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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.

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



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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.

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

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Bruce Williams steps down from Cascade Medical, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust boards



COURTESY OF BRUCE WILLIAMS

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – After 12 years of service, Cascade Medical Board of Commissioners President and Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) Board of Directors member Bruce Williams is stepping down.
“He lives and breathes community service, and we’ve been really fortunate to be the recipient of his thoughts and hard work and commitment,” said Cascade Medical CEO Diane Blake.
When Williams and his wife Gro Buer moved to Leavenworth full-time in 2011, the small yet dedicated community inspired them to engage in a variety of community service efforts.

“There are so many people that have a lot of talent or skills or experience who are community minded, and they volunteer or support the community in so many ways,” said Williams. “It gives you a much stronger sort of sense of community...I think it’s a really great part of Leavenworth.”
Over the years, Buer became involved with various organizations, such as Wenatchee River Institute, Upper Valley MEND, and the Community Foundation of NCW, and created the Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL (English-language learner) Scholarship.
Williams was recruited to the CDLT board and shortly after joined Cascade Medical Board of Commissioners, in addition to his involvement in other organizations.

While serving on CDLT’s board, the organization completed significant conservation projects, including Spiva Butte, Chelan Coulees, the Nason Ridge campaign, and Douglas County working lands conservation easements. Williams served a term as board president and “was a consistent advocate for organizational improvement,” according to CDLT Boardmember Cody Gillin.
“Bruce championed CDLT’s engagement with regional Latine and Indigenous communities. CDLT is grateful for his tireless efforts to conserve the natural lands and waters of North Central Washington,” said Gillin in an email to Ward Media.
During his time with Cascade Medical, Williams focused on improving the board’s governance and structure, such as implementing committee charters and self-evaluations, in order to increase efficiency and effectiveness. Drawing from previous board experience, Williams led with the mindset, ‘good process sets the board free to focus on what’s most important.’
“Bruce really brought all the knowledge and the desire to work collaboratively with the board

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Community Engagement Night draws crowds to Festhalle

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COURTESY OF CITY OF LEAVENWORTH AND ICICLE TV

Dorothy Nilles of the Leavenworth Lions Club shares a laugh with Heidi Swoboda during the City’s Community Engagement Night.

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

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CSD eases tax rate with bond refinancing amid levy renewal requests

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Cascade School District (CSD) successfully refinanced their outstanding 2015 bonds through a public sale of Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2025, on Feb. 4, totaling \$16.4 million.
The district’s move reduces its existing debt and will save taxpayers over \$1.54 million over the next ten years.
“Cascade’s School Board and administration have worked diligently to secure all the pieces necessary to make this a successful bond sale. Success as measured by the ultimate borrowing cost for the bonds. The lower the cost, the

lower the tax burden incurred by our community. All our efforts strive to provide a result that truly honors the community’s support,” said CSD Superintendent Dr. Tracey Edou in a press release.
Akin to levies, bonds play a primary role in local funding measures for school districts, which rely on a combination of federal, state, and local funding. Both levies and bonds are supported by taxpayers and must pass voter approval.
However, while levies support programs and services for students that the state does not fully fund as part of “basic education,” bonds provide funding for building-related projects such as constructing new

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Cascade School District’s decision aims to lower the overall tax burden for district residents.

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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Pink Drinks & Girl Time

Milbrandt Vineyards Tasting Room (821 Front Street) will host a Galentine's Day celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 6-8 p.m. in Leavenworth. "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 and include wine tastings and light appetizers. Ages 21+. Limited to 40 guests.

For more information or tickets, visit milbrandtvineyards.com.

Rising Country Star Performance

Goose Ridge Estate Winery Tasting Room (700 US Hwy 2) 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 is first-come, first-served.

For more information, visit gooseridge.com.

Winter Wildlife Walk

The Wenatchee River Institute will host a snowshoe stroll on Friday, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery (12790 Fish Hatchery Road). "Join WRI naturalist guides on a one-mile snowshoe trail along beautiful Icicle Creek. Even if this is your first time on snowshoes, come along and enjoy this fun outdoor winter program," the event page states.

Snow Biking for Beginners

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will host a Fatbiking 101 class on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Leavenworth Golf Course (9101 Icicle Road). "Learn the basics of taking your bike onto groomed, snowy trails and have fun exploring a winter wonderland in an entirely new way," the event page states. \$40 per person includes fatbike rental and helmet.

Cost is \$25 per person, snowshoes provided. Advanced registration required. Group size limited to 12. Free parking available.

For more information or to register, visit wenatcheeriverinstitute.org.

Advance registration required. Class limited to 8 participants. Dress warmly and bring water.

For more information or to register, visit evergreenmtb.org.

Wine & Chocolate Pairings

Neu Flessenow Cellars (7755 Eagle Creek Road) will host a wine and chocolate tasting on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 4-5:30 p.m. in Leavenworth.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact ruby@neuflessenowcellars.com.

"Join us for a delightful tasting of 4 wines paired with 4 irresistible chocolates, guided by our expert winemaker," the event page states. Tickets are \$35 per person, ages 21+. Advance reservations required. Limited to 12 participants. Follow signs for parking at the upper vineyard lot.

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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.

Terry Ward

From the Publisher

Respectful disagreement but reject submissions that demean or diminish others.

Local Focus: Give priority to issues directly affecting our community. While national issues matter, demonstrate their specific local impact.

Fact-Based Discussion: Support assertions with verifiable facts. Our team will work with you to ensure accuracy.

Fresh Voices: To encourage diverse participation, we limit submissions to one per person per month.

Follow-up Priority: Submissions that thoughtfully respond to previous community conversations receive special consideration.

Collaborative Editing: Our team partner with writers to strengthen their messages while preserving their authentic voice.

Sals for addressing specific local challenges

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Email submissions to: news@ward.media

Include submission category in subject line

First-time contributors: Include brief personal connection to topic

Questions about submission process: terry@ward.media

Your voice shapes our community's future. Every letter, column, and story contributes to a richer understanding of who we are and what we can become together. We're not just printing opinions; we're fostering the conversations that build stronger communities.

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

NCW News
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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. 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.

Bruce Williams

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and with management to make those changes and improvements. And now, we have boards across the state who will reach out and say, 'Hey, how do you guys do this?'" said Blake. In keeping with best practices, Williams made the decision to step down from each of the boards to allow for fresh perspectives and skillsets from new members. However, Williams remains actively involved in local efforts, such as the Icicle Creek Watershed Council and Leavenworth Rotary. "I look forward to seeing what the hospital and what the Land Trust do going forward. I expect they're going to continue doing great things, and it'll be fun to watch that," said Williams. Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media

Submission Guidelines and Community Standards

- Verification and Transparency:** All submissions require your name, address, and phone number. Only name and city are published.
- Constructive Dialogue:** Focus on ideas and issues rather than personal attacks. We encourage

Special Submission Categories

- Youth Voices:** Dedicated space for contributors under 21 to share their community perspective
- Elder Wisdom:** Monthly features from long-time residents reflecting on community evolution
- Solution Spotlight:** Propo-

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Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292.
Alpine Water District, meets at the Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, 1 p.m. Contact Anne Mueller, 425-238-3935.
Ukulele Circle, 5:30- 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet music.
Senior Center, Lunch, Noon, \$8 per meal. Call 509-548-6666 by Tuesday noon to make a reservation.

Thursday

Leavenworth Lions Club, Meetings are 1st Thurs. at 6:30pm and 3rd Thurs. at 9 am at Kristalls Restaurant. For more info contact president Tony Maffey at (509)470-6743.
Peshastin Community Council meeting, 7 p.m. Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)
Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
Parkinson's Support Group Mountain Meadows Assisted Living 320 Park Avenue Leavenworth, WA 98826. Event Date, Last Thursday of every month, time 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Contact Cascade Medical 509-548-3420 x 3873
Find strength in community. Join our People with Parkinson's Support Group for valuable connections, shared experiences, and support. Navigate challenges, celebrate victories, and empower each other on this journey. You are not alone. Join us.

Friday

Veteran Service Office, For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: tony.Sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us
Leavenworth Rotary Club, In person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information.
Senior Center: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

Monday

Upper Valley Free Clinic, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Call UVMEND, 509-548-0408 for more information.
Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm via ZOOM link posted at https://leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/notices-updates/
Cascade School board meetings, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166. (2nd & 4th Mon.)
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

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Cascade Education Foundation, Contact: CEF@cascade.org
LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st Tues.)
Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 p.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leavenworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)
Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.)
The Chelan County Cemetary District #2 (Peshastin) meets monthly at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)
Senior Center, Exercise, 11 a.m-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com
Greater Leavenworth Museum board meeting 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)

NCW Libraries

Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and its Facebook page. Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates.
Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org
Open on Tues., 10-5, Wed., 11-6, Thurs.,10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat., 10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon.
Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St. Call (509) 548-7821 or email peshastin@ncwlibraries.org. Open on Tues., 2-6pm, Wed., 2-6pm. Thurs., 10am-6pm, Fri., 10am-6pm, Sat., 10am-2pm, closed Sun. and Mon.

Meeting Schedules For AA, Alanon, Celebrate Recovery

AA Meetings: Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946. Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AAnon meetings: 509-548-7939, 509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379. Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin. Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave. **Alanon Meetings**, Call 509-548-7939. **Renewed Celebrate Recovery**, Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@gmail.com or 509- 596-1510.

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schools or modernizing existing schools.
Voters approved a 20-year bond in 2015, which has funded the building of Alpine Lakes Elementary and the renovations of Cascade High School and Peshastin-Dryden Elementary. The timing of the refinancing aligns with the district's request for voters to renew the expiring four-year EP&O and capital levies, originally passed in 2021.
“Our communities were very gracious to support the building or renovation of our schools. So, we are also keeping our eye on the overall tax rate, and not only the levy rate, and that’s why we’re trying to refinance our bonds to provide a little bit of relief there,” said Edou to Ward Media.
The CSD board approved the issuance of refunding bonds

during its Nov. 25 meeting. Low interest rates allowed the district to exceed its savings target, with interest rates averaging 3.15 percent on the new bonds, compared to 4.68 percent on the debt that was refinanced.
According to the school district, it was able to achieve this result by its record of “responsible stewardship and financial management.” In Jan. 2025, the district received an ‘A1’ rating from Moody’s, encouraging more interest in investors to buy the bonds and helping the district borrow money at a lower cost for residents. Additionally, its participation in the Washington State School District Credit Enhancement Program provided investors with surety for the repayment of the bonds.

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OBITUARY

Anita McKinney

With love and gratitude, we celebrate the life of Anita McKinney, who passed peacefully at her home, surrounded by family on January 25, 2025, at the age of 89.
Anita was born on March 10, 1935, in Boise, Idaho to Byrd and Mildred McGuire. From the beginning, she carried a warmth and kindness that touched everyone she met. In 1955, she married the love of her life, Vernon, and together they built not just a home, but a haven for family, friends, and the community of Leavenworth. Their front porch became a gathering place, where they spent countless days

and evenings visiting with neighbors, sharing laughter, and taking in the breathtaking mountain views of Tumwater Ridge.
Anita’s heart was always open and never ran out of love to share—to her children, their friends, and the many foster children she and Vernon lovingly guided through life. She had a way of making everyone feel at home, ensuring that no one ever left her table hungry or without a little extra wisdom, smiles, and laughter to carry with them.
Her love for life was evident in the little things: Their front porch became a gathering place, where they spent countless days

crafting puzzles with quiet determination, traveling to new places with Vern, and enjoying her weekly Bridge games with dear friends. She and Vernon were beacons in the community, helping to shape the town’s future while keeping its heart rooted in connection and tradition.
Anita is now reunited with her beloved husband, Vernon; her son, Bob; her parents, Byrd and Mildred; and her brother, Henry. She leaves behind a profound legacy of love in her sons, Andrew of Mount Vernon, WA, and James (Rita) of Leavenworth, WA; her brother, John (Wanda) of Nampa, ID; her four



grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Though she is no longer here in body, her spirit lives on in the people she touched and the town she helped shape.
A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In honor of Anita, take a moment today to sit outside, breathe in the beauty of the world, and share a kind word with a neighbor.

Seven local educators receive art grants for youth programs in Upper Valley

The Leavenworth Echo Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH — Upper Valley Empty Bowls (UVEB) has announced seven recipients for its 2025 Art Grant program, continuing a 28-year tradition of supporting youth arts education in the Cascade School District. The organization, which has distributed more than \$22,000 in art grants since its inception, awarded \$3,000 in funding this year to local educators across multiple schools and artistic disciplines.

The 2025 grant recipients

include Lore Smart for ceramic arts at Icicle River Middle School, and Kerry Siderius, who will implement tie-dye and various art and drama projects at both Icicle River Middle School and Cascade High School.
Additional recipients are Shandra Holm, who will conduct silk screen projects at Home Link; Heidi Flake, developing model magic clay science and art collaborations at PD Elementary; and Amber Zimmerman, who will explore blacklight art at Alpine Lakes.

At Beaver Valley, two

educators received grants: Alexis Ciri for a school-wide “whimsical Wednesday” initiative and Eric Tiegel for fabric marker projects.
UVEB’s history dates back to October 1996, when local potters Nancy Petersen and Jeff Hilton established the organization to combat hunger and foster community engagement through art. The initiative began modestly in Sheila and Carl Bergren’s garage, where volunteers gathered to decorate bowls while serving soup from crockpots connected

to power strips.
In its first year, UVEB awarded \$500 to the Cascade Education Foundation, marking the beginning of its commitment to supporting youth arts programs in the community.
The organization accepts grant applications each fall, with winners announced before the new year. Information about future grant opportunities is available on the organization’s website at www.uvemptybowls.com.

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Cascade holds off Waterville-Mansfield in 58-50 win

LEAVENWORTH - The Kodiaks shook off a pesky Waterville-Mansfield squad, defeating the Shockers 58-50 last Monday night.

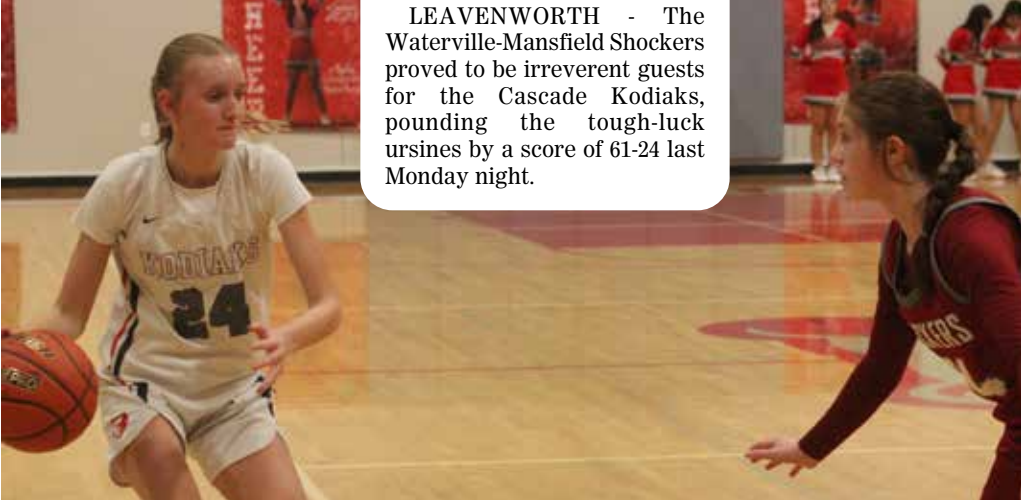


Julian Feeney drives to the basket during the Kodiaks' 58-50 win over Waterville-Mansfield last Monday



Max Spiegel (24) looks for an open teammate, with Ivan Alejandre (10) ready to grab the pass. The Kodiaks beat Waterville-Mansfield 58-50 last Monday night.

Waterville-Mansfield stuns Cascade in 61-24 rout



LEAVENWORTH - The Waterville-Mansfield Shockers proved to be irreverent guests for the Cascade Kodiaks, pounding the tough-luck ursines by a score of 61-24 last Monday night.

Daisy Swart tries to get past a Waterville-Mansfield player last Monday night. The Shockers stunned Cascade 61-24.



Teyva Dillion battles for a rebound in the paint against Waterville-Mansfield. The hoopsters from Douglas County thumped the hosting Kodiaks 61-24.

Cascade 4th-graders take 2nd, earn state berth



COURTESY OF PATH TO THE PODIUM FACEBOOK

The Cascade fourth grade girls fought to a second-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 7-9.

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Thur, Feb 6	Cascade	58	Omak	42	Win
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African drumming events set for WVC campuses

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.

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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.

Link Transit adding airport route, expands East Wenatchee service

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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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Mission Ridge Ski Resort names new general manager

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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.

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



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.

that holds such a special place in our community and in my heart. Together, we will continue to create memorable experiences for our guests and uphold the values that make Mission Ridge unique."

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

Community Engagement Night draws crowds to Festhalle

By CAROLINE MENNA
Ward Media Intern

LEAVENWORTH - The Festhalle was abuzz with activity on the evening of Tuesday, February 4, as the City hosted its Community Engagement Night, an open house event to present information to residents and visitors on various city and partner projects.

The event, which ran from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. welcomed all community members—residents, business owners, and employees alike—to learn more about important ongoing and upcoming projects that will impact the greater area.

In a relaxed, drop-in style setting, attendees had the chance to visit display tables showcasing plans and proposals, such as new City initiatives, Cascade Medical's upcoming Emergency Medical Technicians levy renewal,

increased composting efforts by Winton Mfg., TRIP-Link, a partnership between Trancare and Link Transit to provide free transportation to those in need in Chelan and Douglas Counties, and WSDOT's 2025 project in and around Leavenworth.

City staff, community partners, and project consultants were on hand to answer questions and provide detailed information and brochures.

"We're thrilled to see so many community members engaging with us about the future of Leavenworth," said City Administrator Matthew Selby. "It's important that the City listens to its residents and stakeholders. This event is a wonderful way for us to get together and discuss projects and talk with city staff, organizational staff, and our neighbors."

The City of Leavenworth

featured its new utility rate structure and updates from Parking, Public Works, and Community Development, including the latter's Comprehensive Plan and a potential expansion of the Urban Growth Area.

Highlights from partner projects included Washington State Department of Transportation's Tumwater Canyon slope stabilization plan, summer pavement repair on US 2 through town and on US 97 north of Blewett Pass, installation of a traffic signal on US 2 and Main Street in Peshastin, and surface work at Coles Corner.

A variety of community-driven initiatives were also showcased, including Dolly Parton's Imagination Library hosted by the Chelan Douglas Child Services Association, Winton Manufacturing's Community Composting program, and Cascadia

Conservation District's Prescribed Burning efforts.

The City of Leavenworth began hosting quarterly Community Engagement Nights in November of 2023 to "celebrate the spirit of community" and "offer residents and business owners alike the opportunity to connect, learn, and ultimately engage with City staff and agency partners."

Held at the Festhalle, with free parking in surrounding lots, the event offers a family-friendly atmosphere with pizza, snacks, and childcare services. The Kinderplatz provides activities to keep young children entertained while their parents learn about the latest developments in and around the city.

"We always like having a presence at the City's Community Nights because it gives us the chance to chat with residents of Leavenworth

The Springs

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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 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.

and share updates," said Amanda Close, the Education and Outreach manager for Waste Loop, the non-profit that manages Leavenworth Recycling Center in partnership with the City. "It allows people to ask us questions regarding the recycling center and our other programs. It's a nice way to connect."

As the evening wrapped up, the positive energy and feedback from attendees underscored the success of the event. The City looks forward to future events, including the next Community Engagement Night on May 6th, that continue to build on this strong sense of community collaboration.

Caroline Menna is an intern for Ward Media and a senior at Cascade High School, where she serves as Editor-in-Chief of the school's Publications Group.

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Andi Zontek-Backstrum, PO Box 287 Leavenworth, WA 98826, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit. The proposed project, Water Transmission Main Replacement, is located at Icicle Rd in Leavenworth in Chelan County. This project involves 3.03 acres of soil disturbance for Highway or Road, Utilities construction activities. The receiving waterbody is Wenatchee River. Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in

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City of Leavenworth
700 US Hwy 2
Leavenworth, WA 98826
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City of Leavenworth for construction of the Water Transmission Main Replacement project. Work to be performed includes: Installing ductile iron 24" watermain and associated fittings, water services, hydrants, valves, and connections to existing main between the bridge over the Wenatchee River on Icicle Road and the intersection of Mill Street and US 2. This work shall include, but is not limited to all roadway restoration required due to the nature of the watermain work. This project also includes minor telemetry upgrades to the City's existing well site. Bid proposals will be received only at Leavenworth City Hall, 700 US 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826 by 2:00:59 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at which time they will be opened, read, and tabulated publicly. Proposals received after the time fixed for opening will not be considered. Contract documents may be purchased on www.questcdn.com for \$22.00, nonrefundable, under project #9517335. Addenda will be published only through the online bidding service. Bidders that do not purchase a bid set will not automatically be notified of addenda and will need to periodically check the on-line plan room for addenda. A voluntary pre-bid walkthrough of the City's wellsite will take place on February 12th, 2025 at 2:00 PM. An informational copy of the contract documents is on file for inspection at the City of Leavenworth. Direct questions regarding the contract documents to Cai Yamamoto, RH2 Engineering, Inc., (509) 398-3194, cayamamoto@rh2.com.

writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320. Comments can be submitted to: ecyreview@ecy.wa.gov, or ATTN: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater Washington State Department of Ecology P.O. Box 47696 Olympia, WA 98504-7696
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The City of Leavenworth hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into, pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to the invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award. The City of Leavenworth is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. All work performed on the project will be subject to state prevailing wage rates. Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check, postal money order, or surety bond in an amount equal to at least 5 percent of the amount of such bid proposal. Make checks payable to the City of Leavenworth. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance and payment bond within the time stated in the Specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the City of Leavenworth. The City of Leavenworth reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the bid or the bidding. No bidder may withdraw their proposal after the hours set for the opening thereof, or before award of contract, unless said award is delayed for a period exceeding 60 calendar days. This project is funded through the Washington State Public Works Board (PWB) program with state funds. PWB requirements and provision must be met by the general contractors and all the subcontractors. All contractors and subcontractors must be licensed in the state of Washington to conduct business. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 5, 12, 2025, #9362

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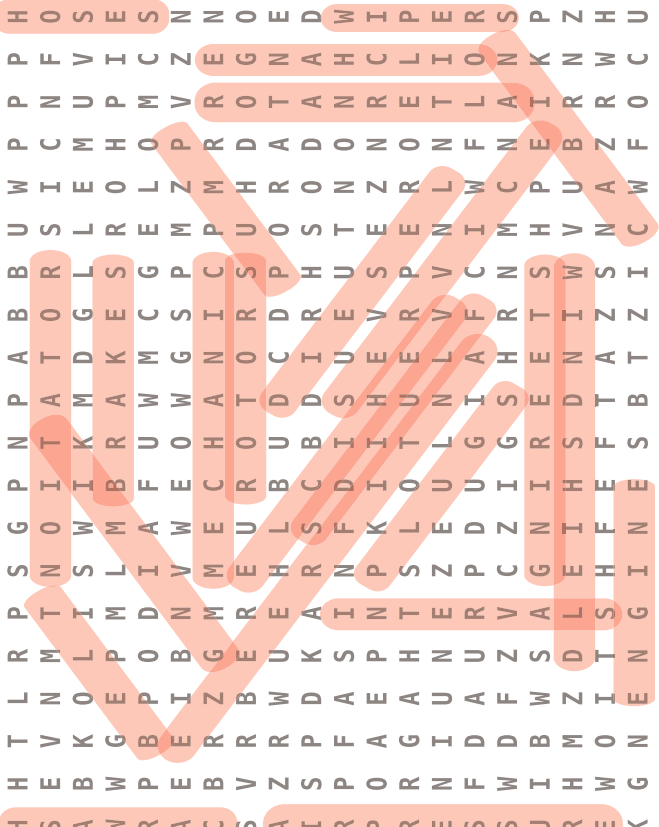
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
CHELAN
In the Matter of the Estate of:
MARTIN GEORGE VENNEBERG,
Deceased.
NO. 25-4-00003-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

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
Address for Mailing of Service: 435 Orondo Avenue
P.O. Box 1667
Wenatchee, WA 98807-1667
DATED this 20th day of December, 2024.
PAUL MARTIN VENNEBERG
Personal Representative
KOTTKAMP, YEDINAK & ESWORTHY, P.L.L.C.
Attorneys for Estate
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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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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.

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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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 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.



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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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 hope to sea you on Valentine's Day!"



"You make my heart flutter!"



"You're purrrr-fect!!"



"I go bananas for you!"

Double Double Word Search

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Valentine's Day Dot-to-Dot

On one page of the newspaper find and circle the letters that spell the words, "Happy Valentine's Day!" Then connect the dots to make a design. Color in the design.

Standards Link: Hand-eye coordination.

Write On!

Animal Valentine's Day Messages

If you were an animal, what would be your Valentine wish? A python might want to be your favorite "squeeze." Or a cat might be purrrr-fect for you.

Scratch your armpit and hop on one leg.

Sing your favorite song as if you are underwater.

Sing the ABCs backwards in the style of an opera singer.

Make a silly face and stand still like a statue.

Lift a pillow, pretending it weighs 1,000 pounds.

Rub your tummy and pat your head.

Pick up a pencil with your toes.

Pretend to swim across the floor.

Play air guitar while making silly faces.

Pretend to sink in a huge bin of stinky socks.

Pretend to slip on a banana peel in slow motion.

Flap your arms like a bird and moo like a cow.

Balance on one leg while singing Happy Birthday.

Pretend to be a dinosaur stuck in bubble gum.

Walk like a robot whose battery is low.

Walk like a penguin.

Touch your nose with your tongue.

Pretend to climb a tree that's 1,000 feet tall.

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