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William Miller, owner of The Melting Pot in Spokane, enjoys time with his wife Tabettha and their family.

Mixing fondue with fun at The Melting Pot

Restaurant owner creates experiences for guests

By **Tammy Kimberley**
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

There's a reason why The Melting Pot is already full with reservations for Valentine's Day. In the almost two years of its existence in Spokane, it has become known as a date-night favorite and even won best new restaurant in The Inlander's "Best of the Inland Northwest 2009."

Liberty Lake resident William Miller, owner of the Spokane franchise, describes his restaurant as a "destination place" where people gather over food to make lasting memories with those they love.

Miller recently sat down with The Splash to share about how the restaurant has been received in the Spokane area and why many people are choosing The Melting Pot to celebrate their special occasions.

Q. Did you always dream about owning your own restaurant, or did it just come about?

A. It's not that I always dreamed about it, but most everyone who knows me suggested I should open my own restaurant. I love to cook.

I used to travel a lot, and when I asked my wife to accompany me, she always asked if there was a Melting Pot at the location — it was her favorite restaurant. I thought this is something we could do as a family, so I started going down the path with corporate to get one in Spokane.

Q: How has The Melting Pot been received in the area?

A: With all the changes downtown, it's a perfect fit. People who come in love it,

profiles:
WILLIAM MILLER

Age
40

Family
Wife, Tabettha; five daughters

Lived in Liberty Lake
12 years

Interests
Huge sports fan, especially Gonzaga basketball

Opened The Melting Pot
March 5, 2008

Favorite item on the menu
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which is one of the most gratifying parts. It's not just another place to eat. People remember when they went there and who they were with — they have memories tied in with the restaurant.

Q: Why do you believe people choose The Melting Pot to celebrate their special occasions?

A: From the artwork to the lighting to the colors in the restaurant, we've strived for it to be one of the nicer restaurants in the area. We don't just take your order and throw your food at you. Being around the fondue pots is a very social experience. You'd better make sure you really want to spend time with the people you come with since it's about a two-hour experience if you have a four-course meal.

Q: What has helped you be successful in the Spokane market?

A: It takes more than great food to have a good restaurant. It all comes down to people. The employees I have, including
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Community Briefs

HUB holds open house

The HUB Sports Center in Liberty Lake is holding a free open house Feb. 27 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.valleyhub.org or call 927-0602.

Equine group to hold fundraiser

A local equestrian group that helps children and young adults with disabilities is holding its first annual "Denim and Diamonds" fundraiser April 10.

Started by Liberty Lake resident Gail Pennestri, Equine TLC offers equine therapy for people with Down's syndrome and autism.

The 6 p.m. fundraiser includes dinner, dancing and a live auction at the Highlands Golf Course in Post Falls.

For more information, visit www.equinetlc.org.

Fathers, daughters invited to dance on March 6

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 fatherdaughterdance.webs.com or mail a check to Kiwanis LL Father Daughter Dance, P.O. Box 384, Liberty Lake, WA 99019.

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

Wanted: robots at the library

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.

Used books on sale Saturday

The FRIENDS of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library group is holding a used book sale Saturday.

The 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. event will be held at the library, 23123 E. Mission Ave. The sale includes hardbacks and paperbacks, fiction and nonfiction, children's books, biographies, recipe books, home decorating and more.

Proceeds will go toward items to be used at the library.

FRIENDS also is holding its annual meeting at 6 p.m. Feb. 23 at the library. The community is invited.

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

Education Briefs

CV school board approves next year's budget process

The Central Valley School Board unanimously approved a process for budget prioritization for the 2010-11 budget at the board's meeting this week.

The process includes taking into account the Washington state Senate and House budget proposals and a budget leadership team made up of administration and staff and community workshops, which will seek public input.

The district administration, which cannot fully project budget cuts until the final state budget numbers come from Olympia, prepared a timeline in anticipation of budget cuts.

"We need to approve a process to make up the deficit we are sure to face in the Central Valley School District," shared

Superintendent Ben Small.

A presentation regarding potential budget reductions will be at the March 8 CVSD board meeting. Community workshops also will be held on March 23, 24 and 25 with times and locations to be announced.

GMS students qualify for SAT

Several Liberty Lake middle school students were invited to take the SAT last month by The John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth.

Liberty Lake students from Greenacres Middle School who qualified to take the most recent SAT, according to a participant, include Ryan Baker, Trevor Brown, Sidney Orr, Micah Seale, McKenna Stocker, Seyjil Turpin, Sarah White, Valerie Beale, Alex Garza, Alise Olson and Aaron Stintzi.

Calendar

FEBRUARY 11

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

FEBRUARY 13

9 a.m.-3 p.m.: The FRIENDS of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library used book sale, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

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

FEBRUARY 15

7:15 p.m.: Spokane Valley Camera Club, Denny Ashlock Building 22510 E. Mission Ave.

FEBRUARY 16

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

FEBRUARY 17

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

10:30-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, 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

6:30-8 p.m.: Liberty Lake Community Theatre Meeting, 1421 Meadowwood Lane, Ste. 130

7 p.m.: MeadowWood Homeowners Association meeting, Liberty Lake City Hall

7 p.m.: Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District meeting, Denny Ashlock Building

FEBRUARY 18

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

The students' scores will be sent to parents and schools later in the spring.

Several of the students were inadvertently left out of an education brief in last week's Splash.

LL student earns honor at WWU

Liberty Lake resident Ryan Northington recently was named to the fall quarter honor roll at Western Washington University.

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COMMUNITY/NEWS

Obituary

McAlexander dies at 89

Everett D. McAlexander of Liberty Lake passed away Feb. 1, 2010, at the Comfort House in McAllen, Texas. He was 89 years old.



MC ALEXANDER

and attended a trade school, where he was educated to work on air-

planes. On March 5, 1942, Everett and Maxine E. Witte were married in Detroit, Mich. They had a son, Steve, and daughters, Linda and Peggy. They made their home on a farm near Percival, Iowa, where Everett farmed until he retired at the age of 64, in 1984.

He was a past member of the Elks Lodge #1049 and Fraternal Order of Eagles #968 in Nebraska City, Neb., Southwest Iowa and Southeast Nebraska Coon Club and Nebraska City Saddle Club. In August 2009, Everett and his wife moved to Liberty Lake and they spent their winters in McAllen, Texas. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and card player. His great-

est love was spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of almost 68 years and the love of his life, Maxine, of Liberty Lake, son Steve McAlexander of Liberty Lake, daughters, Linda and husband Tom Schaefer of Liberty Lake, and Peggy and husband Doug Roberts of Fremont, Neb.; eight grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; sister, Violet Harris of Percival, Iowa; and other relatives and friends.

Memorials are suggested to the future Hospice House in Nebraska City, Neb. Peterson Mortuary in Nebraska City is handling the arrangements.

Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department for Feb. 1-8.

Arrests and incidents:

- **Harassment** — A woman told police Feb. 3 that she felt her ex live-in boyfriend was stalking her, and that he made numerous threats to return to the apartment and kick in the door of the residence on the 21500 block of Bitterroot Lane. Police advised her to obtain a protection order.
- **Suspended license** — A 51-year-old Otis Orchards woman

was arrested Feb. 4 at Harvard and Mission for driving with a suspended license. The driver initially was stopped for speeding, traveling 51 mph in a 35-mph zone.

- **Vehicle pursuit** — Liberty Lake police assisted the Idaho State Police Feb. 5 with a vehicle pursuit heading westbound on Interstate 90. The vehicle traveled through Liberty Lake on Appleway Avenue and then got back on the freeway driving eastbound. Once the vehicle was stopped, two suspects were taken into custody and a third suspect fled on foot before being taken into custody.
- **Burglary** — Police are inves-

tigating a garage burglary/vehicle prowl that occurred between Feb. 5 and 6 on the 1700 block of North Willamette Road. The victim told police that an unknown suspect entered the open garage and took a wallet and purse from inside two unlocked vehicles.

- **Shoplifting** — A complainant told police Feb. 5 that six teenaged white males ran out of Albertsons with stolen beer and wine and fled on foot. The complainant told police the six boys entered the store and four were loud and caused a distraction on one side of the store while the other two stole the alcohol on the opposite side of the store. When confronted, all the suspects ran from the store. Police are waiting for video surveillance for further investigation.

- **Suspended license** — A 39-year-old Vernonia, Ore., man was arrested Feb. 5 on the 23000 block of East Appleway for driving with a suspended license. The vehicle initially was stopped for speeding.

- **DUI and party** — A 19-year-old Liberty Lake woman was arrested Feb. 7 on I-90 at milepost 295 for driving under the influence. The Washington State Patrol requested Liberty Lake police's assistance with a traffic hazard with a vehicle driving at about 5 mph halfway on the shoulder and halfway in the lane of traffic going westbound on I-90. The vehicle had two flat tires and a black scuffmark on the driver's side, police said. The driver told police that she wasn't sure why "her car was acting stupid," police said. She told police she called 911 for assistance with her vehicle and that she was coming

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Library forms foundation

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library recently formed a foundation to help support the receipt of larger donations.

The Liberty Lake Library Foundation includes a seven-member board and will meet monthly, starting in April. The meetings, open to the public, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the library, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

"The foundation is meant for larger contributions to add to the library, (to) make

an awesome library even better," said Emily Nelson, of Hughes & Nelson Attorneys at Law, who is volunteering to help set up the foundation. "Most libraries have three entities: FRIENDS, the library itself and a foundation. ... The foundation is a heavy-hitter for fundraising."

The board now includes five members and is considering a sixth. The seventh position still is open. The five sitting members are Pat Dockrey, Sally Waltemire, Mark Nelson, Lane Hubbard and Steve Peterson, the former mayor of Liberty Lake.

POLICE

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from a party at Big Trout Lodge where she had been drinking. The Liberty Lake officer checked the apartment complex to see if she had collided with anything in the area, and instead, the officer found an intoxicated, disoriented male subject near the apartments wearing no shoes and with his pants soaked in urine and falling off, police said. The officer learned the subject had attempted to enter an apartment and had a brief scuffle with the occupants. The subject was transported to his parents' home in Liberty Lake and turned over to them.

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In Biz



RIEGER

Windermere adds co-owner

Cate Moye, owner and broker of Windermere Liberty Lake and Windermere Valley, recently announced a new partnership with Rick Rieger, who will serve as co-owner and sales manager.

Rieger brings more than 20 years of marketing, sales management, sales training and leadership to the business, according to a news release.

The pair manages a total of 110 residential, commercial and new construction agents.

Monique's wins Chamber award

Monique's Salon, owned by Liberty Lake resident Monique Smith, recently received the Award of Excellence as a Medium Business of the Year from the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The business is located in Spokane Valley.

WELL features tax expert

The next meeting of Women Executives in Liberty Lake (WELL) is at 1 p.m. Friday

at the Denny Ashlock Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

The free event will feature Sandra McNett, owner of Andean Accounting in Liberty Lake. McNett will discuss tax credits.



MALINAK

Andean Accounting hires new employee

Andean Accounting in Liberty Lake recently announced the hiring of Kyndria Malinak, a recent Washington State University graduate.

Home Depot offers kitchen event

Liberty Lake Home Depot, 21701 E. Country Vista Drive, will hold a meet-and-greet event Saturday with countertop installers, cabinet representatives and design consultants to discuss giving kitchens a facelift.

The free event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. includes refreshments and prizes.

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

New haircut for Stinky Sneaker



SUBMITTED PHOTO

K Salon owner and Liberty Lake resident Kendra Vincent and stylist Kelly Mehrens cut Central Valley High School basketball players' hair for free for the Stinky Sneaker Game held Tuesday. Players pictured are: Scott Simon, Tanner Wollan, Damond Justus, Kevin Stanley, Joseph Guerinha, Tanner Markham and Gavin Deyarmin.

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Love in Liberty Lake

Local couples share stories of life and love



Ron & Linda Knudsen

Ages

Ron, 72 and Linda, 69

Family

Four children and nine grandchildren

Years married

49

How they met

On the lake



SPLASH PHOTO BY TAMMY KIMBERLEY

Ron and Linda Knudsen, who have been married almost 50 years, remain in the home they built just off the lake in the early years of their marriage.

A half-century of love at the lake

By Tammy Kimberley

SPLASH STAFF WRITER

It all started on the lake when they were just teenagers.

Ron Knudsen worked at his parents' business, Sig's Resort, where he made sure to help a young lady named Linda when she came to fill up her family's boat with gas.

Even though he was one of the best skiers on the lake, Linda said he always seemed to fall off by her family's summer cabin where she and her mother sunbathed.

"You could get their attention if you sprayed them with water," Ron said. "Her mom would get up and leave, but Linda would always remain."

So began the romance of Ron and Linda Knudsen, a Liberty Lake love story based on faith, family and a mutual respect of one another.

The Knudsens married on June 25, 1960, and Ron started his 30-year teaching stint with the Central Valley School District that fall. Their first child, Kelli, arrived the following year with some complications that led to surgery. Linda credits the experience with strengthening their relationship as well as their faith.

"Ron was strong when I was falling apart," Linda said. "I made a deal with God that I would live for Him if he just brought Kelli through."

Their connection to their families and their church, in addition to the area being

a safe place to raise kids, made the Knudsens decide to settle around the lake. They purchased a cement foundation on the east side of the lake and hauled free boards from the cabins that were being torn down at the old county park site.

"I took the boards from the ceiling since no one had ever walked on them," Ron said with a laugh. "We built our house one board at a time."

Three sons were soon added to the family. As Ron became involved in coaching basketball, football and track at CVHS, Linda said their nightly dinners became a time to keep the family members connected.

But even as their kids grew and left the house, the Knudsens found ways to support one another in their individual interests. Linda enjoys traveling and is a mentor to young moms through the Mothers of Preschoolers program at her church. Ron rides his mule with a group that clears local trails and maintains wilderness areas.

"I'm a city girl at heart and Ron's a country guy," Linda said. "There's a lot of give and take when your interests are so different from each other."

For their 25th anniversary, Linda planned a vacation to Hawaii and scheduled a trip for the couple to take a mule ride to a leper colony, an outing she knew would suit Ron's interests.

"Linda is very giving and loving," Ron said. "There's nothing she won't do for anybody, and that includes me."



Luke & Jen Richey

Ages

Luke, 36 and Jennifer, 27

Family

Four children

Years married

7

How they met

Skydiving



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY TOD HENDRICKS

Luke and Jen Richey pose for a photo while skydiving in Davenport, Wash. The couple met at a skydiving drop zone in California.

Above left (submitted photo): The Richeys are pictured in their wedding day photo from seven years ago.

Adventure binds LL thrill-seekers

By Tammy Kimberley

SPLASH STAFF WRITER

Many couples start their relationship as a leap of faith. For one local skydiving couple, their leap to love was literal.

Luke and Jen Richey first met at a drop zone in southern California where Jen just received her skydiving license. Luke was in the area visiting a friend, and the two did a number of skydives and spent the day chatting.

After discovering that Luke lived in Spokane and Jen had family in Coeur d'Alene, the two returned to their homes but spoke daily until Jen's planned visit to Coeur d'Alene the following month.

"We skydived, we talked and we both knew we were falling for each other, but soon it was time for me to return to California," Jen wrote in a submitted letter.

After several other times of meeting up for skydiving, Jen said they knew they were meant to be together, and so began a shared life of adventure for the young couple.

They were married the following year on the shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene. True to their personalities, the groom skydived into the wedding in his tuxedo and the couple was whisked away in a speedboat after run-

ning through sparklers.

While the couple has skydived in California, Montana, New York and Washington, Jen said that their experience in Hawaii was especially memorable.

"When we jumped in Hawaii, Luke had a malfunction with his main canopy and had to cut it away and pull his reserve," Jen wrote. "I was above him watching the whole thing with tears in my eyes."

Skydiving is not the only thrilling hobby the Richeys share. They also enjoy motorcycles, mountain biking, snowboarding, wakeboarding and recently became certified in scuba diving.

"Luke and I both agree that people change all throughout life, and one of the keys to a successful marriage is changing and growing together," Jen wrote. "We love to try new things and try them together."

For their fifth anniversary, the Richeys took a high-speed motorcycle trip to Canada where Jen said their average speed was in triple digits. While they don't skydive now as much as they did before having kids, she said they enjoy adventures as a family and playing together on the lake.

"Hang gliding is something we both want to try," Jen wrote, "along with anything else that gets the adrenaline going."

Kiss and Tell: LL residents share stories of meeting their mates

Stories by Tammy Kimberley



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Chris & Erin Clark

**Married four years
Met during an oil change**

Sometimes there are more perks to a job than the stated benefits, as Chris Clark found out several summers ago.

He was working as manager of a Spokane Valley tire company when he wrote up an oil change for a customer named Erin. He instantly took notice of her and went back in the shop to talk with his technician, Bo.

"Her license plate frame said, 'A good man is hard to find,'" wrote Chris in a submitted letter. "I looked at Bo and said, 'I'm going to marry this girl one day!'"

Chris offered her coffee while she waited and made some small talk, hoping to find out if she had a boyfriend. But she soon left.

A couple of hours later, Erin returned with her cute little smile, Chris wrote, and requested an oil change for her mom's vehicle. When he arrived home from work that night, he about fell over when he heard Erin's voice on his answering machine.

"I found out that Erin called all the Chris Clarks in the phone book," Chris wrote. "I am lucky enough to say that it was truly love at first sight!"

Dennis & Nadia Herkelrath

**Married three years
Met through Match.com**

Even though they met through an on-line dating service, Dennis and Nadia Herkelrath connected through their love for gardening and the outdoors. Their relationship grew to the point that Dennis decided to propose.

After taking her to meet his mother, Dennis designed a plan to ask Nadia to marry him on a piece of property he owned in southern California. But all did not go as he planned.

"There is a tried but true saying, 'The best-laid plans do often go astray,' and so it was with my proposal," Dennis wrote in a submitted letter.

When they arrived at his property, Dennis discovered that his key to the private entrance no longer worked. After convincing Nadia to climb the 6-foot gate, they had to walk more than a mile in the heat of June to experience the view.

After arriving at their destination, Dennis decided to place the ring he brought to propose with along the path so that Nadia would discover it on their return. Being the independent, modern woman that she was, Nadia decided to take another path on their way down, Dennis wrote.

"To make a long story short, the ring was found to her delight and our life together began," he wrote.

Jon & Melissa Pemberton

**Married almost two years
Met on the job**

Jon Pemberton first noticed Melissa at their workplace, Child Protective Services in Spokane, but they rarely saw each other in their large office. Fate brought them together again through a staffing transfer, Jon wrote in a submitted letter.

"When she came into the room, our eyes immediately connected and I felt something," he wrote.

A mutual friend indicated that Melissa might be interested in him as well, so Jon sent her his phone number in a coded way.

"I didn't want to get in trouble for using company e-mail to give a girl my phone number, so I disguised it as a case number," he wrote.

After several phone conversations, Jon planned their first date to a Renaissance fair. He felt drawn to Melissa as she shared about how she raised her daughter on her own and put herself through school, he wrote. They continued their date outside of Starbucks when Jon's pastor happened to drive by.

"I walked over to him and said, 'You see that girl over there? That's the girl I'm going to marry,'" Jon wrote.

Jon eventually met Melissa's daughter and the couple married less than a year later. They added another daughter to their family and both continue to work for CPS.

"We both share a passion for children and families, so it's an easy way to connect," Jon wrote.

Darryl & Erin Miller

**Married almost 15 years
Met on a trampoline**

Trampoline tricks can turn some heads, wrote Erin Miller in a submitted letter about how she met her husband.

She was working as a gymnastics coach when mutual friends invited Darryl to a party at the gym where Erin worked. As Darryl looked through the glass in the waiting room at the gym, he experienced love at first sight.

"It was like God spoke to me right at that moment," Darryl wrote. "I turned to my friend and said, 'There's the woman I'm going to marry. I hadn't even met her yet.'"

The two jumped on a trampoline together that day. Darryl wrote that he waited in agony for several weeks before they met again. But his patience paid off, and the two married.

Within a year of the wedding, Erin's wedding ring was stolen from her backpack while at work. Since no other ring would do, Erin wrote that she simply went without one.

After having their first child, the couple relocated to Liberty Lake and eventually started their own business, The Party Starters. Together, they use their passion for music to host holiday parties, help with local charity events and DJ for dances such as this year's Kiwanis Father/Daughter dance.

Last year, Darryl asked their two children for permission to re-marry their mother. The couple renewed their vows on Dec. 22 in a little chapel with their children as best man and maid of honor.

Darryl also presented his wife with a beautiful new ring to replace the one that was stolen 14 years ago.

"I know my wife a lot better now, so this ring is simply an extension of her," he wrote. "Simple, yet beautiful. Uncomplicated, yet complex. The ring puts a smile on your face, which is the effect my wife has on people."

VALENTINE'S DAY: BY THE NUMBERS

1866

Date when candy manufacturer NECCO made the first conversation hearts

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Estimate of valentines that will be opened in the U.S. this year

1,330

Number of Hallmark cards created specifically for Valentine's Day

110 million

Roses that will be sold around Valentine's Day

\$77.43

Average amount that consumers will spend on Valentine's Day gifts in 2010

3

Percent of pet owners who will give a Valentine's Day gifts to their pets

Sources: www.valentinedaylove.com, www.greetingcard.org

CVHS girls shoot for first in league



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY BOB JOHNSON/SPOKANE SPORTS SHOTS

Sophomore Whitney Black goes up for an off-balanced jump shot against Lewis and Clark High School. Black had 15 points during CV's victory, which helped them move into first place in the GSL.

THREE CHEERS



Cheer 1: Central Valley Regional Wrestlers

At the recent 4A district wrestling meet at Mead High School, Central Valley advanced nine wrestlers into the regional meet this weekend at Richland High School, where the top-three finishers in each weight class move on to state. Advancing for CV were Jarod Maynes, Braden Davis, Jordan Wilson, Trevor Delmedico, Jacob Hollenbeck, Patrick Grady, Zach Krogh, Jarod Boucher and Dan Schoultz.

Cheer 2: Whitney Black, Central Valley Basketball

Black, a sophomore, had a big week averaging 17.5 points per game during CV victories over Rogers and Lewis and Clark. Black posted 20 points as the Lady Bears rolled over Rogers and 15 points during CV's victory over Lewis and Clark. Black is now averaging just over seven points a game on the season.

Cheer 3: Lacie Hull and Bryn Anderson, Free Throw Shooters

Hull, in the 10- to 11-year-old division, and Anderson, in the 8- to 9-year-old division, each won the Eastern Washington district Elks free throw shooting championship. Both girls won competitions at Liberty Lake Elementary, the city of Spokane and districts at Moses Lake. They will next participate in the Washington State Championship this Saturday in Bellevue, Wash.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lacie Hull (left) and Bryn Anderson pose with their first-place trophies from the Elks free throw shooting district championships. Hull made 20 out of 25 free throws and Anderson made 19 out of 25 to advance on to the state finals.



Visit The Splash sports page at www.libertylakesplash.com to see photos of the Feb. 9 Central Valley vs. University Stinky Sneaker basketball game.

Scoreboard

BOYS BASKETBALL

Standings Team	League	Overall
Gonzaga Prep	12-1	17-1
Mead	11-2	13-5
Shadle Park	10-2	14-4
Ferris	8-5	10-8
North Central	7-5	9-9
Lewis and Clark	7-6	9-9
Rogers	6-7	10-9
University	5-8	8-10
East Valley	2-10	3-15
Central Valley	2-11	6-12
Mt. Spokane	0-13	1-18
Results		
2/2 CV vs. Rogers	74-64	L
2/4 CV vs. Lewis & Clark	59-41	L

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Standings Team	League	Overall
Central Valley	11-2	14-4
Mead	10-3	14-4
Lewis and Clark	10-3	12-6
Gonzaga Prep	9-4	13-5
Shadle Park	8-4	11-7
North Central	7-5	10-8
University	5-8	7-11
Ferris	4-9	5-13
East Valley	3-9	4-14
Mt. Spokane	3-10	4-15
Rogers	0-13	0-19
Results		
2/2 CV vs. Rogers	77-13	W
2/4 CV vs. Lewis & Clark	71-60	W

SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 11
 5:30 p.m., CV Girls Basketball vs. Mead (at CV)
 7:15 p.m., CV Boys Basketball vs. Mead (at CV)

CVHS Sports Roundup

Lady Bears post big win

The Central Valley High School girls basketball avenged one of their early losses on the season and took over sole possession of first place in the GSL, knocking off Lewis and Clark High School 71-60. The Lady Bears excelled from the free throw line, hitting 30-34 while also getting big games from multiple players. Brooke Gallaway led the way with 25 points, including 12 of 14 from the free throw line; Whitney Black and Loree Hill both had 15 points, and Kelsey Matthews hit four three-pointers on her way to 14 points.

Earlier in the week, CV rolled over Rogers High School 77-13 as they jumped out

to a 28-4 lead after the first quarter. The Lady Bears had 11 different players find their way into the scoring column and five different girls knock in three-pointers in the route.

CV boys b-ball drop two games

The rough season for Central Valley boys basketball continued as they dropped contests against Rogers and Lewis and Clark high schools. The Bears lost a 74-64 decision to Rogers despite a season-high 24 points for Danny Nimri. The Bears were down 12 points by halftime and could not rally in the second as Gaven Deyarmin also added 13 points for CV in the loss.

The Bears' slow start again doomed them as they trailed by nine at the half and 16 after three quarters on their way to a 59-41 loss to Lewis and Clark. CV only had one player in double figures, with Diamond Justus sinking 10 points. The team as a whole struggled from the free throw line, hitting only 40 percent of their shots.

CV wrestling team finishes third at district meet

At the recent 4A district meet, the Central Valley High School grapplers came in third place among six GSL squads. University High School won the meet with 420 points while Mead finished in second

place with 323.5 points, and CV followed with 285 points. CV had finalists in five weight classes with Jarod Maynes at 112 pounds, Braden Davis at 125 pounds, Jordan Wilson at 140 pounds, Jacob Hollenbeck at 145 pounds and Zach Krogh at 152 pounds. They all lost their championship final to finish in second place.

Taking home third-place titles, which also advanced them to the regional meet this weekend at Richland High School, were Trevor Delmedico at 140 pounds, Patrick Grady at 145 pounds, Jarod Boucher at 189 pounds and Dan Schoultz at 285 pounds.

Kids Tell it Like it Is

How old should you be to kiss someone?

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley at Liberty Lake Elementary School



"Ten. That's when you're in double digits."
Jack Wamplley, 9, fourth grade



"Nineteen, because it's a college thing."
Anna Turner, 6, first grade



"What if it's your mommy? If it's your mom, then it's allowed."
Dalton Liesse, 10, fourth grade



"I already kissed a girl."
Cameron Bailey, 8, second grade



"Once you're out of school."
Chad Hall, 9, third grade



"One hundred."
Amelia Rottrup, 7, first grade



"Twenty, because it's older and you're not really supposed to kiss boys that much."
Margeaux Rottrup, 9, third grade

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Ripples

Teletubbies in LL?

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A recently posted YouTube video features Teletubby-costumed dancers boogying in the parking lot of the Liberty Lake Dominos.

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Please help! We're in desperate need of host families to sign up now in Liberty Lake for 07/24/2010-08/13/2010. Please contact Brittany at 253-678-9747 or email brittanybobbitt@gmail.com with questions or inquiries.

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EVENTS

DISCOUNT TICKETS! Two tickets to Avenue Q, INB Center, Friday February 12, Row Q center, \$60, 927-8331.

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FURNITURE

Kitchen dinette chairs, natural wood finish w/blue fabric on rollers. Four chairs, good condition, \$150 927-8331.

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PROFILES

MELTING POT

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my general manager Erik Laursen (also a Liberty Lake resident and pictured at far right), are absolutely amazing. I still have half of our original staff with us. That is a real rewarding part.

Q: How have you gotten the word out about The Melting Pot?

A: We have "Club Fondue" that people can sign up for on our Web site. In the two years since we've had the restaurant, we've had 12,000 people join the club. It's a great way for us to inform people about our specials.

Also, we just started a Facebook page a couple months ago and we already have over 900 fans. We're considering doing something special for the person who becomes our thousandth fan.

Q: What are your busiest times during the course of a year?

A: Weekends are very busy. Certain holidays, as well as birthdays, anniversaries, graduation and proms bring people out. But we've noticed that a lot more people are doing it "just because" for a date night since we're known as one of

the most romantic restaurants.

Q: What will Valentine's weekend be like at The Melting Pot?

A: We have a special menu for the weekend. We're already booked up for Sunday (Valentine's Day). Monday is looking like it's going to be pretty busy as well, with the President's Day holiday.

We have a Lovers' Lane Celebration package that is available throughout the year, not just on Valentine's Day. It includes a private booth for two, a full-course fondue meal and keepsake gifts.

Q: Let's play a game of fill in the blank.

A: Restaurants should make... you think about great memories.

My biggest pet peeve when dining out is... inattentive service.

Fondue is most enjoyed with... the

ones you love.

Q: Have you considered opening any other restaurants?

A: I've got a few different ideas. At the top of my list is opening a smaller version of The Melting Pot in Coeur d'Alene. We have a decent customer base in Idaho so we're thinking about expanding in that area.

Q: How do you measure success with your business?

A: Obviously the dollar part is important. But I really measure success by where we rate as part of Spokane and by the experiences people have there.

I can't tell you how many people have proposed at The Melting Pot. There are not a lot of restaurants in Spokane that can say that. I feel that means we're doing a pretty good job.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

William Miller said much of The Melting Pot's success is due to employees such as Erik Laursen, shown here with his wife, Spirit. Laursen, also a Liberty Lake resident, is general manager of the Spokane restaurant.

The Melting Pot is located at 707 W. Main Ave. on the skywalk level in downtown Spokane. To find out more, go to www.meltingpot.com or call 926-8000.

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King Crossword

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- 4 Weevil invader
- 8 Diplomacy
- 12 Puncturing tool
- 13 Reed instrument
- 14 Petri-dish matter
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COMMUNITY

'Check Please' aims to please

LLCT to perform comedy involving blind dates

By Hope Brumbach
SPLASH EDITOR

A blind date can be disastrous. But in "Check Please," Liberty Lake Community Theatre's latest production, a series of blind dates turn out to be disastrously comedic with a host of unbelievable dinner partners, including a kleptomaniac, a pirate and a grandmother's bridge partner.

The show is scheduled for 6:30

p.m. Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19, 2 p.m. Feb. 20 and 6:30 p.m. Feb. 20. It will be performed on the LLCT's home stage, 1421 Meadowood Lane, Suite 130.

"We did it the weekend after Valentine's Day, which we figured would be romantic; this is kind of the anti-romantic," said Jennifer Ophardt, the play's director and the president of LLCT. "It is definitely a comedy."

Tickets are available for \$9 for non-members and \$7 for LLCT members and can be purchased at the door. Tickets

also are available by contacting the group through its Web site, www.libertylaketheatre.com.

"Check Please," which is geared toward adults but offers family-friendly fare, features a cast of 15, Ophardt said.

The group already is gearing up for its next set of auditions in early March for "Shrunken Heads," Ophardt said. Auditions will be held March 4 and 6. For more information, visit the group's Web site.



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