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Chelan firefighters prepare for Seattle Firefighter Stairclimb with local fundraiser



COURTESY OF CHELAN FIRE AND RESCUE
Last year Chelan Fire and Rescue members raised over \$11,000 dollars for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in the Annual Stair Climb Fundraiser. This year they hope to raise \$15,000. From left to right are Joe Cox with South County Fire, and from Chelan Fire and Rescue: Chris Colbert, Sam Belsky, Duke Odenrider, Stephanie Preheim, Captain Taylor Rains.

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – Chelan Fire and Rescue firefighters are preparing to take on the Seattle Firefighter Stairclimb, an annual fundraiser benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in March.

To support their participation, local winery Hard Row to Hoe is

hosting a fundraising event on Feb. 22 from 2 to 5 p.m., featuring an auction and raffle with donations from local businesses.

The Seattle Firefighter Stairclimb is scheduled for March 9 at the Columbia Center in Seattle. Participants climb 69 flights of stairs or 1,356 steps and gain 788 feet in elevation, all while wearing full firefighting gear weighing approximately 65 pounds.



COURTESY WAYNE WORZELLA
Last year, Hard Row to Hoe in Manson held a fundraising bash for the Chelan Fire & Rescue firefighters who participated in the annual LLS Seattle Firefighter Stair Climb. This year the winery will again hold the fundraiser for Chelan firefighters on Feb. 22 from 2-5 p.m. In attendance were left to right: Sparky, Captain/EMT Taylor Rains, Firefighter/EMT Sam Belsky, and Firefighter/EMT Stephanie Preheim.

Chelan Firefighters Local has been sending a team to the event nearly every year for the past decade, with 2025 marking their sixth consecutive year of participation.

This year, six firefighters from Chelan will compete: Captain Taylor Rains, Firefighter/EMT Sam Belsky, Firefighter/EMT Duke Odenrider, Firefighter/EMT Brandon Fogelson, Firefighter/EMT Chris Colbert, and

Firefighter/EMT Houston Stodghill.

“It is safe to say that cancer has impacted everyone in some way, and many of us personally know someone affected by leukemia,” Belsky said.

“During the climb, many participants honor their loved ones by placing pictures on their helmets of those currently battling or who have

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City of Chelan launches new text alert system

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CHELAN – The City of Chelan announced the launch of a new text-based alert system designed to provide residents and visitors with real-time emergency notifications and community updates.

The Chelan Community Alerts system allows subscribers to receive SMS text messages about severe weather alerts, road closures, and community announcements by texting ‘Chelan’ to 38276.

“We are committed to keeping our community informed and prepared,” said Chad Coltman, Director of Communications for the City of Chelan. “Chelan Community Alerts is a fast and convenient way to receive essential information directly on your mobile device.”

The initiative is part of the city’s broader strategy to increase community engagement in 2025.

Officials say the system aims to foster stronger connections with residents through accessible and inclusive communication methods, ensuring early and consistent involvement on key issues affecting the community.

Subscribers maintain control over their participation, with the ability to opt out at any time by replying STOP to received messages.

12 Tribes Casino donation supports student reading initiative



COURTESY LAKE CHELAN ROTARY CLUB
Representatives from 12 Tribes Lake Chelan Casino present a \$1,000 donation to Lake Chelan Rotary Club’s Book Buddies program outside the casino entrance. Tom Jensen, Book Buddies Volunteer Coordinator, and Valerie Rohrich accept the contribution that will support childhood literacy programs at Chelan and Manson elementary schools. [SEE STORY ON PAGE B2](#)

Manson organizations unite to form community visioning coalition

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MANSON – Three leading community organizations in Manson announced the formation of the Manson One-Voice Coalition, launching a yearlong initiative aimed at developing a unified vision for the town’s future.

The coalition, formed through a partnership between the Manson Chamber of Commerce, Manson Community Council, and the Historic Manson Main Street Association, will be funded by a grant from the Port of Chelan.

The project will be facilitated by

Dan Earnisse, an economic development and real estate consultant, who has been contracted to gather community input and guide the visioning process.

Earnisse will conduct stakeholder interviews via phone and Zoom, supplementing written responses from community members. The coalition plans to hold public meetings later in the year to discuss findings face-to-face.

The initiative represents a collaborative effort between key com

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Chelan’s TLC for Seniors becomes independent nonprofit

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – Chelan Valley’s Tender Loving Care (TLC) for Seniors is a newly independent nonprofit dedicated to helping seniors live independently by providing free, volunteer-driven support, including transportation, social activities, and companionship.

“We want every single senior that feels lonely in the valley to know they have a friend and that we are there for them, and so that is our main focus, making sure that they know they matter and that they’re not forgotten, and that they’re really important in our community,” TLC Executive Director Sandy Zimchek said

“The services we provide are very individualized, so it can be as basic as somebody wanting somebody to come play cards with them once a week,” Zimchek said. “Or it could be as much as I need to go to doctor’s appointments this week. I need to go get groceries, or we need to go get my prescriptions.”

TLC ensures that elderly individuals who have lost family or friends, or whose loved ones live far away, feel valued and supported through volunteer-driven companionship and care.

“If someone’s family has all passed on, or their friends are gone, or their family was far away, but they want to stay in Chelan, and you know, their family might visit a couple times a year, but other than that a lot of their friends are gone and so we really focus on making sure that they know that they matter to us,” Zimchek said.

Because the services are volunteer it’s not the same as when someone is paid to take care of the individual. It is different when someone gives their free time, she said.

“It’s a different experience,” she said. “Our volunteers go through a lot of training. They specialize in making a difference in someone’s life in a positive way.”

“We try to find out what they miss doing and that kind of stuff, to see if there’s a way we can help and that’s really pretty special,” she said.

Services are confidential and always free. There are no financial requirements to qualify for services. The only requirements are that the individual be over 60 or disabled.

Since its formation in 2017, TLC has operated under the fiscal sponsorship of Chelan Valley Hope. However, the organization transitioned to independent nonprofit status in January 2025.

For the past year and a half, the organization has been working toward becoming an independent nonprofit after years of support from Chelan Valley Hope. The transition allows them to apply for grants and access new opportunities that were unavailable under fiscal sponsorship. Chelan Valley Hope played a crucial role in guiding them through the process, offering expertise and resources to ensure a smooth transition.

Now, TLC has built a strong board and a dedicated team of volunteers, many of whom bring valuable business and administrative experience. Volun-

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COURTESY OF TENDER LOVING CARE
Every year TLC holds a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ to recognize all of the volunteers who make it possible for TLC to support seniors.



COURTESY OF TENDER LOVING CARE
Chelan Valley’s Tender Loving Care (TLC) for Seniors is a nonprofit organization dedicated to combating loneliness for seniors. From left to right are former TLC director Claudia Swenson, a volunteer, TLC’s Executive Director Sandy Zimchek, and volunteer Susan Fisher.

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If you have an exciting event to share, email Reporter Quinn Propst at quinn@ward.media. We'll showcase the five most captivating events of the week, giving your event the recognition it deserves. Even if your event isn't among the top five, it will still be added to our events calendar and featured online. Don't miss this chance to make your event shine!

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Galentine's Day Candle Making

Hard Row to Hoe Vineyards (300 Ivan Morse Road, Manson) will host a candle-making workshop with Gilded Moon on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5-7 p.m.

"Design your own unique, fragrant candle perfect for Valentine's Day," the event page states. Tickets are \$65 and include all materials, one custom candle, a glass of sparkling wine, and light appetizers. Limited to 15 participants. Ages 21+.

For more information or reservations, visit hardrow.com.

Valentine's Card Making

The Cove (806 W. Manson Hwy., Chelan) will host a card-making workshop on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5:30-8 p.m.

"Create your own unique Valentine's cards using our provided art supplies and materials," the event page states. Tickets are \$20 per person, ages 13 and up. Limited to 25 participants. All materials included. Free street parking available.

For more information or tickets, visit bit.ly/3CqwTCc.

Red Wine & Chocolate

Cairdeas Winery (31 Winesap Avenue, Manson) will offer special wine and chocolate pairings on Friday, Feb. 14, from 12-5 p.m.

"Intrigue Chocolate Co. has meticulously crafted four specially paired chocolate truffles to complement our red wines," the event page states. Tasting flight is \$25 per person, ages 21+. Walk-ins welcome, reservations recommended for groups of 6 or more.

For more information or reservations, visit GoodKarmaWines.com.

Karma Vineyards Valentine's Dinner

Karma Vineyards (1681 S. Lakeshore Road, Chelan) will host their "Love is in the Fare" dinner on Friday, Feb. 14, from 6-9 p.m.

"Join us for a luxurious multi-course experience with indulgent dishes, wine pairings, and decadent desserts," the event page states. Tickets are \$150 per person, includes wine pairings. Advance reservations required. Ages 21+. Complimentary valet parking provided.

For more information or reservations, visit GoodKarmaWines.com.

A Warm Winter Weekend

The Merc Playhouse (101 S Glover Street, Twisp) will host the Methow Valley Chamber Music Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15-16, from 7-9 p.m.

"Experience Ravel's Piano Trio performed by Artistic Director Kevin Krentz on cello, Helen Kim on violin, and Paige Molloy on piano," the event page states. Tickets are \$30 adults, \$15 students. Reserved seating available. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For more information or tickets, visit MethowMusicFestival.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



From the Publisher

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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.

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 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.

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:** Proposals for addressing specific local challenges
- Dialogue Bridges:** Paired columns presenting different viewpoints on community issues

How to Participate

- 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.

Let's talk.

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

NCW News / Ward Media

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 fi-

nancial 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.

Ruby Theatre to screen century-old silent films with rare musical accompaniment

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CHELAN – The historic Ruby Theatre is set to showcase a rare collection of century-old silent films on Thursday, February 13, offering viewers a glimpse into cinema's earliest era.

The Valentine's-themed event, "Silent Film Shorts For Valentines," will feature works from pioneering filmmakers Charlie Chaplin, Hal Roach, and Walt Disney during his tenure at Newman Studios in Kansas City. The program also includes the 1908 French production "A Very Fine Lady."

Adding to the authentic-

ity of the presentation, the films will be accompanied by live music from "Valentina," the theater's 105-year-old Wurlitzer Photoplayer. The Ruby's photoplayer may be the only operational unit still in use in a theater setting, marking a significant preservation of early cinema technology.

The screening illustrates a unique convergence of film history, as many of these shorts were originally shown at the Ruby Theatre during their initial release over a century ago. During the early 20th century, photoplayers were standard equipment in

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Death Announcements

Eugene Christopher Ramos

Eugene Christopher Ramos of Chelan, Washington passed away on February 06, 2025.

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Community Bulletin Board

Local, Regional Community News & Events

Any non-profit 501(c)-(3) group, person(s). Must provide: full name, city, phone number. Items pertaining to local events that are free or minimum charge. Garage and Yard Sale Ads are paid events. To submit info call **509-682-2213** or email:ruth@ward.media

Meetings

Monday

American Legion #108: First Monday, 7 p.m., Manson Parks & Recreation Building, 142 Pedio St. Contact: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

Manson Grange Youth Fairs Program: Third Monday, 6 p.m., Manson Grange Building, youth 5th-8th grade. Contact: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

Family and friends Support Group: Third Monday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620

Tuesday

Manson Community Council: Third Tuesday, 6 p.m., Manson Parks Department, 142 Pedi St. In person or JOIN ZOOM MEETING: Meeting ID: 865 5396 3012, Passcode: 98831: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86553963012?pwd=feCLUIQkf3Z2tGEGDFVAcEHpFI6AB1>

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group: Second Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

Lake Chelan Health Hospital board meeting: Fourth Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., board room at Lake Chelan Health, 110 S. Apple Blossom Drive, in person or via the internet. Agenda, login information: lakechelan-health.org

Manson Grange: Fourth Tuesday, 5 p.m., Manson Grange Hall on Wapato Way. Contact: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

Wednesday

TOPS® Chapter Paves the Way to Healthy Lifestyle: Weekly on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. TOPS® chapter (weight loss support group) meetings at Lake Chelan United Methodist Church, located at 206 N. Emerson St. Attendees should use the side entrance of the church between the Lake Chelan Health Express Care Clinic and the church. TOPS empowers people to stop dieting and start creating healthy, enjoyable lifestyle habits that will work for them over the long haul.

Manson Fire Dept. Board of Commissioners: Second Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., Station #51 - 250 West Manson Blvd., Manson. Meetings are in person. Contact: Reggie Trusel, Administrative Assistant, 509-687-3222. Agenda at mansonfire.org

Chelan Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners: Third Wednesday, 3 p.m., Station #71, 232 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan. Meetings are in person and are held via ZOOM you can follow the link: <https://us02web.zoom>.

us/j/87284665516. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 872 8466 5516 or dial +1 253 215 8782/ Contact: Misty Fifield, Administrative Assistant, 509-682-4476. Agenda at chelan7.com

Death Cafe Chelan: Third Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Chelan Public Library, 216 N. Emerson Street. Contact: Concie Luna or Vita Monteleone at monte419@nwni.net.

Thursday

Lake Chelan Lions Club: First and Third Thursdays, 9 a.m., Manson Parks Building, 142 Pedoi St.

Chelan Cancer Support Group: First Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Chelan Health Hospital. Lunch (purchase from hospital cafe)/meeting in Bragg Room. Meetings are open to anyone impacted by cancer. Including: patients, survivors, caregivers, family members and especially those who are recently diagnosed. It is also open to folks wanting to learn ways to support someone affected by cancer. It's a place where members can offer advice, share coping strategies, and build relationships along their journey. More info: Anne Brooks, 509-682-8718.

Chelan Valley Republican Women: (CVRW) will be holding their February 2025 meeting at Radiance Winery in Downtown Manson on Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speakers will be Kim Huddins, Director of Mountain View Women's Health (formerly Life Choices). Kim is a passionate advocate for women obtaining evidence-based health services, education and support. Mountain View Women's Health is a non-profit clinic that provides custom-tailored services from a team of licensed medical professionals. Also, come hear Richard Kone speak on "Constitutional Money" - be ready when banks are not available and be prepared with cash, gold and silver in times of emergency. Guests and non-members are welcome. Men are always welcome. Come early to enjoy Radiance's great food and wines.

Family Caregivers/Support Group: Third Thursday, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Coldwell Banker Board Room, 216 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan.

Free Blood Pressure Checks: Chelan Valley Community Nurse program provide free, bi-weekly (Thursday., Feb. 6) blood pressure checks to everyone in the valley, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Chelan Senior Center, 534 E. Trow Avenue, Chelan. For info: Catharine at 509-679-9059, email: chelan-valleycommunitynurse@gmail.com. You will be provided a wallet size record card to share with your physician if desired.

Saturday

VFW #6853 Post Coffee/Donuts, Every Saturday, 9-11 a.m., 427 S. Bradley Street, donuts, coffee and conversation.

Other Events

Chelan Valley Hope: 2025 Point In Time Count: We wrapped up the 2025 Point In Time (PIT) Count at Chelan Valley Hope on January 30 and we want to thank everyone who made it a success. Staff and volunteers helped provide warm weather supplies, hygiene items, and a hot meal to our community members in need. Our case managers and volunteers also connected with individuals in the field to make sure everyone had a chance to hear about our offerings and receive free supplies. A special thanks to County Line for catering hearty meals for all who attended. We were successfully able to offer vital resources and collect important demographic surveys. We greatly appreciate those who participated, and we're grateful for the volunteer and staff support that made this event possible.

SAIL Exercise Classes: SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life) fitness classes are offered at Chelan Senior Center on Monday and Wednesday, 1:15 p.m. Evening SAIL classes are Monday and Thursday evenings, 5:30 p.m., Chelan Senior Center. SAIL classes are offered to residents of Heritage Heights Assisted Living on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m.

Chelan Senior Meals: Served at Chelan Senior Center, 534 E. Trow Avenue, Monday-Friday. Suggested donation for seniors over age 60 is \$5. Fee for persons under age 60 is \$12. Call 509-888-4440 to reserve meals 24 hours in advance. For information about Home Delivered Meals call 509-470-0522. Visit their website at www.octn.org. Follow them on Facebook.

Food Bank food distribution: Lake Chelan Food Bank food giveaway Saturday and Tuesday, 9 - 10 a.m. Drive through distribution at 417 S. Bradley Street. Families are limited to one box per week. Information: lakechelanfoodbank.org Non perishable food donations may be dropped off at the Lake Chelan Mirror office, 131 Apple Blossom Drive, Suite 109 (Chelan Business Center).

Household hazardous waste drop off: Chelan County Moderate Risk Waste Facility on Highway 97A in Wenatchee. Open the first Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Open Tuesday through Friday at the same hours. Free service to Chelan County residents. For the list of items that the facility does, and does not accept, go to <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/solid-waste-management/pages/household-hazardous-wastes>.



From Your Board of Commissioners

Dear Community Members,

As 2024 has come to a close, we would like to express our gratitude for your steady support and engagement with your Hospital District throughout the year. We also want to share key accomplishments that Lake Chelan Health achieved due to the expertise and dedication of our employees and affiliates, as well as other important news.

The Washington State Hospital Association recognized Lake Chelan Health with the Rural Quality Everyday Extraordinary Award for its Aggregate Quality Score. The Aggregate Quality Score measures organization-wide quality of care and patient satisfaction.

LifeNet Health honored Lake Chelan Health Hospital with the Tissue Donation Standards of Excellence Award. This respected award recognizes the hospital's unwavering commitment and efforts to achieve and sustain high standards in initiating the tissue donation process to save and enhance patients' lives in the region.

The American Heart Association presented the Mission: Life-line® EMS Gold with Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll Achievement Award to Lake Chelan Health Emergency Medical Services for proven dedication to best practices and life-saving care for people with heart attacks and strokes in the Lake Chelan Valley.

This past year, we were saddened by the loss of our associates who passed away. They will be remembered for their compassionate service to patients and their friendship and collaborative efforts with us at Lake Chelan Health.

Also, the Administration and Board set specific parameters and goals to achieve to award performance bonuses to the employees of Lake Chelan Health. Many of these goals were met and exceeded and for the first time we were able to award an organizational wide year-end bonus for their exceptional work in providing exceptional care to our community.

Looking ahead to the new year, we are excited about new and expanded services and facilities that will enable us to continue to offer you high quality healthcare close to home.

- The new Hospitalist program begins in January and will provide round-the-clock care for patients in the hospital, as well as consultations and training for the UW Rural Family Residency Program.
- More Family Practice, Speech Therapy, Dermatology and Pediatric services will be offered.
- Your new Specialty Care Clinic will open at the Apple Blossom Center this Spring to provide specialty medical services close to your hospital.
- We will break ground this fall for your new EMS facility on the hospital campus. As well as a new home to EMS, this facility will also provide much needed training and conference room areas.

We wish you a happy and healthy New Year and look forward to continuing to provide the quality healthcare our community deserves.

Board of Commissioners, Lake Chelan Health

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Lori Withrow, Vice Chair

Doug Gibson, Member

Mary Murphy, Secretary

Chelan County Sheriff Report

January 31

219:18 Dui, E Woodin Ave & N Robinson
258:58 Dui, Sr 150 & Lenore Dr, Chelan
8:55:09 Juvenile Proble, 2650 Entiat Way; Entiat Sc
10:38:38 Animal Problem, 383 Foggy Canyon Rd, Chela
10:40:57 Welfare Check, 509 E Gibson Ave# 23, Che
11:34:51 Theft, 817 E Woodin Ave; Bills Cu
13:00:28 Parking/Abandon, 200blk W Highland Ave, Che
13:11:03 Assist Public, 8310 Entiat River Rd, Enti
20:12:39 Traffic Offense, W Nixon Ave & N Cedar St,
21:21:47 Court Order Vio, 323 E Sayles St, Chelan, W

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14:11:18 911, 6417 Entiat River Rd, Ent!
14:19:41 Welfare Check, 410 Sr 150 # 18, Chelan St
15:10:41 Welfare Check, E Chelan Ave & N Emerson S
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15:30:43 Civil, 1173 Union Valley Rd, Chel
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19:40:57 Warrant, Lakeshore Dr & Chelan Pl,
02:04:55 Dui, 170 Malbec Ln, Manson, Wa
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nut St, Chelan, Wa
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4:39:35 Trespass, 455 Wapato Lake Rd; 12 Tri Ma
6:30:35 Suspicious, 229 W Highland Ave# 1/2, Ch
9:54:18 Miscellaneous, 207 N Emerson St; ChoFc, C Ch
14:01:51 Alarm, 115 Pinot Noir Ln, Manson, Ma
14:27:32 Trespass, 485 W Manson Rd; Don Morse Ch
23:24:43 Suspicious, 726 N Markeson St# 121, C Ch

February 3

10:48:58 Civil, 226 Manson Blvd, Manson, W
12:03:01 Theft, 310 W Manson Rd; Red Apple
12:35:33 Parking/Abandon, 420 E Woodin Ave, Chelan,
16:49:21 Trespass, 692 Hyacinth Rd, Manson, W
February 4
5:42:36 Assist Public, 505 E Highland Ave; Herita
8:27:00 Accident Injury, Wapato Lake Rd & Upper Joe
12:59:30 911, 110 S Apple Blossom Dr; La
21:55:09 Warrant, Sr 150 Mp3, Manson, Wa
09:22 Civil, 10 S Madeline Rd; Bay View
February 5
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11:22:28 Suspicious, 319 W Gibson Ave, Chelan
11:55:17 Welfare Check, 225 W Campbell Ave #B, Chelan
11:57:08 Suicide Threat, 17196 Entiat River Rd, Entiat
13:16:20 Welfare Check, 214 Chelan Ave, Chelan Falls
19:53:22 911 Call, 106 W Manson Rd; Safeway
21:47:46 Dui, W Woodin Ave & N East Center
22:07:35 Welfare Check, 4727 Entiat River Rd, Entiat

February 6
04:25:30 Welfare Check, 444 Hilltop Pl, Chelan
06:32:37 Parking/Abandoned, 2670 Sumac Ln, Lake Chelan
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09:25:54 Sex Offense, Manson
10:46:28 Drugs, 1000 Totem Pole Rd, Manson
15:49:39 Drugs, 250 S Quetilquasoon Rd, Wapato
15:56:30 Trespass, 216 W Manson Rd, Starbuck
16:26:50 Property, 85 Wapato Way, Manson Post Office
19:06:17 Traffic Offense, E Allen Ave & N Bradley St
22:13:58 Suspicious, Mad River Rd & Entiat River Rd

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CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL

SCOREBOARD BASKETBALL - BOYS					
Tue, Feb 4	Chelan	47	Lake Roosevelt	53	Loss

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Tue, Feb 4	Chelan	63	Lake Roosevelt	41	Win



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Fri, Feb 7	Entiat	36	Oroville	44	Loss

SCOREBOARD BASKETBALL - GIRLS					
Tue, Feb 4	Entiat	57	Moses Lake Christian Academy	30	Win
Fri, Feb 7	Entiat	41	Oroville	51	Loss

MANSON HIGH SCHOOL

SCOREBOARD BASKETBALL - BOYS					
Tue, Feb 4	Manson	67	Cascade	48	Win
Thu, Feb 6	Manson	52	Tonasket	68	Loss

SCOREBOARD BASKETBALL - GIRLS					
Tue, Feb 4	Manson	39	Cascade	45	Loss
Thu, Feb 6	Manson	38	Tonasket	53	Loss

Chelan's Reed pins fourth place at Quincy wrestling tournament

QUINCY – The Chelan Goats battled myriad rivals during the Bring Home Da Beef girls wrestling tournament.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
Ashley Hernandez wrestling Cashmere's Sara Andrade at the Bring Home Da Beef tournament in Quincy. Hernandez beat Andrade 11-3.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
Lily Reed in action against Kalleee Castillo of Ephrata. Reed brought home a fourth place finish at 145 lbs, at the Bring Home Da Beef girls wrestling tournament in Quincy last weekend. Reed beat Castillo by pin.

They even managed to bring home some hardware, with one of their wrestlers taking fourth place.

Entiat sixth grade girls secure state tournament berth with second-place finish



COURTESY OF PATH TO THE PODIUM FACEBOOK
The Entiat sixth grade girls emerged with a second-place finish at last weekend's Second Annual Path to the Podium basketball tournament in Brewster. The win qualified the girls to play in the 12th Annual Washington State Middle School Basketball Championships in Spokane, March 7-9.

Chelan firefighters

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passed away, dedicating the climb to them.”

“Throughout the 69 floors, countless pictures of people from all over the US who are either fighting or have lost their battle,” he said. “It is a great reminder of why events like these are important - awareness and research truly save lives. We are honored to be able to take part in this event and support those in need.”

Last year, the Chelan team raised more than \$11,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Their 2025 goal is to increase that amount to \$15,000.

“Our event would not be possible without the amazing support we receive from local businesses who continue to donate items to our auction and raffle,” Belsky said.

This year's fundraising kickoff took place during the Chelan Winterfest, where firefighters climbed a stair machine in full gear outside Lake Chelan Sports and raised more than \$2,000.

Hard Row to Hoe winery hopes to build on that success with their fundraising, featuring auction items and raffle prizes donated by local businesses, including Elevate, Wenatchee Wild, Mission Ridge, Skydive Chelan, and many more, said Jasmine Shattuck with Hard Row to Hoe Winery.

“This event is aimed at raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society,” Shattuck said. “We will have live music by Mac Potts, food from Toast ‘n’ Buggy, and auction items donated from across the Valley.”

“As Sam mentioned, this is a great cause because we all know someone who has been affected by cancer or has experienced its impact firsthand,” she said. “This will be a family-friendly event, fea-

turing fire trucks, Sparky the dog, s'mores, and some of our firefighters for the community to meet and hang out with.”

The winery hopes to grow the auction and make it an annual event to support Chelan firefighters in fundraising efforts.

“It is open to the public, and we hope to do everything we can to help those in need,” Shattuck said.

For more information on the event, contact Chelan Fire and Rescue at (509) 682-4476.

Quinn Propst: 509-731-3590 or quinn@ward.media.

Chelan Firefighter and EMT Sam Belsky celebrates the completion of his climb to the top of Seattle's Columbia Tower at last year's Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's annual Stair Climb Fundraiser.

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Manson One-Voice Coalition

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munity organizations, with leadership from Timi Starkweather, Executive Director of the Manson Chamber of Commerce, Kim Ustaniuk, President of the Historic Manson Main Street Association, and Chris Willoughby, Chairman of the Manson Community Council.

The coalition encourages community members to share their perspectives directly with Eernisse via email.

The organization aims to develop actionable steps to ensure the community's long-term vitality.

Stakeholders and community members interested in participating in the initiative can contact Eernisse at dan.eernisse@gmail.com.

Ruby Theatre

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thousands of theaters nationwide, providing musical accompaniment for silent films.

The event, which is suitable for all ages, will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Ruby Theatre, located at 135 E. Woodin Avenue. Tickets are priced at \$5.00 and are available at the theater's box office.

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African drumming events set for WVC campuses

NCW News / Ward Media

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

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.

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.

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 re-served with just a \$50 deposit, and payment plans are available.

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.

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.

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.

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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 emis-

sions 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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Wenatchee Bighorns open ticket sales for 2025 season

NCW News / Ward Media

WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Bighorns professional basketball team is releasing single-game and season tickets for their 2025 The Basketball League (TBL) season, which opens March 1 at Wenatchee Valley College.

The team, entering its first complete season under new ownership, will begin their campaign against the Willamette Valley Jaguars. The Bighorns are looking to improve upon their 10-10 record from the 2024 season.

“Our brand of basketball is fast paced and exciting,” said owner Shawn Coopridr, who

outlined plans to enhance the gameday experience beyond basketball.

“We will be creating an event around each of our home games,” Coopridr said, “providing a complete entertainment experience we believe will be fun for all.”

The organization has developed comprehensive plans for pre-game and post-game activities, including the addition of local food vendors, live entertainment, and a beer and wine garden. The initiative aims to showcase local talent and businesses at home games.

First-year head coach Matt Riley will oversee training camp beginning February 14 to deter-

mine the final roster, which is expected to feature both returning players and new additions.

The Bighorns, who brought professional basketball to Wenatchee in 2023, will play their home games at Wenatchee Valley College. Several home games will be broadcast on NCWLIFE, including the season opener.

The TBL regular season runs from March through June, with playoffs beginning May 27. The team’s home schedule includes matchups against regional rivals Seattle, Vancouver, Salem, and Great Falls.

Tickets are available through the team’s website at wenatcheebighorns.com.

12 Tribes Casino donation supports student reading initiative

Lake Chelan Mirror
Ward Media

CHELAN – A local reading program for elementary school students received a \$1,000 donation from tribal gaming to support youth literacy in North Central Washington.

The Lake Chelan Rotary Club’s Book Buddies program, which serves elementary schools in both Chelan and

Manson, accepted the contribution from 12 Tribes Lake Chelan Casino. The program, established in December 2021, coordinates more than 30 community volunteers who regularly visit schools to read with students.

Book Buddies provides books for students to take home and read with family members. In 2024, the program distributed nearly 5,000 books free

of charge to elementary school students in both communities.

Tom Jensen, Book Buddies Volunteer Coordinator, said, “Their support of this community-based program is genuinely appreciated, and their donation represents a significant endorsement of its objectives.”

The donation was presented to Jensen and Valerie Rohrich by representatives of 12 Tribes Casino.

TLC for Seniors

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teers have helped draft bylaws and establish a solid foundation for long-term success.

The group is grateful for the overwhelming support from individuals who selflessly give their time and energy to help others.

Zimcheck said the volunteers are crucial to accomplishing TLC’s mission.

“They’re just probably some of the greatest people I have ever met in my life,” she said. “Honestly, I mean, they’re just awesome people. I can’t even tell you how special they are, because when someone’s willing to give up their time and their energy to someone they haven’t even met yet, and so willing to serve and just make that person a priority in their life. It’s just amazing to me how giving they are.”

Tender Loving Care was founded in response to a 2016 community survey assessing the needs of seniors in Chelan.

The survey revealed that most seniors preferred to stay in their homes but faced challenges such as transportation, mobility, and day-to-day tasks.

Around the same time, a community nurse program was launched to provide medical assistance, while TLC was established to address non-medical needs.

Kathy Miller and Mary Murphy spearheaded the initiative, with Claudia Swenson serving as the first program coordinator. She recruited volunteers and helped build the program, which has grown significantly over the years.

TLC now receives frequent referrals and maintains a waiting list due to fluctuating volunteer numbers.

Chelan Valley Hope’s Executive Director, Tamra Hively has also played a crucial role in nurturing the program and



COURTESY OF TENDER LOVING CARE

Kathy Miller, a TLC founder, speaks to attendees at a TLC event.

helping to guide it to nonprofit status.

Volunteers typically dedicate two to three hours per week assisting seniors with everyday tasks such as grocery shopping, mail retrieval, and companionship. Some seniors require short-term assistance following surgery, while others need ongoing support. Many former recipients of TLC services later become volunteers themselves.

The program was also influenced by Guardian Angels, an earlier initiative in the Methow Valley that provided similar in-home assistance. Guardian Angels shared policies and procedures that helped TLC establish its framework.

Since its inception, TLC has expanded from about 15 volunteers to a consistent base of 30 to 35, continuing its mission of helping seniors maintain independence and quality of life in their own homes.

TLC is always in need of volunteers, with various roles available beyond traditional companionship.

Volunteers can commit to regular weekly visits or serve as backups when needed. There are also opportunities for those who prefer hands-on tasks,

such as handyman services for minor home repairs like fixing leaks, securing railings, or replacing doorknobs.

For those less inclined to social visits, other roles include managing social media, organizing events, or simply playing cards with seniors.

TLC also welcomes individuals passionate about event planning, as they hope to host more social gatherings open to all seniors in the valley – not just TLC clients.

These events are free, requiring only an RSVP to ensure proper meal planning.

Since its inception TLC has provided more than 14,000 hours of visits, averaging 1.9 hours per visits.

TLC volunteers logged 24,000 miles of transportation for important appointments in 2023 and 2024. Social events highlight each year for TLC clients: Fall Feast, Christmas singalongs, Random Acts of Kindness Day, St. Patrick’s Day dancers, Mother’s and Father’s Day remembrances.

TLC encourages people to contribute their unique skills to support seniors in the community in whatever way they can.

For more information or to RSVP for events, visit facebook.com/TenderLovingCareChelanValley or call Sandy Zimcheck at 509-699-9042.

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A TLC event attendee displays the pumpkin they decorated for Halloween.



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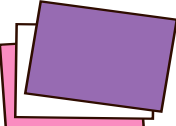
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Valentine's Day Crafts

Hearty Mouse


STUFF YOU'LL NEED:




construction paper




glue stick



googly eyes (optional)

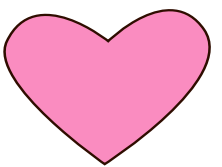


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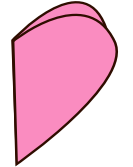
black marker

STEP 1:




Cut out a big pink heart.

STEP 2:



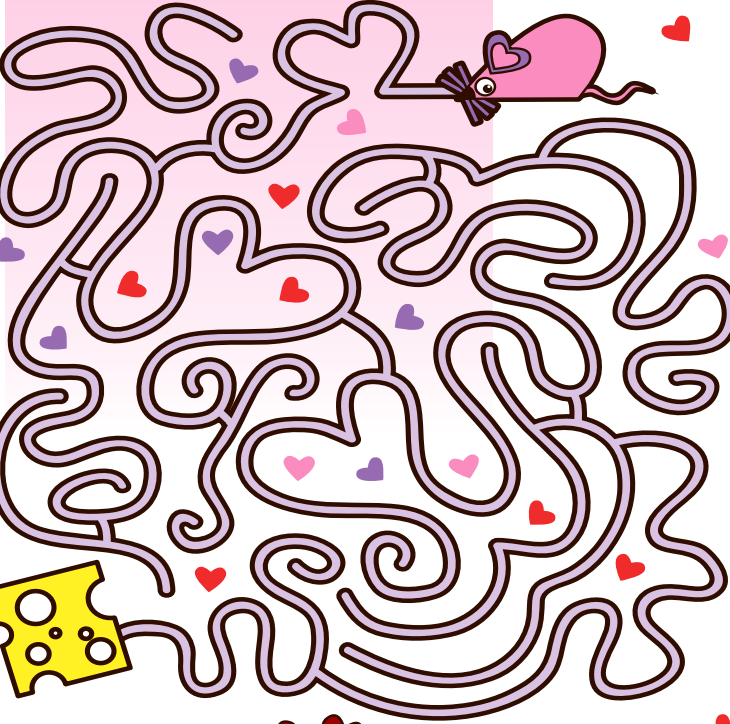
Fold the heart in half.

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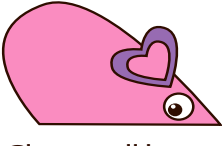


Cut out two smaller hearts.

Help the mouse reach the cheese.

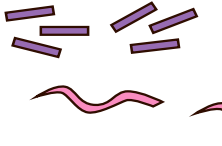


STEP 4:




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

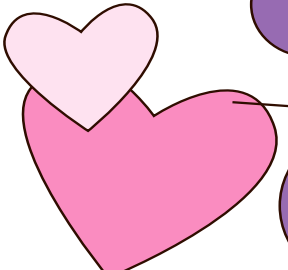


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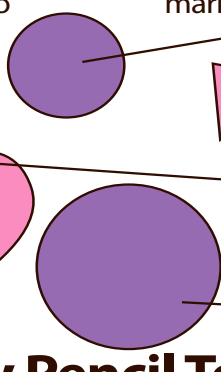
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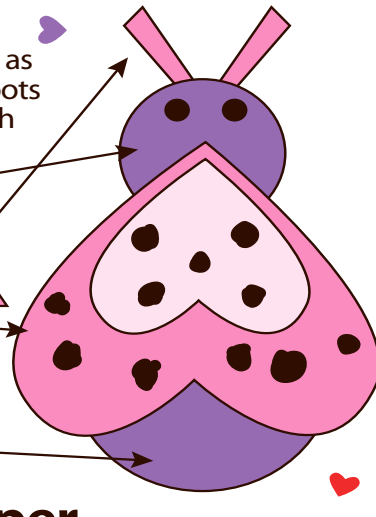
Cut out a large and a small heart shape, a large and small circle, and two small strips.

STEP 2:



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

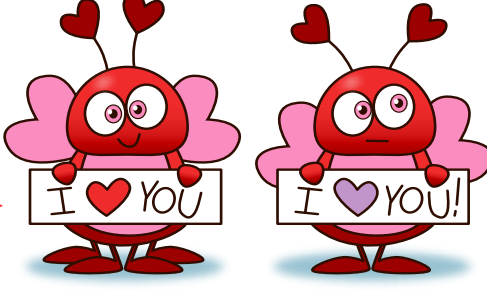
STEP 3:



Glue on the large heart to the back of the small heart. Use the marker to draw spots and eyes on the large heart.


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

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




Valentine Butterfly Pencil Topper


STUFF YOU'LL NEED:




scissors



glue stick

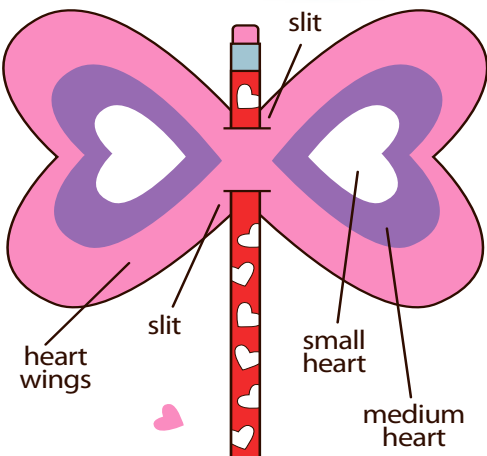


pencil




construction paper

STEP 1:



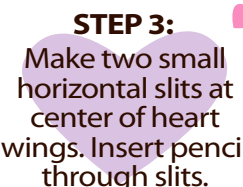
Cut out heart-wing shape, two medium sized hearts and two small hearts.

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.

Kid Scoop Puzzler


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



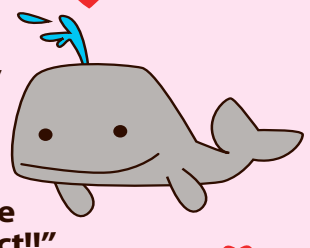
"You make my heart squeak!"




"I go bananas for you!"



"You make my heart flutter!"



"You're purrrrr-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.

E	G	A	S	S	E	M	V	A	E
S	W	L	B	P	A	T	E	N	T
T	T	H	L	E	K	E	I	M	R
O	N	R	I	R	L	T	P	A	E
R	T	Y	A	S	N	L	A	R	T
I	I	D	T	E	K	N	P	K	T
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.


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.

What did one piece of string say to the other?



ANSWER: "Will you be my Valentine?"

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.

Scratch your armpit and hop on one leg.

Pretend to sink in a huge bin of stinky socks.

Sing your favorite song as if you are underwater.

Pretend to slip on a banana peel in slow motion.

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

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

Make a silly face and stand still like a statue.

Balance on one leg while singing *Happy Birthday*.

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

Pretend to be a dinosaur stuck in bubble gum.

Rub your tummy and pat your head.

Walk like a robot whose battery is low.

Pick up a pencil with your toes.

Walk like a penguin.

Pretend to swim across the floor.

Touch your nose with your tongue.

Play air guitar while making silly faces.

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

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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