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Liberty Lake resident David Wheeler demonstrates how Spenser the Washer Fluid Dispenser works to fill a vehicle's container without a jug.

**Washer fluid out?
Spenser is in**

LL man helps invent washer fluid dispenser for cars

By Hope Brumbach
SPLASH EDITOR

Drive into the Divine's gas station in Liberty Lake and you'll come across David Wheeler's invention.

The Liberty Lake man, along with his father, has created a convenient way to fill vehicles' washer fluid containers right at the gas pump: Spenser the Washer Fluid Dispenser.

Wheeler, 34, recently sat down with The Splash to discuss his patent-pending product.

"When you explain it to people, it's fun to see the reaction," Wheeler said.

Q. How did you arrive at the Spenser Washer Fluid Dispenser?

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profiles:
DAVID WHEELER

- Age**
34
- Family**
Married to Megan, twins on the way
- Years lived in Liberty Lake**
Full time since 2005
- Favorite movie**
"The Natural," it's the greatest movie ever."
- Hobbies**
"Golf, snowmobile, soon-to-come it will be fun to play with my kids, seeing plays and stuff with my wife, date nights."
- Life motto**
"You never know what tomorrow is going to bring, so live today, seize the moment."
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- Web site**
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FEBRUARY 25

Noon: Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary meeting, Denny Ashlock Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

FEBRUARY 27

11 a.m.: Liberty Lake Poetry Club, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

11 a.m.-4 p.m.: The HUB Sports Center free open house, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave.

MARCH 2

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

MARCH 3

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

10:30 a.m.-noon: Spokane Valley's Mindful Mamas, Liberty Lake Municipal Library's meeting room, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Liberty Lake Senior Lunch Program, Liberty Lake City Hall

Noon-1 p.m.: Liberty Lake Lions Club meeting, Guardian Angel Homes, 23102 E. Mission Ave.

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

6-8 p.m.: Liberty Lake Library open chess

6:30 p.m.: Scope meeting, Liberty Lake City Hall

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Community Briefs

Tickets on sale for spring tea

A tea to benefit the Liberty Lake Municipal Library will be held at 1 p.m. on April 24 at the LDS Church, 23515 E. Boone.

The theme for this year's tea is "Seren-dip-i-tea" and a style show will be included. Guests are asked to bring their own teacup and saucer.

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available until March 15 through any FRIENDS of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library members, who organize the annual event.

In addition, FRIENDS is looking for corporate sponsors and silent auction items for the tea.

For more information, contact Valorie Marschall at 869-0813 or Giff Marleau at giffpm@gmail.com or visit the FRIENDS Web site, www.libertylakefriends.org.

FOPP to offer scholarships

Friends of Pavillion Park recently announced its scholarship offerings for the 2010-11 academic year.

The group will offer seven awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 for students seeking post-high school education.

The awards are available for students who live in Liberty Lake or have a parent, guardian or grandparent who resides in Liberty Lake.

The application forms are available at www.pavillionpark.org. The deadline to apply is April 30.

For more information, call Rand Hatch at 255-6174 or David Himebaugh at 994-7933.

HUB holds open house

The HUB Sports Center in Liberty Lake is holding a free open house Saturday that offers games, lessons, a team mascot competition, refreshments and prizes.

The event will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the HUB, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave. in Liberty Lake. The activities will include basketball, volleyball, soccer, baseball, badminton, pickle ball, Zumba aerobics, fitness training and amateur boxing.

For more information, visit www.valley-hub.org or call 927-0602.

Fathers, daughters invited to annual Kiwanis dance

Girls of all ages and their fathers are invited to an evening of dancing on March 6 sponsored by Liberty Lake Kiwanis and K-Kids.

The fifth-annual event will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Center Place at Mirabeau Point, 2426 N. Discovery Place in Spokane Valley.

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

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

For more information, call 995-4043 or 315-4068 or e-mail events@libertylakekiwanis.org.

Library to hold robot contest

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library is holding a robot contest March 7-13 in honor of Teen Tech Week. The contest is open to 12- to 18-year-olds. For a complete list of rules and regulations, e-mail Tracy at trebstock@libertylakewa.gov or visit the library's Web site at www.libertylakewa.gov/library and check the Teen Space page.

Winter reading program offered

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library is sponsoring a winter reading program for all ages called "Warm Up with a Good Book."

Family readers through adults are encouraged to participate in the program, which is running through March 31. Prizes will be awarded to each age group.

Additional information and reading logs can be found at www.libertylakewa.gov/library.

Book clubs at library

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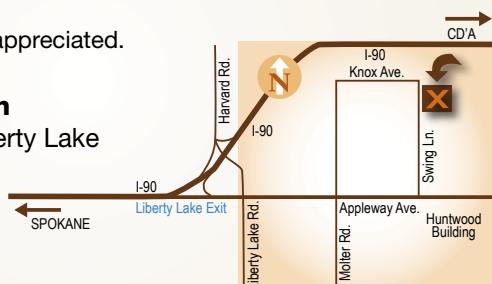
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LLES girls shoot for win



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The Liberty Lake Wildcats third-grade YMCA competitive league basketball team won the 2009-10 league and Spokane-area city championships. The Wildcats finished the year with an 11-1 record. The Wildcats team is made up of all Liberty Lake Elementary students. Pictured are: (front row) Kylie Beckett, Lexi Cook, Liberty Broughton, Madison Reynolds; (back row) Coach Jason Reynolds, Peyton Hatcher, Stella Olander, Mady Simmelink, Maggie Ames and Coach Derek Simmelink.

Cubs visit Splash



SPLASH PHOTO BY JOSH JOHNSON

Members of Cub Scout Bear Den 401 visited The Splash office last week, where they took a short tour and helped create a newspaper page about their den. Pictured are Liberty Lake residents Trevor Ward, Connor Moore, Eli Lake, Sean Hagerty, Ethan Stewart and Ty Bennett. Den leaders Susie Moore and TaRee Handy accompanied the group.

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State disbars LL attorney

Greg R. Tichy, an attorney in Liberty Lake, was disbarred in January after the Washington State Bar Association filed a complaint alleging that he had stolen money from clients and practiced law when his license was suspended.

The complaint alleges that Tichy kept \$7,000 in settlement money owed to a client in 2007, \$40,000 from the sale of a mobile home he oversaw in 2008 and \$4,500 in advanced payment from a client for a case he didn't file. Documents show that Tichy repaid the \$7,000 after the former client filed a lawsuit. The bar association also says Tichy didn't respond to the clients or failed to attend hearings or depositions.

The bar association also filed a complaint regarding Tichy's continued practice of law after his license was suspended in spring 2008. Documents show he contacted several parties regarding cases, despite notifications of his suspension.

Tichy could not be reached for comment.

Spokane River plan released

After 12 years of research and revisions,

the Washington Department of Ecology recently released its final water quality improvement plan for the Spokane River and Lake Spokane.

The goal of the plan, often referred to as the total maximum daily load (TMDL) report, is to improve water quality by reducing phosphorus that is harmful to aquatic animals and encourages algae growth.

According to a news release from Ecology earlier this month, the plan will lead to reducing phosphorus pollution from industrial and municipal pipes by more than 90 percent. The proposed limits are among some of the most stringent in the country.

Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District manager Lee Mellish said that they've been reviewing the plan and will be meeting with their engineering consultants soon to ensure the data presented is accurate.

"As we've been predicting, it's going to be an expensive process for the district to meet all the demands of the TMDL," Mellish said. "It's going to take us a while to digest all of this, and we're going to slowly work our way through it."

Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department for Feb. 15-22.

Arrests and incidents:

• **Massive burglary case tied to Liberty Lake** — Liberty Lake police are involved in uncovering a substantial burglary case that allegedly involves a Liberty Lake man and his girlfriend. Law enforcement in Whitman County contacted Liberty Lake police regarding a Liberty Lake man in custody who was implicated in several residential burglaries there that involved high-ticket items. Police obtained a search warrant for the Liberty Lake man's residence on North Caulfield Court and found piles of stolen items, and they intercepted phone calls between the jailed man, age 34, and his girlfriend about moving stolen property, police said. The man has been in and out of jail, police say, and he has at least two other men involved in the burglaries that could involve several counties in Washington.

• **Pepto theft** — A 76-year-old Liberty Lake woman was arrested Feb. 10 at 1502 N. Liberty Lake Road for theft at Walgreens. Store employees said they observed the suspect taking a pack of Pepto-Bismol from the shelf and placing it in her purse. The woman told police the package must have fallen into her purse and that it was a mistake.

• **Attempted auto theft** — Police received a report of an attempted auto theft Feb. 21 from the previous evening on North Garry Road. The complainant said when he left the house, he noticed the door and hood of the car were open. During the same evening, two cars in Spokane County in the Liberty Lake area (Dreamwood Circle and South Garry) were stolen, police said.

• **Suspended license** — A 35-year-old Spangle, Wash., man was arrested Feb. 18 on the 20000 block of Country Vista Drive for driving with a suspended license. The vehicle initially was stopped for an expired registration.

• **Suspended license** — A 48-year-old Otis Orchards woman was arrested Feb. 18 on the 19700 block of Country Vista for driving with a suspended license. The officer recognized the driver from a prior arrest for driving with a suspended license.

• **Suspended license** — A 31-year-old Spokane man was arrested Feb. 16 at Appleway Avenue and Hawkstone Loop for driving with a suspended license. He initially was stopped for a vehicle equipment violation.

• **Suspended license** — A 45-year-old Spokane man was arrested Feb. 17 at Interstate 90 and Country Vista for driving with a suspended license.

• **Suspended license** — A 29-year-old Liberty Lake man was arrested on Feb. 19

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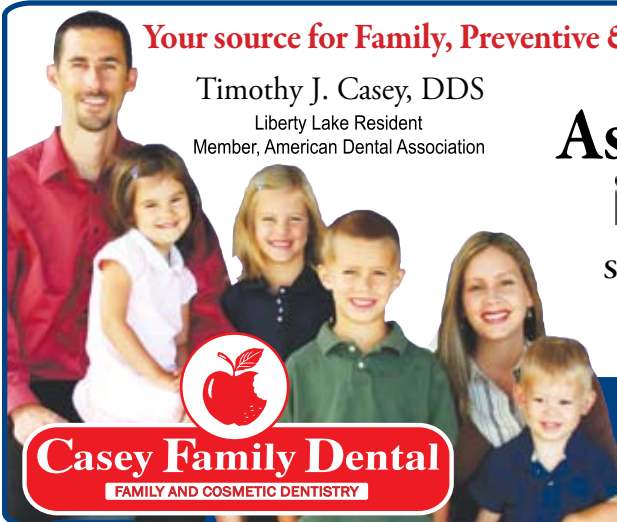
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Located just north of the entrance to the Dance Pavilion that extended onto Liberty Lake, 'the little stand' served hamburgers and coffee to visitors of Liberty Lake Park in the early 1920s, when this photo was taken. One of two primary concession stands at the park ('the big stand' was across the street), it would reopen for revelers leaving the pavilion after the last dance in order to serve coffee before the train departed to return to Spokane. (Just visible is the large silver coffee maker in the back of the stand.)



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These days, Liberty Lake coffee is still often served on the run. Pictured is Emily Knigge serving a customer leaving the Liberty Lake Starbucks.

POLICE

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at Country Vista and Molter for driving with a suspended license. The officer recognized the driver from previous contacts.

• **Suspended license** — A 20-year-old Rathdrum man was arrested Feb. 19 at Mission and Holl for driving with a suspended license. The vehicle initially was stopped for driving on the wrong side of the road and failing to secure its load.

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BUSINESS/COMMUNITY

In Biz

Give blood at Home Depot

Home Depot is hosting a blood drive March 3 to benefit the Inland Northwest Blood Center. The event will be from 1 to 4 p.m. at the store, located at 21701 E. Country Vista Drive. Register at the store's inside east entrance.

Century 21 holds blood drive

Liberty Lake's Century 21 Beutler & Associates, 1328 N. Whitman Lane, is holding a blood drive March 12 to benefit the Inland Northwest Blood Center.

The event is 8 to 11 a.m. To schedule an appointment to donate, call 926-2100.

Group to discuss mobile platforms next week

Spokane Mobile Users and Developers Group will meet at 6 p.m. March 4 at Twisp Café & Coffee House, 23505 E. Appleway Ave., Ste. 100 in Liberty Lake.

The group meets monthly to discuss

current mobile development interests.

The March 4 meeting, hosted by Liberty Lake-based Gravity Jack, will feature discussions on mobile platform standards, from graphics to user interface and protocols.

Itron wins award

Liberty Lake-based Itron, Inc. recently received a GridVision award from the Chicago-based International Engineering Consortium.

LL resident joins Integra

Liberty Lake resident Rebecca Litz recently joined Integra Telecom of Spokane as an account executive. She previously was with Rostie Consulting of Spokane.

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

Education Briefs

Kindergarten forms now available

Registration packets for the Central Valley Kindergarten Center are now available for pick up in the offices at the CVKC, Greenacres Elementary and Liberty Lake Elementary.

Children must be 5 years of age on or before Aug. 31 in order to register. Parents have the option of choosing a half-day or an all-day session.

The first day of spring registration for 2010-11 kindergarten students will be March 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the CVKC, 1512 N. Barker Road in Spokane Valley.

For more information, call 228-5380.

CVSD sets 2010-11 calendar

At this week's Central Valley School District board of directors meeting, the board approved the 2010-11 calendar with very few changes from this year.

Highlights from next year's calendar include the first day of school on Wednesday, Sept. 8, winter holiday running Dec. 20-31, spring break on April 4-8, graduation day on Saturday, June 11 and the final day of school for students on Friday, June 17.

The district again included two snow make-up days in the event of inclement weather.

Central Valley Days on the Mall

The 25th annual Central Valley Days on the Mall will be March 5-10 at the Spokane Valley Mall. Student artwork will be on display through the days as well as performances by multiple elementary, middle and high school students that are open to the public and located in the JCPenney Court.

Performances include the Greenacres Middle School sixth- and seventh-grade choirs on

Valley Chamber heads up business incubator

Expansion planned to offer classes

By Hope Brumbach
SPLASH EDITOR

The Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce now is heading up the business incubator in Liberty Lake, and it has plans for expansion with classes offered to entrepreneurs.

The Valley Chamber Business Center at Liberty Lake — previously called the Liberty Lake Business Development Center — is hosting a grand reopening at 10 a.m. March 19 with a ribbon cutting and reception.

The Chamber has partnered with Greenstone Corp. to manage the business development center, located in about 5,000 square feet in the basement of the Liberty Square Building at 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane. The incubator, which started about seven years ago, was a partnership between Greenstone and the city of Liberty Lake to promote start-up business growth. It offers below-market rent and a supportive environment.

The business incubator has about four tenants currently, said Eldonna Shaw, the president and CEO of the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce. Some previous tenants include Ptera Wireless,

"We're just excited about the opportunity to grow business in our greater community"

— ELDONNA SHAW

which celebrated last year its graduation from the incubator.

The Chamber plans to better utilize the space with smaller offices and a reception area that will be staffed regularly, Shaw said. The Chamber also is planning to use the space for business start-up classes and trainings and regular meetings.

The Chamber board of directors in 2010 will rotate monthly meeting locations throughout the Valley. The Liberty Lake meetings will be held at the Valley Chamber Business Center location.

The Valley Chamber has operated a business incubator at its Spokane Valley location at 9507 E. Sprague since 2004 and has helped a number of small businesses get a start, Shaw said.


"We're just excited about the opportunity to grow business in our greater community," Shaw said. "We will try to provide as much as we can to help them succeed."

For more information about potential office space in the Valley Chamber Business Center at Liberty Lake, call the Chamber office at 924-4994.

March 8 and the Central Valley High School symphonic band and wind ensemble on March 10.

Liberty Lake student on Gonzaga President's List

Jenna M. Peterson, a senior from Liberty Lake, was among 987 undergraduate students named to the Gonzaga University President's List for fall semester 2009. Students must earn a 3.7 or better grade-point average to be listed.



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Did You Know?

• Although most people refer to coffee “beans,” they are really the seeds of berries produced by the coffee plant.

• Coffee represents 75 percent of all the caffeine consumed in the United States.

• The expression “a cup of joe” became a popular way to describe coffee during World War II when American servicemen (G.I. Joe) were identified as big coffee drinkers.

• If you drink your coffee “black” (without sugar, milk or other additives) then it’s a no-calorie beverage.

• Americans drink 146 billion cups of coffee per year, making the U.S. the leading consumer of coffee in the world.

• Brazil is the world’s largest producer of coffee and the second-greatest consumer after the U.S.

Sources: www.coffee-statistics.com; www.associatedcontent.com/article/197175/10_interesting_facts_about_coffee



Coffee lovers' confessions

Customers talk about why they love specialty drinks, local cafés

By **Tammy Kimberley**
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Bob Ross

Favorite drink: breve

Most weekday morning around 6:15 a.m., Bob Ross stops by the Liberty Lake Starbucks for coffee on his way to work at Altek. Sometimes he returns again after work or stops by Sipz Espresso in Spokane Valley when he takes his border collie, Jake, for an evening walk.

His love of coffee began more than 30 years ago when he joined the Air Force and the guys would put on a pot of coffee after the day’s work and play cards.

During his time in the Air Force and Air Guard, Bob said he had the opportunity to try some of the best coffee from different regions around the world. In Italy he had his first experience with espresso, which he said was “something to write home about.”

But the reason he continues to visit coffee establishments today is the service he receives and the friendships he’s made.

“Personally, it’s not just the coffee,” he said. “You get to know the people and they get to know you. It’s the relationship.”

Kim Goldfeldt & Keri Collins

Favorite Drink: Kim, tall, non-fat cinnamon dolce with light whip; Keri, tall, 1 percent, quad caramel macchiato

Several weekday mornings, Kim Goldfeldt and Keri Collins grab a coffee at Starbucks before heading to tennis practice.

Kim, who drinks coffee at home in the morning before coming to the café, said she believes Starbucks is a popular meeting spot in the community. She said that her family often walks there on the weekends, and she loves chatting with the workers.

“If I’m having a rough day, sometimes I drop by for an afternoon coffee,” she said. “Coming in here and seeing the gals is great and it really picks me up.”

Keri, who used to own four coffee stands, said coming to grab a coffee is just part of her morning routine.



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She said she sometimes stops in multiple times per day because she can be confident in the quality of drink, as well as the service she receives.

“We typically go through the drive-through because we’re usually running late,” Keri said with a laugh. “But all the workers know our orders. And when you come inside, you always see someone you know.”

Rich & Ginny Semler

Favorite drink: Rich, pumpkin or iced vanilla latte; Ginny, non-fat Chai, extra hot, no foam

When Rich and Ginny Semler were

Coffee customers recommend their favorite drinks at local establishments. Pictured are (clockwise from top left): Bob Ross at Starbucks; Nancy Green at Crazy Beagle Coffee Co.; Gene & Sharon Brazington at Twisp Café; Rich & Ginny Semler at Starbucks; and Kim Goldfeldt and Keri Collins at Starbucks.

looking to relocate to Liberty Lake from Richland last year, they stopped into the local Starbucks store and were surprised by a familiar face.

From behind the counter, one of the baristas, Melissa Wilson, recognized Rich as a customer when she worked at a Starbucks in the Tri-Cities. She greeted Rich by not only remembering his face, but by shouting out his drink order.

The Semlers have lived in many different places around the state and enjoy coffee from a variety of establishments.

“We’re not coffee snobs,” Rich said with a laugh. “We enjoy going to

Great Harvest and Rocket Bakery as well.”

The couple said that what they most enjoy is the “hubbub” of the café as they sit with their newspaper and watch the people who come in.

“So much happens over coffee,” Rich said. “We signed papers for our house here. It’s a workplace for many. We’ve observed job interviews and romantic rendezvous.”

Nancy Green

Favorite drink: Caramel mocha with whip, extra sweet

Nancy Green said the gals who work at Crazy Beagle Coffee Co. know just how she likes her caramel mocha — with whip cream, extra sweet.

“It’s basically the amount of flavor for a 16-ounce drink but in a 12-ounce cup,” she said. “My daughters call it sludge.”

Nancy brings her dogs to Liberty Lake Veterinary Center, which is how she discovered the drive-through coffee stand nearby. She often stops on her way to work in Spokane Valley.

In addition to supporting local businesses, Nancy said she enjoys frequenting Crazy Beagle because of the relationship she has with the baristas.

“The gals at Crazy Beagle are the greatest, and you learn about their lives and their families,” Nancy said. “I rarely go anywhere else.”

Gene & Sharon Brazington

Favorite drink: Gene, plain coffee; Sharon, skinny latte

For Gene and Sharon Brazington, meeting up at Twisp Café & Coffee House is a chance to connect with family and friends while supporting local business.

After seeing an article in The Splash, they decided to visit Twisp the first week it opened.

While they purchase coffee at many different places, Gene said it’s important to them to buy locally.

“I appreciate self-employed people who sacrifice to start up a local business,” he said.

Because of the spacious atmosphere and accommodating service, the Brazingtons said they go to the café at least four to five times per week for coffee or food. They often run into friends or meet up with family members who also frequent Twisp.

“The thing about a sit-down coffee shop is that you can get your coffee in a real cup,” Sharon said. “It’s the ambiance of it.”

COVER STORY

Learning the buzz about coffee

Splash writer and coffee novice takes a sip of local caffeinated culture



By Tammy Kimberley
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

I am no coffee connoisseur.

I was raised in the flatlands of the Midwest, where coffee shops were about as prevalent as ski lodges. Although I know that my dad sometimes grabbed a cup of coffee on the job, my only memory of coffee in our home was limited to family gatherings and graduation parties.

In the mid-'90s when coffee chains and specialty drinks were just starting to make their appearance, a barista friend of mine was convinced she could concoct me a coffee drink that I would fall in love with; she was wrong.

As the coffee craze gained momentum over the years, I chose to remain in the dark. But when our family moved to the Northwest a year and a half ago, I realized the social stigma of not being a coffee drinker.

With numerous cafés in our area, it was a commonplace to be invited to grab a latte before the game or meet up for a mocha after the show. I secretly wondered how I could tolerate the taste of something others found so enjoyable, let alone understand the terminology required to place an acceptable

drink order.

To put it bluntly, I didn't know beans about coffee.

So recently this coffee novice received the assignment to go out and meet local coffee consumers, to hear their stories, to learn about their habits and to understand why coffee is such an important part of the culture in our community.

To kick off my research, I was fortunate to be invited to a recent coffee seminar at Starbucks. While listening to intelligent conversation about the different types of beans and how roasting time affects flavor, I felt like I was enrolled in an advanced placement course on coffee, one that I definitely need the cliff notes for.

But some of the regulars at local coffee shops were kind enough to meet with me to share their knowledge. They showed me the ropes — everything from how to order to proper etiquette at the condiment bar. They patiently repeated the titles of their favorite drinks and provided explanation about its ingredients and preparation.

In doing additional research, I discovered that it isn't just folks in this area who enjoy their cup of joe. I found that more than half of American adults drink coffee every day, while 30 percent claim to drink coffee occasionally.

The average daily coffee consumption per person in our country is just over three cups of coffee. This equals around 400 million cups of coffee per day, making the United States the leading consumer of coffee in the world. In fact, coffee is second only to oil for most traded product around the world.

While meeting with local coffee consumers, I gained insight on what makes people connect with certain coffee establishments. Many coffee-lovers share a concern about where their coffee comes from as well as how it is made, while others expressed a high value in patronizing local cafés.

"To put it bluntly, I didn't know beans about coffee."

— TAMMY KIMBERLEY

I found that service is important and customers love the relationships they have with baristas. In a recent online Splash survey, all local coffee shops were recognized in a question asking about the best baristas in town. The survey results also indicated that taste and company were tied in the reason people most enjoy coffee outside their home.

As one of my new coffee friends shared, the modern café is an American icon that often serves as a place for people to work, study and meet without being totally alone. I found that there is something about sitting in a coffee shop with a drink in your hand that makes the conversation flow freely and people open up about their lives.

Upon the recommendations of local coffee lovers, I tried a white coffee, a breve, a latte, an americano, a caramel mocha and a cinnamon dolce. While I don't think I've become a coffee convert, I discovered a variety of unique flavors (and that enough syrup can mask almost all the coffee taste).

But one thing is for certain: The encounters I had with others over coffee in local establishments left me wanting more.



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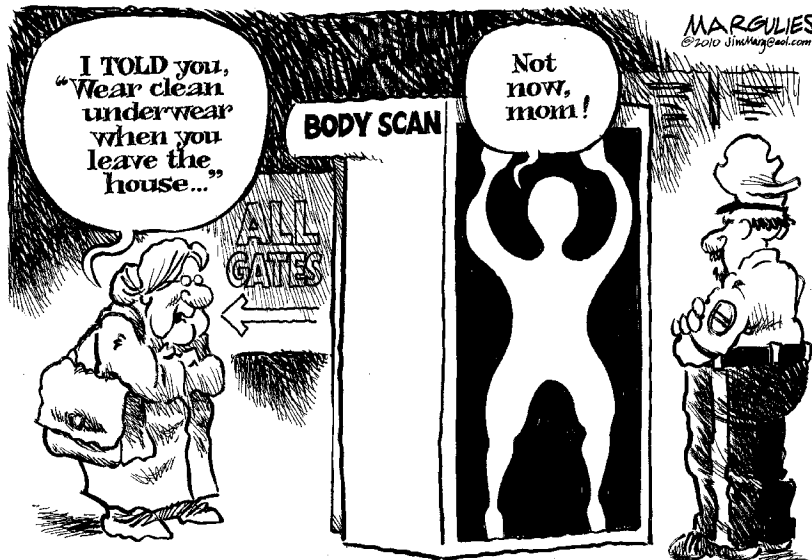
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Ripples

Liberty Lake man makes a deal

Dressing up like the Blues Brothers helped a Liberty Lake man pocket \$100 in Las Vegas.

As snowbirds in Las Vegas, Gary Myhre and his wife, Joan Schauerman, were audience members on the "Let's Make a Deal" show, hosted by Wayne Brady. The show, a resurrection from the original television game show in the 1960s and '70s, features an audience dressed in outlandish costumers in order to win cash and prizes for making deals with the host.

At the closure of the show, the host often asks members of the audience if they have a hardboiled egg in their possession. Because of the Blues Brothers costume, the host asked Myhre if he had a harmonica. He did.

"So I won \$100," Myhre said. "It's the only time we've won in Las Vegas."

The show featuring Myhre aired earlier this week on Monday.

Ripples features interesting Liberty Lake-connected tidbits. To submit an item, e-mail editor@libertylakesplash.com.

COMMUNITY

Operation Haiti: Local surgeon volunteers in earthquake aftermath

By Hope Brumbach
SPLASH EDITOR

It was dark when Dr. Jon Keeve arrived in Haiti. The Navy plane landed at the airport, tattered by the magnitude-7 earthquake that devastated a nation Jan. 12. He could see the fires burning below and the flares guiding the plane to its destination.

His medical team loaded equipment into a ramshackle bus that snaked its way through the ruin to what was left of the port in Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince. There, Keeve, a Liberty Lake orthopedic surgeon, spent the next two weeks on a former-oil-tanker-turned-floating-hospital, working to repair injuries in the earthquake aftermath.

He was thankful for the prior experience he's had operating in Third World countries; Keeve, who is part of Northwest Orthopaedic Specialists in Spokane, has volunteered to provide humanitarian aid for people in developing countries, including Vietnam, Bhutan, Cambodia and Myanmar. But Haiti, where he spent early February, was the first country he's volunteered in after a major disaster.

"I think the ship, this gigantic white thing that is lit up at night — and you can see it from space probably — was a shining beacon of hope for these people," Keeve said last week, just a few days after his return to the U.S. "You bring something to them that they can't get in their country, especially not for free. It brings 21st medical care to people that couldn't have any or couldn't afford any."

The two weeks in Haiti were a surgical marathon for Keeve, who was part of a



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Above: Dr. Jon Keeve, far right, stands with a group of medical personnel who worked on the USNS Comfort in Haiti. Left: Dr. Keeve, an orthopedic surgeon, operates.

10-orthopedic surgeon team made up of volunteers from around the country. The group — dubbed the "Dream Team" by the ship's military personnel — was formed through Orthopaedic Trauma Association,

atures, a common wound from an earthquake, and also amputations. The treatment was complicated by the delay in patients receiving care — some of the injured were buried for days in buildings. Another complication was the already-poor health condition of some of the patients, Keeve said.

One patient had been trapped in a building, rescued and brought to a hospital only to have the hospital collapse while he was there, Keeve said. Another patient told him the Haitian people believed the Comfort had been sent by God.

"The stuff the Comfort did, the things that happened on that ship will be remembered for generations," Keeve said. "It's like going to the moon; these people have lived in absolutely impoverished circumstances, they get transported by helicopter to a ship with food, with nurses to take care of them and a bed and whatever they have gets fixed — and they have to go back to their tin made out of plastic bags."

At his departure, Keeve was whisked back to the airport by an armored motorcade. Although Keeve says he didn't fear for his safety, the conditions there are dangerous. The prison has collapsed and convicts are loose. People are desperate, he said.

"They can get attacked for food, water," he said.

He'd like to return to Haiti in the future in a different venue.

"This will affect Haiti for generations," Keeve said. "What I hope is that people don't forget about this six months from now. ... There will be needs in Haiti for a long, long time."

a program that has ties to the military and that Keeve has participated in previously.

The program contacted him on a Sunday and asked him to arrive in Florida that following Tuesday. Keeve, who had been searching for an opportunity to volunteer in Haiti post-earthquake, didn't hesitate.

"How could you ignore the plight of these people? The only thing these people did wrong was be born in Haiti," said Keeve, who said his family and colleagues supported his volunteer decision.

The USNS Comfort — the 910-bed converted oil tanker — was his home the majority of the two weeks, Keeve said. The 10-surgeon team arrived to find 150 cases waiting. The surgeons divided into shifts and operated nearly around the clock for the first six days, Keeve said.

The injuries were predominantly frac-

CVHS Sports Roundup

Lady Bears advance to regionals

The Central Valley High School girls basketball team, who entered district play as the No. 1 seed, suffered a first-round upset but bounced back to earn the final spot in regional play.

CV's opening round game was against Mead High School, who led by only one at the half but used a 19-10 advantage in the third quarter to open a double-digit lead on their way to a 65-48 victory. Mead knocked in nine three-pointers and shot nearly 50 percent from the field to outdistance CV. The Lady Bears were led in scoring by Loree Hill who had 15 points.

In a losers-out game, CV was faced with the reality of their strong season ending with a loss to Gonzaga Prep. The Lady Bears responded from the free throw line in their 55-51 victory that clinched the third seed from the GSL into regional play. CV knocked in 20 free throws, eight from Loree Hill, and also had a big game from Kelsey Matthews, who had a game-high 17 points while hitting four three-pointers.

Central Valley's first game in regional play was Tuesday on the road against the number two seed out of the Columbia Basin, Walla Walla High School. Results were unavailable before The Splash went to press.

Grapplers compete at Mat Classic

Central Valley wrestlers Jarod Maynes and Braden Davis were the only two Bear grapplers to compete at the state meet, with Maynes earning a fourth-place finish. Davis, who wrestled at 125 pounds, dropped his first two matches at the state championship meet in the Tacoma Dome.

Maynes, who wrestled at the 112-pound weight class, won his first two matches before dropping an 8-3 semi-final match to eventual state runner-up Bryce Evans from Rogers (Pullyaup) High School. Having to battle back through the consolation bracket, Maynes knocked off Hayden Peterson of Kentwood High School 5-4 before losing to Tyler Clark of University High School 4-3 in the third-place match. Maynes and Clark traded victories throughout district, regional and state competition with Maynes winning at regionals.

Sports Brief

Registration open for little league

Eastside Little League is now accepting registrations for the 2010 little league baseball season. Participants may register online at www.eastidelittleleague.net or call 927-2555. To register, participants must have a proof of age document and three or more documents that show the legal residence of the parents or legal guardians of the player.

THREE CHEERS



Cheer 1: Lacie Hull, Liberty Lake Free Throw Shooter

Lacie Hull, competing in the 10- to 11-year-old division, won the state championship for free throw shooting sponsored by the Elks. The Liberty Lake Elementary student, who made 21 out of 25 shots, has now qualified for the West Coast Finals held in Portland, Ore. on March 6. The West Coast Finals feature winners from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Cheer 2: Jarod Maynes, Central Valley High School Wrestling

Jarod Maynes, competing in his third consecutive state wrestling champion-

ships, took home a fourth-place finish at the 4A Mat Classic in the Tacoma Dome. Maynes, a junior, now has two third-place finishes and one fourth-place finish in his high school career.

Cheer 3: Kelsey Matthews, Central Valley High School Basketball

Kelsey Matthews, a senior, guaranteed her final year of basketball wasn't going to end in a losers-out game in district play. Matthews had four three-pointers on her way to 17 points to help Central Valley knock off Gonzaga Prep 55-51 and earn the third and final seed among GSL schools qualifying for regional play.

Scoreboard

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covered patio/porch wraps around rear of the house. Hardwood, granite and tile. 3 car garage. \$1,985 monthly, 509-216-8240.

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Room for rent: Quiet LL neighborhood. Spacious room. Includes: Utilities, W/D, garage parking, Internet and cable access. No smoking. Available by April 1st. \$750 monthly + deposit. 509-720-7441, jma80@hotmail.com.

HELP WANTED

Mystery Shoppers wanted: Bestmark seeks individuals to evaluate customer service at local auto dealerships. Cash payment and minor auto service reimbursement in Liberty Lake, WA. Visit <http://www.bestmark.com> or call 1-800-969-8477.

Quizno's Sub is looking to hire manager. To qualify you must have some experience in restaurant management. Drop your resume At Quizno's Sub in Liberty Lake.

MISC. FOR SALE

37" VHS TV with remote, needs converter box, \$50. 509-366-2964. In Liberty Lake.

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CLUB CAR GOLF CART Very clean unique 48v club car, cloth seats, lites, split w/s, auto charger, mirrors, ice chest, special wheels, 48v, grey color, ball washer, some trade ok, \$3595. 509-999-8989.

NEW NEVER USED GAS EZE-GO

New, never used gas Eze-go cart. 4 stroke 2008 with split w/s, white color, no dings or scratches. Will do some trade, 999-8989, \$4995 obo.

SCENTSY WICKLESS CANDLES

February is the perfect time to stock up on your favorite Scentsy products. Most items are 10% for the month of February. Visit www.kimwalter.scentsy.com to contact me or place your order.

WOW 2005 Ezee-go elec. cart, full enclosure, auto battery fill, split w/s, charger, good body, \$2750. Will add lites for \$125, some trade ok, 999-8989.

REAL ESTATE

Liberty Lake Villas 1-bed condo. Ground level unit w/ many upgrades and garage located adjacent to front door. 22855 E Country Vista Dr. Unit #480, \$119,000. Call 509-879-0460.

QUALITY & VALUE ON 1.3 AC

Open 12-3 Saturday: 4221 N. Stevenson. Affordable close-in acreage! 6-bedroom, 2-bath, daylight basement, open kitchen, vinyl siding, RV parking, Trex deck, all on 1.3 acres! Horses ok. \$209,900. MLS #201010833. Bill White, CNHS, RCC, RE/MAX of Spokane, 879-8710.

RECREATION

RV 1999 Winnebago Rialta 22F Coach has only 71,050 miles, full size bed, great condition, winter sale \$4700. Contact: brhh15t@msn.com / 509-267-0935.

SERVICES

A-1 WHITE DUSTER Housecleaning, give yourself a treat and have your house cleaned. Reliable, trustworthy and reasonable rates. Weekly and bi-weekly. Please call Jamie at 509-892-3594 or cell 208-661-5535.

COLLEGE FOUND CONSULTING

Helping students with the college admissions process including SAT Prep, Financial Aid and Scholarship Guidance, College Application and Resume Writing Assistance, NCAA Eligibility, and much more! Conveniently located in Liberty Lake! www.college-found.com. 509-386-4732.

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Experienced house cleaner. I am reliable and efficient with great references. I charge \$15 an hour with no minimum. Call Teresa, 509-926-3812.

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LAWNMOWER REPAIR

LAWNMOWER TUNEUP & REPAIR Factory trained technician with over 15 years of experience. Licensed and insured. Air Force Veteran. Joel's Lawnmower Repair (509) 924-5396

NORTHWEST PAINTING

Residential repaint specialists. All phases of interior and exterior painting. Premium warranted paint used on all projects. 20% seasonal discount for all bids accepted before 3/31/10. Estimates are always free. 509-622-2999.

ONSITE PC REPAIR

On site PC repairs, spyware and virus removal, new installations. Network setup / Internet access configurations. Phone system repair and installations. Call Olson Consulting, llc 509-779-2239, service@olsonconsulting.info.

SPEEDFIT TRAINING

Keep your New Year's resolution alive! Personal Training or Bootcamp Classes 2 for 1 in February. Visit www.speedfittraining.com for more info. or call Emily, 499-9906, or Pam, 953-7501.

WANTED

Piano teacher wanted near Liberty Lake Elementary for 7 & 4 yr old with desire to learn. Needed after 5pm. Please call 509-230-6771.

STATEWIDE

REACH 2.7 MILLION READERS: The Splash participates in a statewide classified ad program that allows classified advertisers to submit ads for publication in more than 130 community publications throughout Washington. \$255 buys 1,180,746 circulation and 2,715,700 readers. For more information, contact Josh Johnson at 242-7752 or josh@libertylakesplash.com.

ADOPTION

ADOPTION: Happily married couple desires to give newborn a secure, loving home and family. We'll cherish your baby forever. Expenses paid. Randi and Michael, 1-800-861-1482.

ADOPTION: Financially stable, adventurous, happy couple wishing to start family with one or more babies. Lots of love, support, and opportunities to offer. Blaine/Wendy, 888-222-0858.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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EDUCATION-INSTRUCTION

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EVENTS-FESTIVALS

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SPENSER

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be another way, there's got to be a pump or something. And my dad and I said, "Why isn't there?"

Our previous unit was called Big Red at Zip Trip, and it was out there about three years and at other locations in town. Things went well, people used the heck out of them, but the design had inherent problems we wanted to fix so to speak. We took a hiatus for a year, year and a half from it and then perfected it.

Q: How is the Spenser different and where is it available?

A: Spenser is a much better, easier to use, more manageable product for everybody. It's at all the participating Divine's gas stations. There are 14 total machines out at six different locations (in the area), with two (dispensers) in Liberty Lake.

Q: How does it work?

A: You swipe your credit or debit card, and the transaction will go through. Once the transaction is done, hit the start button, open the hood of your car and depress the trigger on the nozzle. It's a timed service. It doesn't dispense volume, but time like air and water machines.

Sixty seconds and it will be on long enough for most cars out, 95 percent, to get a full tank of washer fluid.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: Three dollars for 60 seconds. Typically, we know you can go to Wal-Mart and get it for \$2, but it's a convenience item. You can get it right at the pumps. Our \$3 is better than what's in the (gas station convenience) store. ... When you run out of washer fluid, you don't care about going to Wal-Mart.

Q: Why washer fluid?

A: Normally, you don't think about it. You don't realize it's that vital to your car until you don't have it. We're trying to get it out to the public that it is an important fluid and it's vital to your safety, so you can see out your windshield, especially in the winter. Make sure you're filled. We've made it easier to take care of it.

CLASSIFIEDS

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REAL ESTATE

20 ACRE RANCH foreclosures near booming El Paso, Texas. Was \$16,900, now \$12,856. \$0 down, take over \$159/mo payment. Beautiful views, owner financing, free map/pictures, 1-800-343-9444.

VACATION GETAWAYS

SUN PEAKS RESORT BC www.sunpeaksreservations.com, 1-888-578-8369. Vacation rental of hotels, condos and chalets 45 min. from Kamloops, BC.

VIEW LOTS Sea of Cortez, Baja, Mexico. Only \$40,000. Quality of life. Affordable living. All utilities. Safe, secure ownership. Financing. Contact VistaDelMarSan, Felipe@gmail.com; 1-877-871-9783.

Q: What's your job background?

A: Wheeler Industries is a machine shop that was started in 1981. I've worked there on and off since I was 16 years old, full time since 2000. I graduated from Mead High School, went to Washington State University for a business management degree and played baseball. I played professional (baseball) for a while with the New York Mets minor league farm system. I got injured and that was it. It will wipe out your career like that.

Q: You tout the "greenness" of the Spenser. Tell a little about that.

A: There are all kinds of different numbers: 1 percent of all plastic is recycled in the world. The Pacific Ocean is a garbage deposit, a lot of that is plastic, and there are things like these washer fluid jugs. ... Anytime somebody uses (a jug), it has to be recycled, which is an expensive process, or thrown out. With everybody going green

today, it's an easy, easy way for somebody to do their part.

The (company slogan), "One jug at a time," I really feel that's important because people say, "I can't really do my part." Each time you use (the Spenser), you save a jug from going into a landfill or an ocean.

Q: How is the Spenser manufactured?

A: Right here in Spokane. Wheeler Industries, that's our main business. That's what puts food on the table. All the parts, we assemble everything in Spokane, the Valley.

Q: Tell the story behind the name.

A: I will do this for my father-in-law. He came up with the name. He's always bugging me about it, "Hey, where are my royalties." My wife was talking to Gary, my father-in-law, and said Dave was looking for a name, and he yelled out the name, Spenser. Boom. There it was. And four days later, it was still stuck in my head. I figured, if it's sticking in my head, then maybe it will stick in oth-

ers. It's easy to remember. And it's a play on "dispenser" as well.

Q: What are your goals for this product?

A: When you come up with an idea, you have to weigh the pros and cons of things, and it takes money to get things started, and you hope to make money in return. That's a part of business. But the cool thing is, we're changing the way people do something. I think that the washer fluid jugs will go by the wayside. And if we do a good job, then the Spenser name will be out there.

Having the light turn on in somebody's head, and they say "Wow, when can I see it in my town?" I would love to see these go nationwide, and then after that, go into Canada, that's a huge market. There's no reason why we can't move outward. It could be worldwide someday. I hope so. I'd love to get the U.S. first. I'm only one guy.

King Crossword

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by Linda Thistle

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