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Cashmere Planning Commission begins work on 2026 comprehensive plan

By Kirk Beckendorf
Special to Ward Media

CASHMERE - The Cashmere Planning Commission received a detailed briefing on February 3 regarding the development of a new Comprehensive Plan, with special emphasis on climate resiliency requirements and public participation strategies.

Christina Wollman, a Planning Consultant with Pertee, Inc., presented the framework for the plan,

which is scheduled for adoption in June 2026. Wollman emphasized the necessity of securing “meaningful participation from all demographics in Cashmere” as the city formulates its long-term vision.

The presentation highlighted five specific climate hazards that must be addressed in the mandatory climate resiliency element of the plan: increased drought risk, extreme temperature fluctuations, flooding and extreme precipitation events, wildfire and smoke concerns, and

snowpack reduction.

Wollman outlined a methodological approach to assess climate change impacts on city assets, including orchards, agricultural facilities, commercial buildings, parks, transportation infrastructure, cultural sites, and power systems. The assessment will be used to develop mitigation strategies for protecting these assets.

The Planning Commission was advised to actively participate in the process, with Wollman requesting

commissioner input on priorities and concerns regarding potential hazards to city infrastructure.

Mayor Jim Fletcher addressed the commission regarding an upcoming joint meeting with the City Council. He recommended that commissioners brief the council on both the Comprehensive Plan update status and the development of the Climate Resiliency Element. Wollman supported this approach, noting that strategic joint meetings throughout the 18-month planning process would

be crucial.

The city is actively seeking new members for the Planning Commission. Mayor Fletcher announced that citizens interested in participating in the city’s future planning should contact the city office for information about joining the commission.

The comprehensive planning process is expected to continue through spring 2026, incorporating public input and climate resilience strategies into the final document.

The Springs opens with cold plunge, hot pools, and sauna



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The Springs features three outdoor pools and a sauna. The warm pool is accompanied by an ADA-compliant chair lift.



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Owners Marco Scheuer and Vincent LaBelle were inspired by the social and relaxation aspects of soaking in a natural hot spring after a long day of adventuring with friends.

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - The Springs, an outdoor hydrotherapy experience in Leavenworth, officially opened on Feb. 4.

The Springs offers 90-minute sessions for guests to rotate through

a cedar sauna, cold plunge, medium and hot pools, and an outdoor lounge area at their leisure. Inspired by visiting hot springs after a long day of recreating in the mountains, the hydrotherapy circuit is designed to emulate natural springs, set among granite boulders and native plants, with views of the Enchantments.

“We’re trying to provide a great place to hang out after you spend the day in Leavenworth. You go on the river, or you go mountain biking, or you go Nordic skiing, or whatever it is you do, and we want to just be this place to come back to and hang out and socialize,” said co-owner Marco Scheuer in a previous interview with

Ward Media.

The Springs is owned by Scheuer and Vincent LaBelle, who started slowly building the site themselves in the fall of 2023. Despite challenging winter conditions, the duo pushed through the final touches to bring their project to life for the February opening.

“Some delays forced us to be working in really sub-optimal conditions. It was a real grind. I mean, it’s a lot of work to launch a business, no matter how you spin it, but those last couple months getting this thing done were hard. So, it feels good to be

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Housing Our Valley summit explores solutions to housing crisis



Taylor Caldwell / Ward Media

The sold out event, hosted at Pybus Public Market, heard from 15 housing experts.

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE - Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce and Our Valley, Our Future (OVOF) hosted approximately 150 Chelan and Douglas County residents to examine the area’s housing challenges and potential solutions during the Housing Our Valley Summit on Feb. 6.

“Lack of affordable and available housing has been a topic of concern

for the business community for many years...That need for workforce housing is aligned with Our Valley, Our Future’s strategic objectives on educating and informing the community of this problem,” said Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steve Wilkinson.

According to the Chelan-Douglas Housing Solutions Group, “the state has determined about 18,000 new homes need to be constructed in Chelan and Douglas counties over

the next 20 years in order to catch up with demand, with about 45 percent of those homes earning 80 percent or less of the area median income.”

The event hosted panels of 15 housing representatives from local and state government, nonprofits, and businesses, examining state housing mandates, city and county growth planning, middle housing options, and community-minded partnerships.

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Mission Ridge Ski Resort names new general manager



Courtesy of Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort

Matt Neubauer, newly appointed General Manager of Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort, enjoys outdoor time with his family.

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WENATCHEE — Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort announced Wednesday the appointment of Matt Neubauer as its new General Manager, replacing Josh Jorgensen, who served in the role for 13 years.

Neubauer, who brings 16 years of ski industry experience, will take the helm as the resort continues its planned expansion. Jorgensen will remain involved with the expansion

efforts to ensure continuity in the resort’s development plans.

A Washington state native, Neubauer’s career in the ski industry began in 2008 following a brief stint at NBC. His background includes leadership positions at major Colorado resorts including Keystone and Breckenridge, with his most recent position at Stevens Pass. His expertise centers on Food and Beverage operations.

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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Live Music & Country Trivia

Touch of Soul (509 S. Wenatchee Ave. will host Open Mic Night and Country Music Trivia on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5-8 p.m. "Calling all singers, poets, comedians, and musicians—this stage is YOURS!" the event page states. Free admission. Open mic sign-ups begin at 4:30 p.m. Full menu and bar available. All ages welcome until 8 p.m.

For more information, visit touchofsoulwa.com.

Thursday Night Drags

Mission Ridge Ski Area (7500 Mission Ridge Road) will host their Thursday Night Drags on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. "Whether you ski, snowboard, or telemark, enjoy head-to-head drag racing

action," the event page states. Registration is \$15 per person. Valid lift ticket or season pass required. Teams of 4-6 people. Individual registrants will be placed on teams. Night skiing equipment required.

For more information or to register, visit missionridge.com.

Pink Drinks & Girl Time

Milbrandt Vineyards Tasting Room (821 Front Street, Leavenworth) will host a Galentine's Day celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 6-8 p.m. "Join us for a dreamy evening celebrating love and friendship with fizzy pink drinks, games, dancing, prizes, and Insta-worthy photo ops," the event page states. Tickets are \$45, includes wine tastings and appetizers. Ages 21+.

Rising Country Star Performance

Goose Ridge Estate Winery Tasting Room (700 US Hwy 2, Leavenworth) will host live music by Leah Justine on Friday, Feb. 14, from 4-7 p.m. "Enjoy her soulful vocals and dynamic blend of 90s country and southern rock for an unforgettable musical experience," the event page states. No cover charge. Wine by the glass and bottles available for purchase. All ages welcome. Seating first-come, first-served.

Ukulele Lessons

The Cashmere Library (101 Woodring Street) will offer individual ukulele lessons on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 4-4:25 p.m. "Take a one-on-one or small group introductory ukulele

For more information, visit gooseridge.com.

lesson with volunteer teacher Tim Morrison," the event page states. Free instruction. Lender ukuleles available with library card. Advance registration required. Limited to 6 students.

For more information or to register, email cashmere@ncwlibraries.org.

Community Conversations: Building bridges through local dialogue

Our community newspaper serves as a vital gathering place for meaningful local dialogue. We believe that the strongest communities are built on understanding, shared experiences, and the collective wisdom of their residents. That's why we're expanding our commitment to community conversations with enhanced opportunities for you to share your voice.

Letters to the Editor: Your Community Pulse Quick observations, thoughtful reactions, and timely commentary – these are the heartbeats of our Letters section. Whether you're celebrating a neighbor's kindness, addressing a local challenge, or offering a fresh perspective on community development, your 250-word letters create ripples of understanding that touch countless lives. Each letter becomes a thread in our community's ongoing dialogue, weaving together diverse viewpoints into a tapestry of local insight.

Community Perspectives: In-Depth Local Analysis Some

conversations deserve a deeper dive. Our expanded Community Perspectives section (formerly Point of View) will offer a 500-word canvas for thorough exploration of local issues. Share your expertise on affordable housing, analyze trends in local education, or propose innovative solutions to community challenges. These columns serve as launching points for sustained community dialogue, often sparking follow-up discussions in subsequent issues.

Neighborhood Narratives: Your Stories, Our History New to our pages, this section will celebrate the personal stories that shape our community's character. In 500 words, share your family's multi-generational connection to our town, document neighborhood changes, or highlight unsung local heroes. These narratives help us understand where we've been and envision where we're going.



From the Publisher

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Let's talk.

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P.E.O. chapter offers scholarships for women returning to college in NCW

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LEAVENWORTH — P.E.O. Chapter JF of Leavenworth is now accepting applications for a scholarship program designed to assist women returning to higher education. The scholarship targets women age 30 or above who reside in Chelan or Douglas County. Applicants must be currently enrolled in or returning to a higher education program after a two-year or more absence. Applications for the Fall 2025 academic year must be received by April 30, 2025. Upon confirmation of enrollment, funds will be sent directly

to the institution's financial department. Over the past 10 years, the P.E.O. Scholarship has provided more than \$34,000 in support of women in Chelan and Douglas Counties. Eligible institutions include accredited universities, colleges, and technical schools within Washington state. The program also accepts out-of-state accredited online schools. Students may reapply annually until completing their programs of study. Women interested in applying can request detailed information and application forms by emailing the Scholarship Committee at peoleavenworth@nwi.net.

Cashmere student earns spot on University of Nebraska-Lincoln Deans' list

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LINCOLN, Neb. - University of Nebraska-Lincoln officials announced that Kimmy Dodson of Cashmere has earned placement on the Deans' List for the fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year. Dodson, a junior studying forensic science in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, achieved the academic distinction by meeting the college's minimum grade-point average requirement of 3.75 on a four-point scale. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln maintains distinct GPA requirements for Deans' List recognition across its eight undergraduate colleges and Explore Center. Students may qualify for multiple college lists simultaneously if they meet the respective criteria. Dean Tiffany Heng-Moss leads the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, which requires one of the highest GPA thresholds at 3.75 for

Deans' List qualification. Other college requirements range from 3.5 to 3.75 GPA: The College of Engineering maintains a 3.5 requirement under Dean Lance C. Perez; the College of Business requires a 3.6 GPA under Dean Kathy Farrell; while the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Journalism and Mass Communications both require a 3.7 GPA, led by Acting Dean Patrick Dussault and Dean Shari Veil respectively. The complete fall semester Deans' List is available through the university's website. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, chartered in 1869, is the state's land-grant university and a member of the Big Ten Conference.

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Cashmere Food Bank, open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam, 509-245-6464
Ukulele Circle, Join the Ukulele Circle, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

Thursday

Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
Cashmere Sportsman Assoc., (Cashmere Gun Club), open to the public for trapshooting 7-10 p.m. Private rentals by appointment. Call Brian James, 509-782-3099.
Cashmere American Legion Post #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Commander Ken Komro, 509-782-4973. (1st Thurs. of every month, August -June).
Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. President Linda Ingraham, 509-679-0243. (1st Thurs. of every month, August -June).

Sunday

CHURCH: See the church page for local service times & events.

Monday

Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. 6:30 p.m. Call Pam Leighton, 509-669-3159. (4th Mon.)
Tillicum Riders, 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 509-662-5984. (1st Mon.)
Cashmere City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall (2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Planning Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. at City Hall (1st Mon. of each month unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Cashmere Fire Department, Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere Fire Department, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere School Board Work Session, Board work sessions are typically held towards the beginning of the month at 6:30 a.m. with no action taken. For updated info. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu
Cashmere School Regular Board Meetings, are typically held towards the end of the month at 7 p.m. with action taken. The schedule for meetings is subject to change to accommodate conflicts in schedule or special circumstances. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu for the most up to date info.
Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

Tuesday

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts, Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Peshastin Water District, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2, (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

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Closed Sun. 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org
Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village
Call for more information 509-782-3230
Chelan County Historical Society Board meets, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

Chelan County Sheriff’s Report

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Jan 31

15:30:48 Scam, 8623 N Dryden Rd, Dryden,	21:35:29 Welfare Check, 302 Fisher St #105, Cashmere
15:51:36 Property, 132 Titchenal Way; Coleman	
19:40:09 Welfare Check, Railroad Park Cashmere, Ca	
19:40:43 Welfare Check, 5600blk Nahahum Canyon Rd,	
20:28:00 Dui, 5607 Sunset Hwy; Picadilly	
22:28:46 Accident No Inj, Strutzel Rd & Pioneer Way,	

Feb 1

13:42:13 Suspicious, 206 Woodring St# 2, Cashm	11:10:05 Welfare Check, 203 S Division St; Across
00:03:03 Animal Problem, 222 Olive St; Area, Cashmere	11:41:14 Assist Public, 109 Cascade Pl, Cashmere,
20:44:03 Domestic Disturbance, 5902 Sunset Hwy, Cashmere	11:53:54 Accident No Inj, 329 Tigner Rd; Cashmere Hi
21:29:49 Domestic Disturbance, 106 Oak St, Cashmere, Wa	

Feb 2

0:03:03 Animal Problem, 222 Olive St; Area, Cashme Ca
1:26:03 Domestic Distur, 4750 Mission Creek Rd, Cas 5
8:18:20 Theft, 8703 Alice Ave; #2, Dryde 5
17:46:57 Suspicious, River St & Sunset Hwy, Cas Ca

Feb 3

11:10:05 Welfare Check, 203 S Division St; Across
11:41:14 Assist Public, 109 Cascade Pl, Cashmere,
11:53:54 Accident No Inj, 329 Tigner Rd; Cashmere Hi

Feb 4

4:55:12 Assist Public, 8703

Wenatchee Wild announce details for playoff, season ticket packages

By Austin Draude
Wenatchee Wild

WENATCHEE – With the Wenatchee Wild in the hunt for a 2024-25 Western Hockey League playoff spot, the club is doing the appropriate advance planning for the postseason, as well as the 2025-26 season to come.

The Wild are excited to announce details for 2025 playoff packages and 2025-26 season tickets, both of which went on sale to the public last week. Playoff packages are available for \$240, which covers the maximum of 16 possible WHL postseason home games. Playoff packages must be purchased in full – any unused funds covering home playoff games that are not played will be applied first to past unpaid season ticket balances, and then as a deposit for 2025-26 season ticket purchases. Single-game ticket prices in the 2025 WHL playoffs are set at \$20 for any seat in the Town Toyota Center seating bowl, making the purchase of a playoff package a significant savings compared to buying playoff tickets game-by-game at the walk-up price. The on-sale date for single-game playoff tickets will be determined after first-round playoff schedules are set.

2025-26 season tickets are also on sale now, with prices starting at just \$492 for a 34-game regular-season home schedule, and senior and military discounts are available for Wild Zone tickets. Most season ticket prices remain unchanged from 2024-25, further enhancing the value of a season-ticket purchase for hockey fans in the Wenatchee Valley. Season tickets can be reserved with just a \$50 deposit, and payment plans are



LOGAN FINLEY/WENATCHEE WILD
A packed crowd looks on as the Wenatchee Wild take the ice in a recent home game at Town Toyota Center. The Wild announced the beginning of sales for both 2025-26 season tickets and 2025 playoff packages Tuesday morning.

available.

Numerous benefits are available to season ticket holders, including the “Never a Wasted Ticket” program, which allows season ticket holders to exchange unused season tickets for a single-game ticket during the regular season. Season tickets also come with two single-game “buddy passes” that can be used at any time during the regular season, plus discounts on Wild merchandise, an exclusive gift for season ticket holders, and exclusive events and discounts. Season ticket holders also receive early entry to Town Toyota Center on game nights, and discounts on subscriptions to the WHL Live streaming service to watch home and away games. These are in addition to receiving the same seat for every home game at a significant discount from purchasing tickets for each game individually.

To purchase playoff packages or season tickets, or for more information, call the Wenatchee Wild front office at 509-888-7825, stop into the Wild front office at Town Toyota Center during regular business hours, or visit wenatcheewildhockey.com.

Why a WA lawmaker wants to collect data on cow farts and burps

By Jacquelyn Jimenez Romero
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - The latest beef in Olympia? Cow burps, farts, and poops. Washington lawmakers are considering a bill that seeks to gather better data on the scale and scope of methane emissions released by dairies and feedlots in the state.

House Bill 1630 is sponsored by Rep. Lisa Parshley, D-Olympia, who was previously a veterinarian and has a Ph.D. in biochemistry. The bill received a hearing in the House Environment & Energy Committee on Thursday.

“I think data is a very good way to do policy,” Parshley said. “If you don’t have data,

you’re making policy based on assumption.”

Methane is a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide and 37% of methane emissions from human activity come from livestock and agriculture practices, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

During a cow’s digestive process, when food breaks down, it produces methane, which cows emit when they belch or fart. Methane can come from manure as well. Like other greenhouse gases, these emissions can contribute to global warming.

“Monitoring is not going to be looking at individual cows’ farts [or burps], I’m going to call it out because that’s what I’ve been hearing it called,” Parshley said. “We’re not going to ask farms to put things around the cows to measure how much they’re emitting from methane.”

Even so, it may prove challenging to pass this gas-related legislation.

The bill has received explosive opposition from farmers and Republicans, who worry about the burden of data collection. Critics also question whether it’s a step toward taxing cow toots and adding clean air regulations for dairies and cattle operations.

“As a farmer, I’m unsure on how to calculate emissions as farm practices vary greatly across our state, from feed to manure management,” said Leann Krainick, a farmer from Krainick Dairy Farms in Enumclaw.

“Putting a number on this effort would be inequitable,” Krainick added.

However, Parshley said that new techniques developed by the EPA and others would mean dairy farms or feedlots would only have to report the number of cows they have once a year, and what kind of manure process they’re using to estimate the methane levels.

There are also concerns that if the methane reported exceeds certain amounts, farmers could become subject to the state’s Climate Commitment Act, which requires companies

to buy allowances for their air pollution.

Committee staff couldn’t provide a definitive answer as to whether that would be the case. The climate law currently excludes dairy farms and feedlots.

Parshley said the data her bill seeks to gather could help to guide where the state goes from here on the issue of livestock methane emissions. “If that data says this is not significant, we just monitor. If [the data] says it’s significant, it will help us build accurate policy,” Parshley said.

Looking ahead, she said she hopes to build a policy that works toward limiting and capturing the methane because it could financially benefit farmers.

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Cashmere fourth-grade boys win Path to the Podium tournament



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The Cashmere fourth grade boys battled to a first-place finish in the three-day Second Annual Path to the Podium at Brewster played Jan 31-Feb. 2. Along with bragging rights, the hoopsters qualified for the 12th Annual Washington State Middle School Basketball Championships in Spokane on March 14-16. Coaching the boys is Codi Karr.

Illness-stricken Cashmere wrestlers compete at Quincy tournament

QUINCY - The Cashmere Bulldogs girls' wrestling team endured a nasty bug and several wrestlers being absent and still took to the road to face some stiff competition at the Bring Home Da Beef tournament in Quincy, facing schools from around the state.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/FOR WARD MEDIA
Sara Andrade wrestling Chelan's Ashley Hernandez during Quincy's Bring Home Da Beef. Tourney.



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Cora Yearoos, at bottom, wrestling Ameila Ennis of Richland during Quincy's Bring Home Da Beef tournament.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Mac Carlson Freshman Cashmere Boys Basketball

Carlson has made a big impact in his freshman season, starting every game for the Bulldogs, who boast a 15-6 record. Averaging 10 points per game, Carlson has been a key contributor to the team's success. He has hit a team-high 41 three-pointers this season, ranking second in the South Central Athletic Conference (SCAC). Additionally, he leads the team in defensive rebounds with 92.

Coach Heyen: "Mac has had an outstanding freshman season."

Not only is he averaging double figures in scoring, but has been a solid rebounder and is number two on our team in steals. Even as a freshman, he demonstrates great leadership qualities and has a strong understanding of the game. Mac has been a clutch shooter for us in multiple games. He has hit shots late in games to give us leads that help lead to victories in tight games. I'm looking forward to seeing him knock down big shots during our postseason run."



Haile James Sophomore Cashmere Girls Wrestling


Halie James had an exceptional week, leading the CHS girls wrestling team with impressive performances at both the Bring Home Da Beef Invitational and the SCAC Championship Tournament. At the Invitational, James won a team-high three matches by pin, helping the Bulldogs score 10 team points. James also performed well at the SCAC Championship Tournament at Royal, where she won a tough 9-8 decision in the quarterfinals of the 135


lb. bracket, advancing to the semifinals.

Coach James: "After wrestling up at 140 lbs. for most of the season, Halie dropped down to the 135 lb. weight class this week. She showed a lot of grit out there, never giving up. She made a big comeback in her first match late in the third round with a reversal and a pin at Quincy on Saturday. She then went on to wrestle four more matches with two more wins for the Bulldogs."



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African drumming events set for WVC campuses

NCW News
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WENATCHEE—Wenatchee Valley College will host African drumming performances and workshops at its campuses this month as part of Black History Month celebrations, featuring ethnomusicologist Javoen Byrd of The Hawk Foundation. The free events, scheduled for February 18 and 19, will showcase African drumming traditions while supporting the college's student food pantry, Knights Kupboard, through

voluntary donations. Byrd will begin his presentations at the Wenatchee campus on Tuesday, February 18, at 3 p.m. in the Maguire Conference Center located in Mish ee twee. The following day, Wednesday, February 19, he will perform at 6 p.m. in Hazel Allen Burnett Hall on the Omak campus. Each event will feature Byrd's insights into how African drums served as a form of resilience among enslaved communities in the American South. The program includes

a 30-minute interactive drum session open to students and community members, followed by an Afro-folkloric performance combining drums, songs, and dance. The Hawk Foundation for Research and Education in African Culture, where Byrd serves as executive director, is a Washington-based organization that implements West African and African American music in educational programs, team-building exercises, organizational development, and therapeutic applications.



COURTESY OF WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE

Javoen Byrd, executive director of The Hawk Foundation, will present drumming events at Wenatchee Valley College's Wenatchee campus on Feb. 18 and Omak campus on Feb. 19, featuring interactive sessions exploring the historical significance of African drumming in enslaved communities.

Cascadia Conservation District sets February board meeting

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Cascadia Conservation District announced its upcoming Regular Board meeting will offer both in-person and remote attendance options for February 21. The meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the district's Wenatchee office, located

at 1350 McKittrick St., Suite B. Due to space constraints, officials are requiring advance notification for those planning to attend in person. Participants choosing the virtual option can join via telephone or Zoom videoconferencing platform. The conservation district has directed interested parties to their website, cascadiacd.org, for additional

details and connection instructions. Alternatively, residents can contact the District office directly at 509-436-1601 for more information. The Cascadia Conservation District, which serves Chelan County and surrounding areas, regularly holds board meetings to discuss conservation initiatives and district operations.

Link Transit adding airport route, expands East Wenatchee service

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Link Transit is introducing expanded bus service in East Wenatchee, including a new route to Pangborn Airport, adding to public transportation options in the region. The transit authority will implement the changes on October 6, 2025, following a series of public open houses scheduled for mid-February where community members can review the final plans and provide feedback. The service modifications were developed following an October 2024 public survey that garnered more than 300 responses. Transit officials

spent two months analyzing the feedback to create a plan that addressed community needs. Central to the expansion is Route 15, a new service connecting Columbia Station to Pangborn Airport. The existing Route 11 will be redesignated as Route 19 to improve operational efficiency. "These open houses are a great opportunity for the community to meet with Link staff regarding the new plans for East Wenatchee," said Nick Covey, Link Transit CEO. "We've worked hard to develop a service plan that aligns with public input, and we look forward to answering any questions the public may have before we move on to the next phase."

The transit authority will host multiple open houses at two locations. Columbia Station sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, and Tuesday, February 18, with morning sessions from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. and afternoon sessions from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. An additional session will be held at East Wenatchee City Council Chambers on Thursday, February 13, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Link Transit staff will be available at all sessions to address public questions and concerns. Detailed information about the service changes is available on the transit authority's website at www.linktransit.com/upcoming-improvements.

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The Springs

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there. I don't think it's set in, that it's actually like here and open," said LaBelle.

The Springs hosted a soft-opening party the weekend prior to its official open date, drawing in an estimated 250 guests.

"The sentiment was that we had done something nice for the community, which feels really good," said LaBelle. "A woman drew a direct comparison to going out for drinks...She was like, 'It's a lot like going to a bar, in the sense that, like you're meeting people and socializing, but it's like, you're doing something good for the body, and it's healthy.'"

The Springs has the ability to toggle pool temperatures to adjust with the seasons. Sessions include access to a robe, locker and key, and showers. In the future, Scheuer and LaBelle plan to incorporate additional amenities and community events at the facility.

The Springs is located at 200 Zelt Strasse, and is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. during the weekend. The facility is limited to ages 18 and up. Swimwear is required, and flip flops and a water bottle are recommended.

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COURTESY OF ADDY HINK / THE SPRINGS

The Springs staff pose behind the check-in counter. Guests receive a Springs robe and locker key upon arrival, with access to bathrooms and private showers.



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

John Ajax of City of Chelan Community Development, Kaylin Bettinger of Upper Valley MEND and Stephen Neuenschwander of Wenatchee Community Development discuss middle housing as a solution.

Housing

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Recent changes in state laws have targeted single-family zoning, which became commonplace in the 1950s, and are now requiring jurisdictions to explore and allow higher density options for low and moderate income families.

Middle housing types often include accessory dwelling units (ADUs), duplexes, cottage housing, and townhomes. These middle housing options, the panelists explained, can blend in with the existing community,

provide practical living spaces for seniors and small families, and slow urban sprawl.

"Everybody's important to our community, so we want to create housing that's anchored in this that allows for opportunities for lots of different household types and family types to be able to live comfortably," said Kaylin Bettinger, Executive Director of Upper Valley MEND.

The summit also examined creative ways in which affordable housing could be financially supported, such as partnering with local

businesses. For example, Brian Flair, owner of Pioneer Title Co., recently started a new downpayment assistance fund in cooperation with the Community Foundation of NCW and local downpayment assistance programs.

Additionally, Hayden Homes, a private home builder that works in secondary markets across the Northwest, has created a business model that builds middle housing in a percentage of its communities. Additionally, with each sale of a house, the builder contributes a percentage to its nonprofit

First Story, which provides families with affordable homeownership opportunities.

"I'm encouraging the builders that are in the room to think about, how can you change your current product and do some things differently? Because, if the cities are going to come to the table to give you some opportunity to do density, how can you achieve it?" said Deborah Flagan, vice president of community engagement at Hayden Homes.

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Mission Ridge

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Neubauer's connection to Wenatchee predates his professional career, having spent time there with his grandparents during his youth. He relocated to the area in 2021 with his wife, who works in the

local school district, and their two sons.

"We are thrilled to welcome Matt to the Mission Ridge family," said Mission Ridge owner and President Larry Scrivanich. "His extensive experience and commitment to fostering community align perfectly with our resort's mission. I look

forward to working closely with him in the future."

Neubauer expressed his enthusiasm about joining Mission Ridge, stating, "This is truly a dream come true. I'm honored to lead a resort that holds such a special place in our community and in my heart. Together, we will continue to

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Neubauer holds a degree in Mass Communications from Colorado State University Pueblo, where he played Division II soccer before entering the communications field.

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In the Matter of the Estate of: MARTIN GEORGE VENNEBERG, Deceased.
NO. 25-4-00003-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the latter of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
Date of First Publication: 12, February 2025
Personal Representative: Paul Martin Venneberg
Attorney for Personal Representative: Nicholas Yedinak
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DATED this 20th day of December, 2024.
PAUL MARTIN VENNEBERG
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.




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Kid Scoop Together:

Silly Valentine Game

All you need is a small bag or bowl and three or more friends to play with!

Directions:

- ♥ Cut out the coupons below.
- ♥ Fold them in half and put them into a bag, bowl or box.
- ♥ One by one, players select a piece of paper from the container.
- ♥ Two at a time, the players start performing their actions, without laughing. The first person to laugh is out.
- ♥ Repeat this until only one person is left in the game.

Valentine's Day Crafts

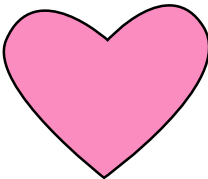
How many hearts can you find on this page in three minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most?

Hearty Mouse

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

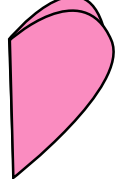
- construction paper
- glue stick
- googly eyes (optional)
- scissors
- black marker

STEP 1:




Cut out a big pink heart.

STEP 2:



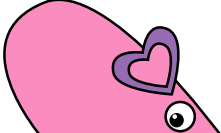
Fold the heart in half.

STEP 3:



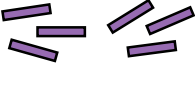
Cut out two smaller hearts.

STEP 4:



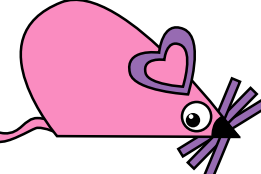
Glue small hearts to make an ear. Glue on a googly eye or draw an eye.

STEP 5:



Cut out six little strips to make whiskers. Cut out a squiggly tail.

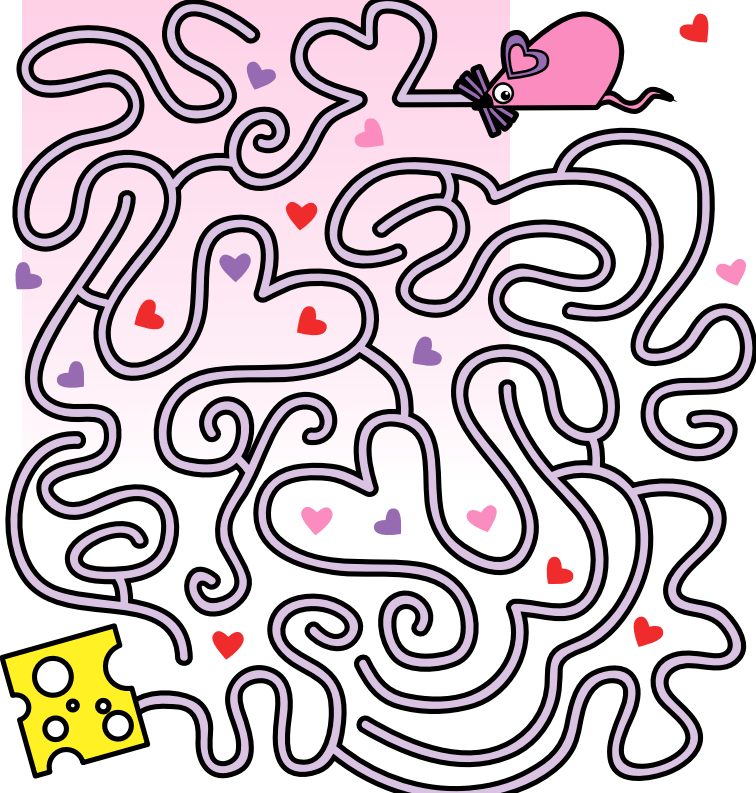
STEP 6:



Glue on whiskers and tail. Use marker to make a black nose.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written step-by-step directions.

Help the mouse reach the cheese.



Love Bugs

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

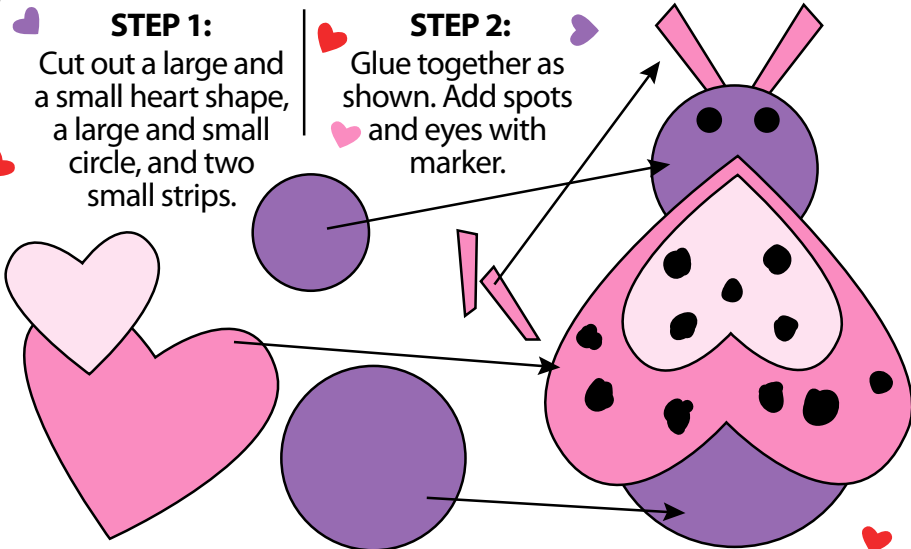
- glue stick
- scissors
- black marker
- construction paper

STEP 1:

Cut out a large and a small heart shape, a large and small circle, and two small strips.

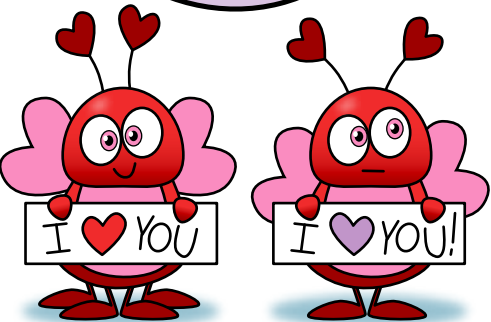
STEP 2:

Glue together as shown. Add spots and eyes with marker.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

How many differences can you spot between these two love bugs?



Valentine Butterfly Pencil Topper

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- scissors
- glue stick
- pencil
- construction paper

STEP 1:

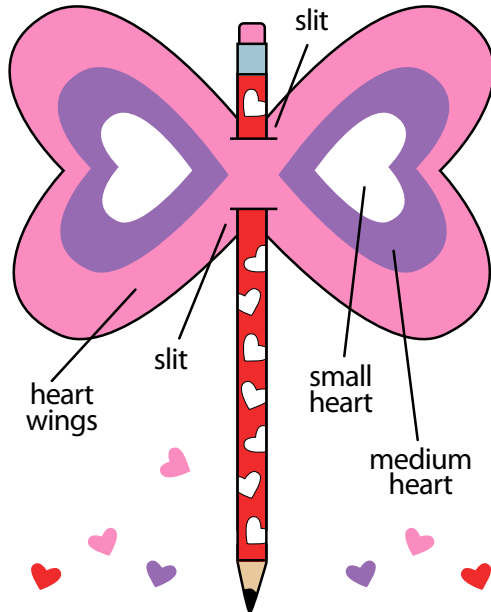
Cut out heart-wing shape, two medium sized hearts and two small hearts.

STEP 2:

Glue a medium and a small heart on each wing.

STEP 3:

Make two small horizontal slits at center of heart wings. Insert pencil through slits.




Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra!

Happy News

Look through the newspaper for one to three pictures, words or articles that make you feel happy.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw a line from each Valentine's Day message to the animal who wrote it.



"You make my heart squeak!"



"I go bananas for you!"



"You make my heart flutter!"



"You're purrrr-fect!!!"



"I hope to sea you on Valentine's Day!"

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

VALENTINE
WHISKERS
MESSAGE
STORIES
FLUTTER
HEARTS
PATENT
SQUEAK
MARKER
PAPER
CANDY
TAIL
DARK
DRAW
BELL

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E	E	N	L	S	H	E	E	E	U
S	W	A	R	D	F	U	R	R	L
N	V	C	K	A	E	U	Q	S	F

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **HORIZONTAL**

The adjective **horizontal** means something that is level with the horizon.

The teacher drew a **horizontal** line across the board.

Try to use the word **horizontal** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

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