summer months. Most kids on the north side of the lake took them in June at Sandy Beach Resort, where you were divided into groups based upon ability. My goal was to make it into the group called "Swimmers." After attempting
- to swim after the instructor-powered rowboat for what seemed like forever, I realized my place was back in Advanced Intermediate. The name, at least, did not sound humiliating.
- For land-lovers like myself, the best part of going to Sandy Beach for swim lessons was playing afterward on the resort's playground equipment.
- As mentioned in the April 2015 Splash article "Campfire stories with the Neyland girls," most families had a specific whistle pattern to call their children back home!

ber one such occasion when the group of golfers included our affable neighbor, Mitch Kiblen. He had a propensity to tinker with his golf swing and on this particular occasion he was excited to show Gary Rasmussen (one of our players and an outstanding golfer himself) what he was working on. This demonstration went on for a few minutes and, after some encouraging words from Gary, the group played through and the football game resumed.

South of the golf course across Sprague Avenue, the residential block between Ward and Clubhouse was void of houses until the early 1970s. Several fruit trees remained from the time this ground had been planted as an orchard, around 1912. Even though these trees had not been maintained in years they still bore fruit — especially the crabapples — providing plenty of ammunition for crabapple fights. Overgrown with plenty of branches close to and touching the

ground, the bases of the trees were common fort building spots. In addition to building forts, we also created imaginary households with rooms and hallways made by stomping down the tall field grasses. In some areas the field grasses were high enough to create mazes; of course, back then we weren't very tall.

An oval trail extended from one end of the block to the other. First used by pedal bikes, by the time I was in junior high it became the hub for neighborhood mini-bikes. In the early 1970s, companies like Honda and Yamaha started to build kid-sized versions of their popular motorcycles. In the center of the block were some small, rolling mounds of dirt where we attempted to jump with our underpowered 50- and 70-horsepower machines. It should be noted that not all the fun was had by kids, as occasionally adults played there too. I remember neighbor Bruce Johnson and his brother Butch,



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our friend Denzel's father and uncle, showing us how it was really done. If images of Steve McQueen and his Triumph motorcycle are playing in your head, you have the appropriate visual!

Heading north out our front door led to all fields of play. Heading south out our back door led to the lake. The Northside Beach Club was our neighborhood beach, and it still exists today. There weren't many lake toys then except for big truck inner tubes, but we did not care. We spent our time playing "King of the Dock," diving for lake treasures or seeing how far we could swim underwater. We would do this for hours or, in my case, until I heard two shorts and a long — our family whistle meaning it was time to head home.

*Ross Schneidmiller is president of the Liberty Lake Historical Society.*



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## COMMUNITY

# 'Elevator' launches LLCT season

By Benjamin Shedlock  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

The Liberty Lake Community Theatre opens its 2015-16 season with "The Elevator," a play that comments on the challenge of commitment amid modern choice. Written for Liberty Lake Theatre by local playwright Edith T. Clark-Vistilos, the romantic comedy will remind audiences of their hipster best friend who refuses to plan while he waits for passion to guide his decisions.

The play opens with Morgan and Jonathan, both new to Los Angeles, falling in love while stuck in an elevator. It's Jonathan's first day of his film career, and Morgan was stood up by the guy she moved for. Vulnerable and swept up in a shared romantic outlook, the pair fall in love in five hours.

"These are very romantic characters," said Nick Kittilstved, the play's director and male lead. "Having to deal with the reality of life not being as romantic as this one-off situation" is the crux of the play.

The story is driven by these characters' decisions and what the audience expects them to do. Jonathan expresses himself artistically, and Morgan is reluctant to settle. She wears a different shoe on each foot and earned two separate college degrees.

"It's very indicative of Generation Y or the Millennials, where people don't have lives as pre-thought out or as pre-planned out as they would like," Kittilstved said.



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Mike Pixler, Kris Pockell, Jennifer Ophardt, Nick Kittilstved and Mikayla Ludiker are all part of the cast for "The Elevator" which is playing Oct. 2-10 at Liberty Lake Community Theatre.

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The play follows the couple's struggle to maintain the excitement they shared in the elevator. Jonathan's best friend, Nathan, brings him back to reality. Julie strikes up a fling with the hotel manager, but her proclivity for choice sets up a much larger decision for her at the climax of the play.

The elevator's confines and the focus on characters are highlighted by the simple staging.

"I've done as much where we don't

have to change stuff as much as possible," said Kittilstved.

After the 20-minute elevator scene, the stage is divided into two locations that alternately host the action for the rest of the play, with a sidewalk running the width of the stage that is used in an occasional scene.

## Five main stage productions highlight upcoming season

For its 2015-16 season, the Liberty Lake Community Theatre will produce a Broadway hit, a Harry Potter parody, and a reader's theater series geared toward families.

The season opens with "The Elevator," an original piece donated to the Theatre by local playwright Edith T. Clank-Vistilos. In this romantic comedy, two Millennial romantics navigate their abundant modern choices. They spend the play trying to reconcile the romance they shared in a malfunctioning elevator with the options life presents to them after they get out.

See LLCT, page 37

## 2015-16 Season Lineup

LIBERTY LAKE COMMUNITY THEATRE

### "The Elevator"

**Director:** Nick Kittilstved  
**Performs:** Oct. 2-10

### "Rumpelstiltskin" (Reader's Theater)

**Director:** Charlotte DiCicco  
**Auditions:** Oct. 24 and Oct. 26  
**Performs:** Nov. 20-21

### "Every Christmas Story Ever Told"

**Director:** Tom Sanderson  
**Auditions:** Oct. 5-6  
**Performs:** Dec. 10-19

### "On Having Good Fortune"

**Written by:** Nick Kittilstved  
**Director:** Mikayla Ludiker  
**Auditions:** Jan. 2  
**Performs:** March 3-12

### "Jack and the Beanstalk"

(Reader's Theater)  
**Director:** Paul Baldwin  
**Auditions:** March 4  
**Performs:** March 18 and 19

### "Princess and the Pea"

(Reader's Theater)  
**Director:** Jeanette Nall  
**Auditions:** March 25  
**Performs:** April 8 and 9

### "Moon Over Buffalo"

**Director:** Sheri Beck  
**Auditions:** Feb. 5  
**Performs:** May 5-14

### "Treasure Island" (Reader's Theater)

**Director:** Kelly Dengal  
**Auditions:** June 10  
**Performs:** June 24 and 25

### "Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone"

**Director:** Katie Simpson  
**Auditions:** June 3  
**Performs:** July 21-30

## PERFORMING



Written by Edith T. Clank-Vistilos  
Directed by Nick Kittilstved

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## AUDITIONING



Written by John Alvarez  
Directed by Tom Sanderson

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Liberty Lake Montessori School owner and teacher, Debbie Vaughn-Byrne, shows the area of her classroom devoted to different cultures.

## Montessori approaches three-decade milestone

By Staci Lehman  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Even after 29 years, Debbie Vaughn-Byrne loves her job.

"It keeps me smiling all day. I love kids, and I love to watch what they can do," said Vaughn-Byrne, or "Miss Debbie," as the students at Liberty Lake Montessori call her.

Vaughn-Byrne started the school in 1986 and has no plans of quitting — only growing.

Montessori education is based on the belief that children educate themselves and emphasizes self-reliance and independence in a child. Children are allowed to choose what they learn by choosing what tools to use. Vaughn-Byrne's school is stocked with materials that teach kids about numbers and counting, tracing shapes that start them on the way to writing and items to measure and move from one container to another to improve fine motor skills. It's up to each child to decide which materials they use each day, and up to Vaughn-Byrne to observe and guide as needed.

"It's really letting them learn at their own pace," Vaughn-Byrne said. "They're doing what they desire, but it's not playing, it's learning."

Liberty Lake Montessori focuses on preschool and kindergarten-age children, with students 3 to 6 years old. Generally, the school has 10 to 14 students at a time. With Vaughn-Byrne and one other teacher, that's a seven-to-one student-to-teacher ratio. This allows the teachers to observe each child closely and note their triumphs and accomplishments, which Vaughn-Byrne loves to share.

"I call parents in the middle of class all

### profiles:

DEBBIE VAUGHN-BYRNE

**Age**  
53

**Family**  
Two adult sons, ages 22 and 24

**Hobbies**  
Walking her two dogs, horseback riding and tutoring

**How she got her start working with kids**  
A car accident when she was 18 kept Debbie from finishing business school. Instead, she started working at Head Start.

**Fun fact**  
Debbie has a garage full of do-it-yourself projects she's seen on Pinterest

the time and say, 'Guess what she just did?'" Vaughn-Byrne said.

Parent Janet Schmidt says she's sold on the Montessori concept — and Vaughn-Byrne. She sent all three of her children to Liberty Lake Montessori, despite not being familiar with the Montessori approach when she first discovered it.

"It wasn't really the Montessori for me. She came highly recommended," Schmidt said. "I sent Ben, my oldest, and it was phenomenal for him. She's like the dog whisperer for kids."

Schmidt said Ben's ability to understand the concepts behind math, a skill he learned from Vaughn-Byrne, has served him well all the way into high school.

Because Montessori is deeply rooted in science and nature, it's not all classroom

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## COMMUNITY

## LLCT

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"I'd love to encourage people to come to the play," said Theater Director Jennifer Ophardt. "This play is hilarious, and it's definitely something we've never done before."

"The Elevator" is the first of the season's five main stage productions. To give the small troupe with just one stage time to prepare for each new production, the Theatre spaces the plays a couple months apart.

According to Ophardt, actors can spend up to four months preparing for each production. The Theatre always looks for new directors of varying experience levels, so the main criterion for staging a play is finding directors it can trust.

"It's kind of like we're giving them the key to our house," Ophardt said.

With that trust in place, the directors can exercise their preference over the types of plays they produce, from musicals to children's shows.

Christmas shows are another preference, and "Every Christmas Story Ever Told" is the second main stage show of the year. Written by John Alvarez, the show departs from the traditional Yuletide narratives to take audiences through

a wild jumble of Christmas stories. It provides creative latitude, so the Theatre is still working out specifics.

The Liberty Lake Theatre sees itself as community-minded. Theatre leaders coordinate their schedule with community events and know their productions reflect the community.

"Actors attract the audiences," Ophardt said, indicating that diverse shows create diverse viewership.

The third main stage production, "On Having Good Fortune," is another play written for Liberty Lake Theatre. Its author, Nick Kittilstved, will also direct and act in "The Elevator." Edgar and Ethel are con artists posing as circus fortune tellers. When a real fortune teller prophesies that one of them will die, the pair work against each other to make sure that the other is the one who dies.

"It's unique; it's locally written," Ophardt said.

The typical musical will be replaced this season by "Moon Over Buffalo," the 1995 Broadway play by Ken Ludwig. The comedy of errors focuses on family dynamics and theater intrigue.

In the play, two actors get their big break as their marriage is on the rocks. A film producer comes to see them perform and likely cast them for movie roles, but they are foiled by sabotage and bad luck.

The show will be directed by Sherri Beck, a Theatre actor who was put in charge because she wanted the show produced here.

The season concludes with "Sally Cotter and The Censored Stone," a parody homage to the Harry Potter novels. Sally Cotter falls asleep reading Harry Potter and wakes up at Frogbull Academy. With the help of her teachers, and the hindrance of others, she has to stop Lord Murderdeath.

This show is geared toward community members of all ages.

Other opportunities for families to see Liberty Lake Theatre shows are the reader's theater productions, which fill space between main stage shows. These fairy tales, which include "Jack and The Beanstalk," "Princess and The Pea," "Rumpelstiltskin," as well as "Treasure Island," provide educational theater experiences.

"The whole point of Reader's Theater is that the audience should come in, be able to close their eyes, and imagine it as if it's like a book on tape," Ophardt said.

For an edgier evening, take in the Theatre's improv comedy show, "This, That or The Other." Without producing anything inappropriate, Ophardt estimated that these productions have more of a PG-13 rating.

"It's a great date night," she said.

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LOCAL LENS

SVFD shows up to Flock to the Block



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The Liberty Lake station crew of the Spokane Valley Fire Department attended the Flock to the Block neighborhood party at Legacy Ridge at the end of August. Resident Stuart Stark shared that the fire truck and crew were the hit of the party for kids and adults alike.



Fallen Heroes dedication



SPLASH PHOTOS BY CRAIG HOWARD

Bob Wiese, left, greets members of the family of Seaman Clinton P. Miniken, who died while serving with the U.S. Coast Guard in 1997. Miniken was honored during a ceremony Sept. 11 marking the installment of the Coast Guard station of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course in Liberty Lake. The course was the idea of Wiese, a former Marine and Liberty Lake resident. Below, Jonah Gartner of Liberty Lake gets in some work on a pull-up bar at the event.



Bubbadogz holds contest to benefit veterans



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Bubbadogz Hot Dog Co. held a hot dog eating contest on Aug. 22 in the Liberty Lake Chevron parking lot. All proceeds from the day benefitted the Inland Northwest Honor Flight.



A concert that was not to be



SPLASH PHOTOS BY BOB JOHNSON

After being rescheduled from the day before due to weather, concert-goers such as the Sine family showed up on Sept. 5 for the Spokane Symphony Concert at Pavillion Park. However, the concert was ultimately cancelled due to low temperatures.



Cellist Johannes Kleinmann warms up prior to the expected start of the concert. Symphony members said that temperatures below 65 degrees can damage wood instruments such as the cello. The temperature on stage was 58 degrees with the heaters running.



## LOCAL LENS/PROFILES

## A girl and her horse



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Raena Rankin and her horse, Tora, compete in a pole bending race in the Washington State Championship Show at the end of August. They were named state champion in three events — Keyhold Race, Keyrace and California Stake Race.



A senior at Saint George's School, Raena trains year

round at Russ Hendrickson's Quarter Horse Ranch in Spokane Valley. The Liberty Lake teen also competes in local rodeos, horseshows, barrel races and county fairs.

## DiCicco name honorary airman



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dan DiCicco, manager of the Liberty Lake Haggen store, was recognized as an honorary airman during the annual Air Force Family Picnic on Sept. 12. DiCicco and his wife Charlotte traveled to McChord Air Force Base to receive the honor, which he was given for being a supporter of the picnic through donations over the past decade.

## Splash Travels



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ken and Mikki Wilson took The Splash along while hiking in the French Alps in August. This photo was taken at Lac Blanc in Chamonix, France.

## MONTESSORI

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time at Liberty Lake Montessori. Students spend time outside, planting sunflowers in the spring, taking nature walks (and walking the school's mascot, Lily, a shepherd/chow mix dog) and feeding the worm farm from the compost pile that Vaughn-Byrne teaches about and has students help with.

Another fundamental belief of Montessori is that learning continues long after students leave the classroom, and that's true for teachers as well, in Vaughn-Byrne's case. She attends workshops and reads up on the latest education developments, as well as occasionally observing at other Montessori schools to get new ideas.

One of the rewarding aspects of being in a job for so long is that Vaughn-Byrne often has second-generation students; the children of former students. She keeps track of many of her students as they grow up and says many are now engineers, teachers, doctors, nurses, organic farmers and even wine makers.

Vaughn-Byrne has noticed some changes in children over the years. She said kids today seem to need more direction from adults and to be entertained more. She also noted their reliance on technology for learning and entertainment.

"There are too many quick answers for kids and parents today that they're getting lazy," she said.

She feels her school's curriculum balances that out.

"This is the perfect environment for that," she said. "Then they (students) start doing stuff by themselves all the time."

With no TVs and computers to distract the children, they spend more time touching and tracing (learning fine motor skills), gardening and even learning to make their own snacks. They even cook a feast for parents once a year. Vaughn-Byrne feeds others, too. She teaches her children about the importance of helping others and serves meals to homeless people through the Blessings Under the Bridge program once a week.

After almost 30 years of teaching, what's next for Vaughn-Byrne? She doesn't even hesitate when she answers: "Teaching parenting classes."

"It would be on raising your child in a Montessori environment and how to set up your environment," she said. "In that kind of environment, all the other problems fall away. The discipline issues, the 'I'm bored,' and it teaches them to be independent."

Parent Janet Schmidt agrees.

"With Ben, she never used the word 'no,'" Schmidt said. "Which is hilarious because he heard it all the time, but she didn't need to."

For more on Liberty Lake Montessori, call 255-9512.

## Shutterbug Snapshots



This picture of a blue heron at Liberty Lake was taken by Susie Middaugh, member of the Spokane Valley Camera Club.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Michael Hassett photographed a Wilson's snipe near Trailhead Golf Course and a great-horned owl on Saltese Lake Road in mid-September.



At right: Amber Englehardt shared this shot of a sunflower from her garden.



# Hay J's owners open artisan pizza eatery

By Treva Lind  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

A newly opened Piccolo Artisan Pizza joins a lineup of foodie-favorite outlets anchored by Hay J's Bistro at 21718 E. Mission.

Served up by the same owners of Hay J's next door, the pizza eatery that opened Sept. 8 features Italian-style gourmet pies cooked at high temperature in a brick oven. Visitors also will find an upscale interior that seats about 37, a bar area, three flat-screen TVs for sports coverage, and a lengthy craft beer and wine list.

The remodeled restaurant replaces Eau De Vie Wine Shoppe that closed in May when a third business partner for that outlet decided to leave the business, said co-owner Patrick Fechser. He and Hay J's co-owner Rhonda Entner thought it was time to make a change with the space, Fechser said. They also own a third adjacent business, Butcher Block, which operates on the other side of Piccolo.

"We went over several ideas about what to do with this space, and we thought there was a need for a cool artisan pizza restaurant in Liberty Lake," Fechser said. "We thought it would be nice for the community, and that was one piece that was maybe missing in the community."

Eau De Vie's inventory of wines was moved over to Butcher Block, which sells high-quality meats, cheeses and specialty items. Fechser describes Piccolo, which employs 12 people, as offering a style of pizza similar to traditional pies made in Italy.

"We don't go for crazy pizzas, like barbecue pizza," he said. "It's more like classic Italian pizzas than American-style. We make our own dough; it's hand-thrown."

The eatery's name has some special meaning, too.

"Piccolo in Italian means little, so it's a little artisan pizza place with a little kitchen," Fechser said. "Liberty Lake is a little community, and it has a little lake."

Fechser said Piccolo also offers similar cooking approach as Hay J's as far as using high-quality, fresh ingredients. Examples of pizzas include the "fattoria" with snow peas, asparagus, cottage bacon, tellagio, fontina, arugula and egg; the "prosciutto de parma" with ricotta, heirloom tomato, fontina and olive oil; and the "ortaggio" with carrot, tomato, peppers, onions, artichoke hearts, fontina, feta and basil pesto.

"We're going for high-quality food, and we use local ingredients as much as possible," Fechser said, including from the C&S Hydro-Huts' farm in Otis Orchards. "We get some of our fresh herbs like basil, from C&S, and greens. We also get some fresh herbs from a grower in Post Falls."

All pies are cooked in the brick oven at about 650 to 700 degrees for about four



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Piccolo Artisan Pizza co-owner Patrick Fechser, above, made his name in Liberty Lake as the chef behind the popular Hay J's Bistro. He is now spending much of his time overseeing the launch of Piccolo next door. Below, pizza chef Matthew Trowbridge serves up a hot pie.



minutes or a bit less.

Getting the massive brick oven into the eatery has a story all its own, Fechser added. Made by Wood Stone, the specialty oven weighs about 6,000 pounds and required a forklift to be brought inside Piccolo's kitchen. The size of the restaurant with the kitchen is only about 800 square feet.

"We had to cut a hole in the wall to get it in, and we literally had about a quarter-inch clearance on each side to bring it in," he said. "It took seven, eight hours."

Such an oven makes a difference, though, in quality of pizza and adding a subtle charred flavor, Fechser added. Right now, he is spending most of his time overseeing the new eatery but still spends time over at Hay J's, which opened just over nine years ago.

All three businesses involve family members, including a cousin, Eddy Rogers, who helps operate Butcher Block. With his longtime construction experience, Rogers worked on the Piccolo remodel project.

The restaurant's interior has a cinder-block wall with street art-painted designs.

Hues of turquoise and burgundy are used in the overall décor, as well as steel and concrete finishes. Fechser described the restaurant as having "an industrial, rustic feel," and an environment with a good energy while still providing a casual atmosphere.

The restaurant has a few elevated tables, and a long section of bench seating with tables along one wall.

One wall-hanging is made from strips of wood pallets, some painted, from the pallets that held the restaurant's equipment as it came in. Rogers also built a pergola that hangs over the bar area and is now adorned with a string of lights, to give the feel of being under an outdoor terrace, Fechser said.

"We wanted a place where you can go and catch the game, and we have a lot of good craft beer," he said. "We have the best wine list too."

The restaurant attracts adults and families alike, he said. "We're trying to go for more of a trendy young adult crowd, but it's definitely also a family place."

Community response has remained positive, with some good crowds on opening nights, he said. Piccolo will take reservations, too.

"People are excited," he said. "They keep asking about it. We want to serve really nice pizza with top-notch service in a casual atmosphere."



BUSINESS

# Haggen plans closure of LL store

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Less than four months after bringing a Liberty Lake grocery store under its brand, Haggen announced plans Sept. 24 to close the location, part of a request made through bankruptcy court to close 100 stores it had obtained earlier this year from Albertsons and Safeway in the wake of the grocery giants' merger.

A year ago, Haggen had 18 stores in the Pacific Northwest before purchasing 146 in the Albertsons-Safeway deal throughout the West Coast. In August, Haggen announced plans to close 27 stores. On Sept. 9, Haggen filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The Sept. 24 announcement of 100 closures included a complete withdrawal from new markets in California, Arizona and Nevada. The company now

plans to operate 37 northwest stores.

The Bellingham Herald reported Sept. 24 that the stores on the closure list would receive 60-day notices, remaining open during that timeframe. No information on arrangements or opportunities that would be made available to Haggen employees in Liberty Lake was available at press time. There are no other Haggen locations in eastern Washington. The store at 1233 N. Liberty Lake Road had operated as a Safeway since opening in 2000 up until the transition this June.

A story in the May issue of The Splash talked about the family atmosphere among Safeway employees who were making the transition together to Haggen, including a core group of 13 who had worked together since the store first opened.

## In Biz



NELSON

### New chiropractor opens office

Samuel Nelson, DC, opened Proactive Health Chiropractic on Sept. 8 in the Heartland Mall, 23801 East

Appleway Ave., suite 110.

In celebration of the opening, Nelson said "first visit" exams will be offered for free with a \$30 donation to The Wounded Warrior Project through Oct. 23.

Nelson is a 2015 graduate of North-

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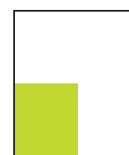


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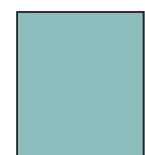
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# Sloans navigate father-son, coach-player dynamic

CV quarterback following in steps of his offensive coordinator father

By Mike Vlahovich  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

People are often advised not to bring their work home with them, but that's easier said than done in sports. Central Valley offensive coordinator Rick Sloan and Bears quarterback Tanner Sloan walk that fine line.

Still, it was Rick's advice as a parent, not as coach, that helped him succeed in athletics and academics, Tanner said.

He clearly remembers in middle school mailing in an effort during a basketball game.

"What bothered me afterwards was when my dad said, 'I don't care how you played, but how hard you played. It was like you didn't care,'" Tanner recalled. "He was really disappointed in me. His whole life he had been taught to compete in everything he did. I don't ever want to reach a point in my life when I don't compete in what I do."

Lesson learned, Tanner has competed academically and athletically and followed in his father's footsteps as quarterback of the CV football team.

Rick is his son's football offensive coordinator and basketball coach and quick to point out that Tanner is his own man.

"Quite honestly, he knows more about football than I did when I was a player," the coach said. "He's light years ahead of me. There are a lot of things on a quarterback's plate. You have to have a pretty high IQ. I was more of a gunslinger, maybe, and more of a risk taker."

Tanner demurs, saying, "That's probably not true."

Maybe so, maybe no, but it's high praise indeed, coming from the father who was the Greater Spokane League career passing leader 35 years ago and had a college career that spanned two years, each playing for legendary coaches — Jack Elway at San Jose State and Dennis Erickson, who Sloan followed from San Jose to the University of Idaho where Erickson became head coach.

Tanner has already surpassed his dad's yardage total, and the Bears could easily be undefeated at the halfway point of the season save for the botched opportunities in their season opener.

While not particularly unusual — Bears coach Rick Giampietri, for example, coached his son at CV — the relationship between son-player and father-coach can be complicated. You must, said both Sloans, separate the two when you step through the front door of home at the end of a day

and leave sports at the doorstep.

"I think so much relates on the personality of the son," Rick Sloan said. "Are they willing to accept coaching from their parents? Do they have faith that the parent knows what they're talking about?"

Said Tanner: "It could be a pretty hard thing to do, but it hasn't. We've been good about separating sports from life. We have a closer bond, but at the same time he's no longer my dad, he's coach. Afterward he no longer becomes my coach, he's my dad. It's a unique relationship."

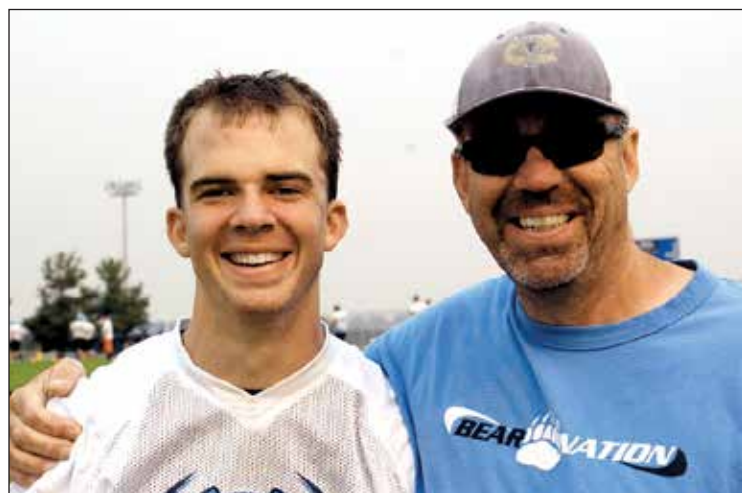
Certainly there have been days when the two come home in a bad mood.

"So we just stay away from each other that night," Tanner continued.

Rick has placed a two-hour moratorium at home following work before they might hash things out, if Tanner asks.

"I suppose there are times he doesn't agree with me," Rick said. "He bites his lip, and I try to do the same. When things are boiling, until we settle down, then we might chat, but there haven't been many times."

Rick told his wife was that he was blessed to be able to develop Tanner as an athlete, but if it hurt



SPLASH PHOTO BY MIKE VLAHOVICH

Tanner and Rick Sloan enjoy a quarterback-coach relationship at Central Valley High School. Most important to the pair, however, is their father-son relationship. "The relationship with your son is forever," Rick said.

the father-son relationship he'd get out of coaching.

"The relationship with the football player lasts only a couple of years," he said. "The relationship with your son is forever."

There never was a time when Tanner didn't want to be an athlete. He was never pushed, but being around the family business, "It was just kind of a lifestyle growing up," Tanner explained. "I ended up falling in love with sports. I didn't play for him; I did it for myself."

He's a two-sport athlete, but when he got to high school, football comes first and basketball has taken a back seat.

His work ethic, learned from the middle school incident, has carried over into academics.

"My parents impressed on me at an early age that grades are im-

portant," Tanner said.

He carries a 3.9 GPA and is likely to pursue an engineering degree.

(His dad quipped that when he was in high school he had a 3.0 average, "probably because my basketball coach was one of my teachers.")

Rick said playing sports was fun growing up, but more importantly they guided his life.

"It provided structure for me, and it got me through college," he said. "Who knows what would have happened had I not played sports."

He impresses upon Tanner that if he decides to play football in college, to choose one in line with his academic goals.

Wise counsel — and proof that a father-son/coach-athlete relationship can thrive.

## Coeur d'Alene Shootout champs



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Team J's Trey's and Fadeaways won the 6th grade bracket of the Coeur d'Alene Shootout on Aug. 22-23. The team was made up of boys from Greenacres and Liberty Lake including Jackson Harty, Tyler Mumm, Parker Smith and Dylan Darling.

## WunderWomen take first



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Liberty Lake residents Emma Fredekind, 10, and mom, Nicky, placed first out of all the relay teams at the August Wunder-Woman sprint triathlon in Medical Lake. Emma completed the swim and run while her mom did the bike portion in an overall time of one hour, 10 minutes.



## SPORTS

# Hope springs October



By Chad Kimberley  
SPLASH COLUMN

My love affair with the Cubs started in 1984.

I started watching baseball and following a plethora of players nicknamed after various animals at my local zoo: a penguin, a rhino and a bull (Ron Cey, Ryne Sandberg, Leon Durham). We made it to the playoffs and were one game from going to the World Series when they lost three straight games in San Diego and crushed my 9-year-old dreams.

In 1989, I watched a man named Wild Thing help lead us to the playoffs and skipped school, only to see the Cubs lose Game 5 of the NLCS to the San Francisco Giants and get my high school career off to a depressing start.

I spent my college years with my roommate and fellow Cub fan Kyle skipping classes and watching Cubs losses while still believing next year would be the year.

I started my career in 1998, when the Cubs finally made the postseason by winning a one game playoff over those dreaded Giants only to see them get swept out of the postseason in three straight games. My October joy was over before it even got started.

Then came 2003 and the start of a new job in the Midwest.

This was supposed to be the year to end

all curses, disappointments and allow the eldest of Cub fans the opportunity to finally let go and walk through the gates of heaven with a smile on their face.

We won the first round series and were again one game away from making a World Series appearance, when the gates of Hades poured out upon Cub Nation. It wasn't just the foul ball that wasn't caught, but the errors, failure to get key hits and a bullpen that blew up.

My last year in the Midwest and my first year in the Pacific Northwest saw back-to-back playoff appearances along with back-to-back sweeps that sent us home early each season.

As every crazed and committed fan understands, the love affair with a team intertwines with life. Your team can help you get through rough patches of life and at times seemingly ushers in the unexpected tough seasons we endure.

At times we get to celebrate life's moments alongside the team. My wife and I traveled to Wrigley Field for our first date over 20 years ago. I partied with my groomsmen just above the ivy wall in the left-field bleachers on an August day before my wedding. I can clearly remember the Cubs beating the Brewers as my second daughter Rachel entered the world on a Saturday in September.

Which is why it seems fitting that as I transition jobs this fall, I am truly looking forward to a Cubs postseason run that will end with the professionals enjoying a mosh pit on the pitcher's mound while my buddy Jay and I mosh pit in his living room.

Because I am a crazed fan, I irrationally believe the Cubs will win the World Series

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## CV volleyball contending once again



By Mike Vlahovich  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

With wild swings of momentum, volleyball might be the most unpredictable of sports.

Central Valley's veteran team is a case in point, proving that no lead is safe. The Bears, ahead two games to zero against visiting Gonzaga Prep, needed but one more win in the best-of-five non-league

match to dispatch its foe.

But the Bears were a shadow of themselves as the Bullpups came back to win the final three.

Never fear, turnabout was fair play five days later. Host CV trailed Mead two games to none, including a 12-25 loss in the opener, but rallied to win the final three in its Greater Spokane League opener.

The Bears, Bullpups, Panthers and University again figure to be in a four-team scuffle. CV faces the other two Oct. 6 and 15.

On another front, the Bears reached the finals of the 32-team SunDome Festival in Yakima, a tournament that brings teams from all over.

The Bears won their pool, beating Ellensburg and Sunnyside and splitting with Glacier Peak, to gain second seed in the championship round where all of their

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## Sports Briefs

### Event to benefit Bob Scott

A golf event will be held Oct. 24 to raise funds for Bob Scott, head professional at MeadowWood Golf Course who was recently diagnosed with a non-operable brain lymphoma.

The event, called "BS to Cancer," will have an 11 a.m. shotgun start at the course, 24501 E. Valleyway Ave. The \$100 entry fee includes golf, cart, range, meal, skins and tee prize. There will also be contests, raffle prizes and silent auction with net proceeds benefitting Scott.

Golf is limited to the first 180 players, but overflow groups will play at Liberty Lake Golf Course. Entry deadline is Oct. 10. For more, call 255-9539.

### Mälinen sweeps season

Max Mälinen completed a sweep of eight SCCA Majors Tour starts at the end of August at Michigan International Speedway. The 17-year-old Liberty Lake resident took another set of victories in two starts, making him eight for eight on his U.S. racing season.

"I am very happy with the season," Mälinen said in a press release. "Eight for eight, plus no mistakes by the entire team from the crew to me as a driver. A very solid performance all around."

As of press time, Mälinen was scheduled to compete at the end of September in the 2015 SCCA National Championship Runoffs at the Daytona road course in Florida.

## Scoreboard

### COMMUNITY GOLF

#### 8/24 SV Women's Evening League

Flight A: Gross, Marie Neumayer, 46; Net, Shelly Van, 36  
Flight B: Gross, Gail Bailey, 55; Net, Barb Byington, 37  
Flight C: Gross, Colleen Lynn, 52; Net, Kathleen Burns and Kellie Burdick, 36 (tie)  
Flight D: Gross, Elaine Edwards, 66; Net, Gerri Vance, 36  
Birdie and Chip-in: Evanlene Meltingtallow, #16

#### 8/25 Liberty Lake Women's 18-Hole Club

Results of our 3-week Club Championship  
Championship Flight  
Club Champion: Net, Rose Jones, 231; Gross, Jackie Babin, 271; Net, Gisue Peters, 229  
1st flight: Gross, Patsy Lynn, 292; Net, Leslie Sevigney, 232  
2nd flight: Gross, Carol Blume, 305 (also a hole-in-one); Net, Gloria Cash, 319  
3rd flight: Gross, Jackie Shea, 332; Net, Elise Bozzo, 233  
Low net of the field: Chrissie Tamura, 223

#### 8/26 Trailhead Ladies 9-Hole Club

From White Tees  
Flight A: Gross, Bea Carroll, 46; Net, Gloria Sawyer and Susie Hanson, 34 (tie)  
Flight B: Gross, Deanna Hauser, 44; Net, Joy Russell, 29  
Flight C: Gross, Bunny Devenere, 57; Net, Sharon Spear and Shirley Roberts, 38 (tie)  
Chip-in: Iness Walth  
From Red Tees  
Flight A: Gross, Bobbie Larson and Kathie Krestyn, 49 (tie); Net, Kathy Zinkgraf, 36  
Flight B: Gross, Ann Parman, 54; Net, Joanie Koch, 37  
Flight C: Gross, Nancy Wendelburg, 57; Net, Hedy Longworth, 49

#### 8/27 Liberty Lake 9-Hole Club

1st Flight: Gross, Bette Devine, 52; Net, Roxy Powell and Sharon Woolf, 43

### Twining receives golf honor

Kami Twining was recently recognized by the Idaho Junior Golf Association as the 2015 Diamond Player of the Year in the division for girls ages 11 and 12.

In addition, she is the only girl on the PGA Junior League all-stars team who represented the region at an Oregon competition at the end of September. The team of kids ages 11 to 13 competed for a chance to go to Nationals in November.

Kami is the daughter of John and Kara Twining.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kami Twining was named the 2015 Diamond Player of the Year for her age group by the Idaho Junior Golf Association.

2nd Flight: Gross, Kathy Camryn, 56; Net, Sadie Rueckert, 43  
3rd Flight: Gross, Luana Hager, 58; Net, Rebecca Curry, 51

#### 8/31 SV Women's Evening League

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Flight C: Gross, Nancy Wendelburg, 56; Net, Bunny Devenere, 32



# Responsibility requires 100 percent

By Mike Conklin  
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN



I have, essentially, two expectations for my students—to be responsible and to be respectful. A couple of weeks ago marked the beginning of a new school year, and my students had the chance to brainstorm ways that they can demonstrate responsibility and respect as students in their math classroom. I was impressed with the ideas they generated. A great deal of the responses related to responsibility focused on completing homework and preparing for tests, but some took the idea a step further. The idea of getting work in advance for upcoming absences was expressed a number of times;

also mentioned multiple times were getting help when needed and being on time. These are all great ways to express responsibility, but if I could instill a three-part sense of responsibility this year to them, I will consider the year to be a success (and math fluency will most certainly be a by-product).

Now to the three parts: 1) Knowing what needs to be done; 2) Doing what needs to be done in a timely manner; and 3) Seeking ways to either improve upon what's been done or continue to perform at a high level. Often, demonstrating responsibility as a high school student involves following directives from others (parents, teachers, coaches, etc.). As we gain independence, responsibility involves taking more initiative, and in order to do that, we need to know what needs to be done and not always expect others to tell us. How do we get it all done? The students in my classroom tend to be some of the busiest at our school. Ambitious and social teenagers sometimes overlook time management as a means to be responsible.

This past summer, I attended a “working breakfast” in which we heard from world-renowned physicist Dr. S. James Gates. I had the pleasure and honor of sitting with Dr. Gates during the breakfast portion of the meeting. One of my fellow attendees at the table asked Dr. Gates how he is able to be involved with and give attention to many different projects, committees, speaking engagements, etc. He chuckled, paused for a moment and then shared something quite simple, yet profound: “At any given time, whatever is getting my attention gets 100 percent of my attention.”

Even in this age of multi-tasking, Dr. Gates' words make so much sense. I find myself trying to accomplish multiple tasks at once and end up taking much more time to complete these tasks often at a much lower level than had I approached each task individually. I have already been able to share Dr. Gates' 100-percent tactic with a number

## Letters to the Editor

### FOPP deserves praise for Dawes

I just wanted to say that the Dawes concert was amazing and fabulous, and I want to thank the Friends of Pavillion Park for bringing such a talent to Liberty Lake. We knew the band but many of our friends and neighbors didn't. They came to the concert with us and totally enjoyed the band.

I sure hope whoever brought them in this year knows that we were just in awe that they were here in our community, and the concert was fantastic!

Terry Rathbun  
Liberty Lake

### Good Samaritans return club

I was surprised answering my door a few days ago. Two young gentlemen returned a golf club of mine that they found at Trailhead Golf Course. I had my name and address on it.

Not thinking to ask their names, I would like to again express my appreciation to them. It is such a good feeling to be reminded of those who go out of their way to show integrity and goodness in our community.

Ann Dame  
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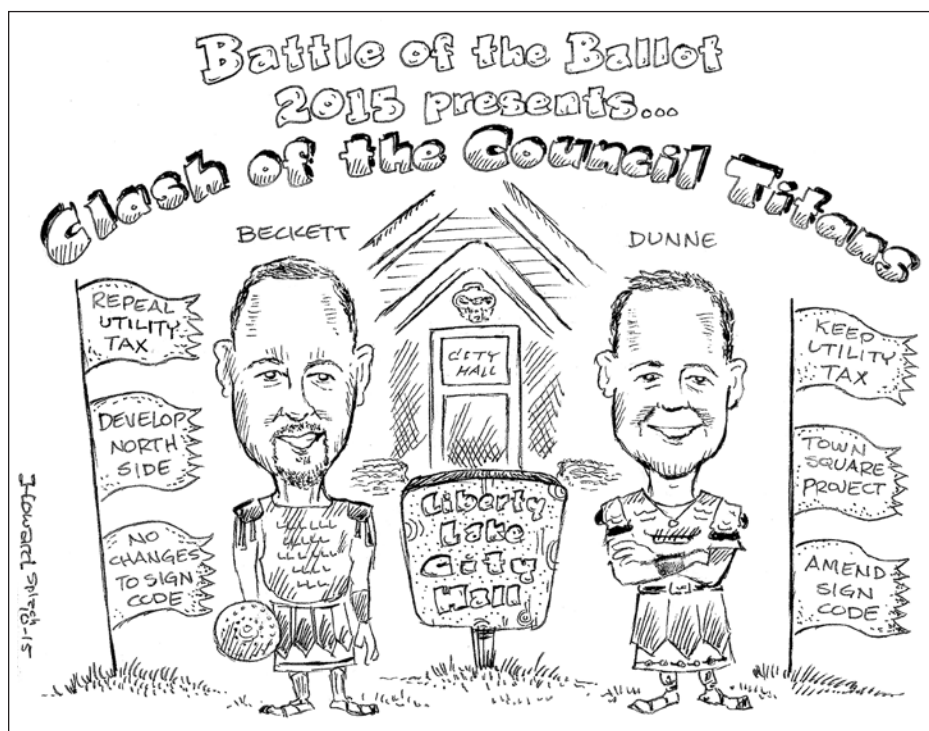
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if students this year. The phrase “Giving 100 percent” is certainly more meaningful to me now.

I have already caught myself on a number of occasions this school year getting distracted as I try to give my undivided attention to the task at hand. If a task is worthy of me taking responsibility for getting it done, doesn't it deserve 100 percent of my focus for at least a given stretch of

time? I would hope so.

Mike Conklin teaches math and computer science at University High School. He has been at U-High for 10 years and is entering his 20th year of teaching overall. While a strong believer in individual responsibility, he is known to give gentle shoves to get students back on track. He volunteered his time to be the PACE guest columnist for the month of October.

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this year. I am going to choose to ignore the fact that the Cubs only have one pitcher who I feel confident will get a win every time he walks to the mound, and I still believe despite the fact that my team has four rookies in the everyday lineup and unfortunately has struck out more than any other team — and by a healthy margin. Regardless of these cold, hard facts, I still believe.

The irrational belief, in fact, is what keeps

all of us fans going.

It is why that despite a horrific opening week loss to Portland State, many WSU fans still have hope and belief that they can salvage their season (while other fans are building their effigy of Mike Leach to hang on the Palouse).

It is why each March, the Gonzaga faithful live and breathe with each round of the NCAA tourney hoping, believing and even expecting the Bulldogs to break through to the Final Four and cut down the nets.

It is why so many Seattle Supersonic fans begun to get their hopes up and thought

that they would finally get a team back in the Emerald City before their dreams were dashed once again (although did you really want the Sacramento Kings).

It is why there are as many 12th man jerseys dotting the backs of Seahawk fans who believe not only are they the loudest fans in the NFL but also the best and can personally and positively impact each and every home game with their noise (of course with the success of the team these past two seasons, maybe this irrational belief is becoming a reality).

And it is why there will be crazy celebra-

tions all over Liberty Lake when the Supersonics finally tip off another season, the Cougars make the four team NCAA football playoff, the Zags enjoy their one shining moment and the Seahawks make it to their third straight Super Bowl.

And it is why I will simultaneously laugh and cry while jumping up and down like a buffoon these next few weeks as my Cubs march to a World Series championship because hope springs this October.

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## Splash, Current to publish holiday gift guide

Local businesses are being offered an opportunity to showcase local gift ideas and menu items in the "Eat, Shop and Be Merry" holiday guide. The guide will be distributed Nov. 23-24 throughout the greater Valley area and will remain on newsstands until Christmas.

The guide will be included in the December issues of The Splash and The Current, a combined 18,000 copies.

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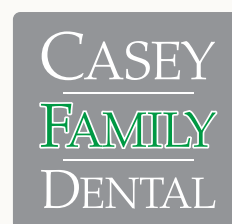
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taut games went to third and deciding sets, with two point outcomes.

They beat Eagle 25-18, 22-25, 15-13 in the first round, rallied against Eisenhower of Yakima 21-25, 25-18, 15-13 and lost in the title match, 23-25, 25-16, 14-16 to West Valley of Yakima.

Both Eisenhower and West Valley are returning state veterans, as are the seventh-place trophy winning Bears.

Veterans, kills leader **Keann White**, setter and serving standout **Jade Rockwood**, her twin sister and defensive star **Meghan Rockwood**, plus state track placers/volleyball standouts **Hannah Reiman** and **Sydney Johnson** have been CV bell weathers.

Football on roll

The Bears are a different team than last year's lineup. They'd already equaled last year's three-win season heading into a key Oct. 1 contest against Mead with postseason implications.

Indeed, it wouldn't be a stretch to say they could be unbeaten.

CV let their season opener get away against Coeur d'Alene, squandering a 23-8 lead at halftime and a 30-16 lead late in the third quarter of their 37-30 loss.

Since then, the Bears won three straight games.

The Bears beat Lewis and Clark 21-3 in a league counter dominated by defenses and featured a 40-yard option pass from **Conner DeGeest** to **Jace Edwards**.

At times, 300-pound junior lineman **Jordan Talifili** blew through Tigers line-men, scattering them like so many bowling pins.

A third of the way through the season, **Tanner Sloan** had passed for 398 yards. **Gage Connole** and **Alec Doyle** had done the lion's share of rushing with a combined 72 carries for 277 yards. **Ben Craig** scored on a 68-yard reception as he, **Rhett Foley** and sophomore **Edwards** were Sloan's main targets.

Youth is served

CV's girls soccer team has only four seniors on this year's roster that includes seven freshmen, but the two-time defending state champions had lost just once before heading into the meat of their GSL schedule, which includes a Sept. 30 home match against league favorite Mead.

Eleven different players had scored, led by sophomore **Kaelyn Barnes**, who ably has taken over the scoring load from the departed Kelsey Turnbow. She recorded 11

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goals in the team's five reported matches.

Freshman **Kailyn Labrosse** and junior **Cassie Peterson** scored three goals apiece. **Natalie Cabiad** had two goals and three assists and **Kaite Van Etten** added four assists.

Fit to be tied

Central Valley girls cross country historically starts slow and peaks in the post-season.

This year, the Bears faced the other schools favored in the league, Mt. Spokane and Lewis and Clark out of the chute, and all three, a rare if not unprecedented outcome.

The sixth-runner tiebreaker determined the outcome, and CV drew the short straw against both teams. **Briegan Bester** finished third overall, but the next week, CV was victorious over North Central and Ferris, as was Bester.

Softball in swing

As of this publication, new-look CV was 3-2 in slowpitch softball, thanks in part to a trio of players.

The battery of **Aubry Williams** and **Maci Peha** had combined for 18 hits, Peha sharing the team lead with **Aimee Gores** at 11 apiece.



# Well-equipped haunted house just part of family tradition

By Benjamin Shedlock  
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Like zombies to brains, scare seekers will flock to 22911 E. Eaglebend Lane in Liberty Lake this Halloween and Halloween Eve.

The unholy congregation is thanks to James Schumacher, his wife and three kids, whose annual "The Witching Hour Haunted House," attracted over 1,000 people last year. For four years, the community coven has attracted trick-or-treaters to an elderly neighborhood in Liberty Lake and provided community service opportunities to high schoolers who learn construction skills.

"The Witching Hour Haunted House's" five-minute tour begins in a mansion-like hallway of computer-generated family portraits that jump and age before visitors' eyes. Sparks shoot from the wall as visitors' exit.

"It sounds like a machine gun, so it's pretty startling," Schumacher said.

The witch's room holds spell books and potions. A cauldron sprays colored fog. New this year, books will move by themselves on a bookshelf.

James' oldest daughter, 16-year-old Alyssa, plays the witch. Her costume includes colored contact lenses, dentures and a prosthetic mask glued on to her face so that it moves with her.

In the clown room, painted clowns jump at patrons who wear the supplied 3-D glasses. For those who feel safer without glasses, clowns still leap from barrels as heads drop from the ceiling.

Clowns elicit patrons' greatest anxiety and strongest reactions.

"No one wants to go in if it's got clowns in it," Schumacher said.

Alyssa enjoys allaying these fears when she greets patrons at the door as the witch.

"I get to see everybody that's anxious to go in," she said. "I get to tell them that there's no clowns in there, so don't be worried."

They're terrified when they find the clowns. Son Brandon's clown character sends most patrons screaming away, but some stand their ground.

"I've gotten punched and kicked a few times," the 18-year-old said. "If you shock someone, they tend to lash out a little bit. It depends on how well you scare somebody. It kind of comes with the territory."

Twelve-year-old Kami does not share her brother's business-like attitude and takes pure joy in terrifying her subjects.

"When she was a little bit younger, every time she would scare somebody she would laugh hysterically," Schumacher said.

Exit through the zombie room, with pneumatic props and more computer-generated images.

The family tradition has its roots when Schumacher was in high school and needed to raise money for his theater class. He raised \$5,000, and over 20 years, his haunted houses have reaped community benefits. Schumacher created a haunted house for his son's elementary school, donating the props and sets.

Now, the experiment has escaped the lab, and building lasts from July to October. The neighbors, who skew elderly, don't mind months of construction.

"They all come over and check it out, and they're looking forward to it," Schumacher said. They see costumes of trick-or-treaters who wouldn't come to the neighborhood without "The Witching Hour Haunted House."

The build also provides community service hours. Brandon, a Central Valley High School alumnus, and Alyssa, a junior, said their friends have logged hours through the project. Schumacher said the school accepted the haunted house because it's free and open to the public. The sheer amount of work lets plenty of people lend a hand.

Schumacher estimates that each family member contributes 30 hours per week.

The Schumachers, whose family business is construction, do not slap up shoddy walls Oct. 29. In July, they research ideas online that lead to sketches. When they settle on a design, they put it in a computer-aided drafting program to guide construction.

Then they build, using crown molding, chair rails, textured finishes and embroidered wallpaper to create authenticity. Techies will appreciate the TV monitors, LED lights, 5.1 surround sound and high-end effects.

"The other garage haunts, people will just run some string back and forth and hang plastic over it," Schumacher said. "This whole thing's constructed out of 1-inch-by-2-inch and half-inch OCD, a chipboard type material" and quarter-inch Lauan plywood. The students who build the house learn construction techniques.

Brandon has learned the technology behind props like "how pneumatics work, like the rocking skeleton and how the counterweights in it make the rocking chair move



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

These 2014 scenes from 22911 E. Eaglebend Lane attracted more than 1,000 visitors. The Schumacher family is planning for more big crowds this Oct. 30-31 to visit their annual "The Witching Hour Haunted House."

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back and forth."

Alyssa started at 10 years old learning to build props and run electrical wiring. Kami is learning how to use chop saws, nail guns and screw guns, "and she's getting pretty good at it," Schumacher said.

At a cost of \$3,000 per year and hundreds of hours, family members have different

reasons to build.

"It helps with being hardworking at your job," Brandon said.

"It's a good thing for the community to have fun and give back to the community for everything that they do," Alyssa said.

But at the end of the day, Schumacher thinks it's fun to "make people's skin crawl."



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