

Cashmere Valley Record

A Ward Media Publication

Serving the Cashmere Valley since 1907 | **February 26, 2025** | **cashmerevalleyrecord.com**
Volume 118 • No. 9 | Single Copy **\$1.00**

Chelan County Commissioners finalize short-term rental code changes

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – After receiving public comment and recommendations from the Planning Commission, the Board of Chelan County Commissioners (BOCC) formally adopted changes to the short-term rental (STR) code on Feb. 18.

Last year, the BOCC tasked the Planning Commission with reviewing portions of the short-term rental code, which was originally adopted in 2021.

Of these considerations, the

Planning Commission was asked to consider whether children 24 months and younger should be included in occupancy counts. STR owners were supportive of this change, which would align with the occupancy standards of booking platforms. The commissioners decided to leave the code as is, which counts children in occupancy rates, regardless of age.

Commissioners agreed to maintain the same percentages of maximum number of short-term rentals allowed in designated areas, with the Manson area lowered from nine to six

percent at the request of the Manson Community Council.

Under the new updates, property owners will need an initial inspection of new short-term rentals by the Chelan County Fire Marshal's office, rather than an applicable fire district. While self-inspections for health and safety are encouraged annually, the updated code now requires that Fire and Life Safety Inspections are performed every other year by the office.

Parking standards were updated to require that the number of

vehicles allowed at short-term rental must include any boats, trailers, campers, personal watercraft or other similar vehicles. Additionally, short-term rentals will be allowed to park in setbacks, in alignment with homes that are not short-term rentals, as long as they provide proof of two parking spaces outside of the setback.

Signage verbiage was updated to clarify the intent of the code. Signs must be all-weather, permanently posted, and include the permit number and phone number of a

qualified person or local contact who can be on-site in 60 minutes.

Lastly, code surrounding annual renewal payment updated to include a schedule of renewal application acceptance and late fees. Applications are accepted between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. Between Nov. 1 and Nov. 30, applicants must pay a late fee of twice the permit fee in addition to the renewal fee, with the permit fee tripling between Dec. 1 and Dec. 31.

Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media

Hundreds gather in Wenatchee to participate in nationwide Presidents Day Protest



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Three generations demonstrated together: Tom Rowe, Judy Dubuque, and Henry and Elizabeth Kazemba (left to right).

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – An estimated 300 people gathered at Memorial Park on Presidents Day to protest the significant changes implemented in the federal government by President Donald Trump and billionaire Elon Musk.

The protest was part of a nationwide demonstration organized under the 50501 Movement, which stands for “50 protests. 50 States. 1 movement.” The protest was

organized in order to “uphold the Constitution and end executive overreach,” according to the group’s website. Wenatchee’s demonstration brought in protestors from all over North Central Washington, including Winthrop, Leavenworth, and Malaga.

“I hope that more people realize that it’s okay and it’s safe to come out and speak out. That’s one of our first and foremost constitutional rights to peacefully assemble and protest,” said demonstrator Elizabeth Kazemba. “And in order to create better future citizens, they need to be educated of

those rights and demonstrate them.”

Kazemba attended the demonstration with her fifth-grade son and two parents. As a Fourth Grade teacher, Kazemba was compelled to advocate for her students, who have been affected by the current administration’s rhetoric and directives with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

“I have had students come to school and said, ‘I’m scared that one or both of their parents are going to be deported,’” said Kazemba. “When the questions do come up, it’s hard to



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Molly Sayles and Elijah Young. As a scientist, Sayles says her pest control work with farmers has been interrupted amidst funding freezes and federal job cuts.

answer. And it’s hard for anyone to answer.”

Many demonstrators also came out to protest the firing of over 200,000 federal workers under the direction of the White House and its Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

“I feel like just the people I know are really suffering, and we’re basically on a standstill in academia right now, in science,” said demonstrator Molly Sayles. “Even though we’re not federal employees, everything we’re doing is funded by federal grants or in collaboration with federal

employees.”

Sayles, a Wenatchee-based entomologist obtaining her Ph.D at Washington State University, works with farmers in the valley on implementing affordable and sustainable pest control. In addition to watching her federal partners lose their jobs, Sayles’s project funding has been frozen since January.

“We were applying for a grant to continue this project we’re doing, and they took away the deadline, so we

See **PROTESTS** Page **B2**

Federal cuts hit Wenatchee River Ranger District, threatening Leavenworth backcountry

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Ten U.S. Forest Service employees have been fired at the Wenatchee River Ranger District Office amid agency wide cuts, with fears that more agency firings are on the way.

“It feels like...We’re kind of the canary in the coal mine...This is like the beginning of actions that are going to really start affecting everyday people, not just government employees,” said Lead Wilderness Ranger Kyle Warden, who was included in the Wenatchee River Ranger District terminations.

The employees were among 3,400 Forest Service employees that were fired by Presidents Day as billionaire



COURTESY OF OWEN WICKENHEISER
Former temporary seasonal employee Evan Melcher sets up a fire closure on a trail.



COURTESY OF OWEN WICKENHEISER
Owen Wickenheiser protests federal cuts on Presidents Day.

Point in Time Count shows mixed picture of homelessness in Chelan, Douglas counties



NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The 2025 Point in Time Count for Chelan and Douglas counties showed fewer people living unsheltered but more utilizing

COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY
Joshua Mathena of the City of Wenatchee and Chyvonna Torres of the Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council conduct outreach during the 2025 Point in Time Count, surveying individuals living in RVs in Wenatchee on January 30. The annual count showed 27 people living in RVs across Chelan and Douglas counties.

emergency shelters and temporary housing services.

The annual count, conducted on January 30, documented 104 unsheltered individuals, a decrease

See **POINT IN TIME** Page **B2**

Inside The Record this Week

5 Things to do This Week.....	A2	Classifieds.....	B3	NCW News.....	B1
Business Directory.....	B2	Cashmere Middle School.....	A4	Sports.....	A4
Church Guide.....	B2	Cashmere Scoreboards.....	A4	Sheriff Report.....	A3
Community Calendar.....	A3	Kid Scoop.....	B4	Advertising Flyers.....	Safeway

 **\$1.00**
Phone: **509-731-4392**
www.cashmerevalleyrecord.com



COURTESY OF OWEN WICKENHEISER

Former Lead Wilderness Ranger Kyle Warden buries an abandoned poop left near a creek.

Community Calendar

Wednesday

Cashmere Rotary Club. meets at Cashmere Presbyterian Church hall, noon. President Mark Shorb. 509-885-0676.
Mission Creek Community Club. meets every month, 7 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wed.).
Cashmere Food Bank. open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam, 509-245-6464
Ukulele Circle. Join the Ukulele Circle, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

Thursday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

NCW Libraries

Cashmere Public Library: 509-782-3314
You can order your books online at ncwlibraries.org or call 1-800-426-READ (7323).
Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 9-6, Wed. 1-6 and Sat., 10-2.
Closed Sun. 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org
Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village
Call for more information 509-782-3230
Chelan County Historical Society Board meets. 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. **(3rd Thurs.)**
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.



NORTH CASCADES
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, Inc.

509-784-4822
www.northcascadesheating.net

“The Professionals”

Federal cuts

Continued from page A1

Elon Musk and President Donald Trump have taken swift actions to cut federal spending.
“These cuts to the Forest Service are devastating, in particular for my district, the eighth congressional district, just because we have vast expanses of national forest land,” Congresswoman Kim Schrier (D-District 8) told Ward Media. “The people who keep our forests safe and protected are critically important.”

A Shrinking Staff

The Wenatchee River Ranger District (WRRD), based in Leavenworth, has three field crews that oversee and maintain roughly 800 miles of trail and approximately 696,000 acres. This acreage contains large parts of three congressionally designated Wilderness areas: the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, Henry M. Jackson Wilderness, and Glacier Peak Wilderness.

In fall of 2024, the Forest Service already dealt a blow to WRRD's size, announcing it would not hire temporary seasonal workers for the 2025 season due to a shrinking budget, cutting about 2,400 jobs agency wide.

The Leavenworth-based district lost all of its non-fire temporary seasonal employees, which accounted for three Wilderness crew members, one trail crew member, and three development and dispersed recreation crew members, according to former staff.

Now, the most recent firings, which targeted permanent seasonal employees in probationary periods, have gutted the district's field operations.

All trail crew members were let go, which consisted of three permanent seasonal employees and a mule packer, who is responsible for 11 mules that are used to transport volunteers and heavy equipment into the backcountry. The mules were not only used by WRRD, but were also available for the Naches, Entiat, Cle Elum districts.

As of Feb. 19, only one permanent seasonal employee remained in each of the other two teams: the Wilderness crew, which lost three employees, and the development and dispersed recreation crew, which lost one. Included in the terminations was the district's volunteer coordinator, further complicating its workforce.

In addition to the eight field employees, the office lost its only two front desk employees that provided visitor information and services.

“Terminating your lowest paid employees who are making \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year is not the way to cut the budget. And really it's the taxpayers who are going to see the negative consequences from these illegal terminations,” said National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) union steward Rachel Granberg.

Granberg told Ward Media that the union knows of 40 Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest employees that were included in the firings.

Probationary, but Experienced

While the terminated employees were in their first and second years of their probationary period, they had already dedicated a number of years to the district as temporary seasonal employees.

“It's extremely common for people to have, you know, 20 years as a seasonal that just had the opportunity to either get a promotion or turn into a perm[anent employee],” said Warden.

Temporary seasonal employees are often referred to as “1039 employees,” as they are only allowed to work 1,039 hours in a season—one less hour required to be eligible for year round health benefits. It took Warden seven seasons as a temporary seasonal employee with WRRD before landing a permanent position.

Even as a temporary seasonal employee, Warden had field-specific skills such as terrain familiarity, medical and rescue capabilities, firefighting certifications, trail building knowledge, and physical strength to hike up 60 pounds of gear over 5,000 vertical feet.

“People think you can just throw any college intern in these jobs, and everything will



COURTESY OF OWEN WICKENHEISER

A WRRD ranger assists with a search and rescue mission in the backcountry.

be okay, but there's a serious chance of injury out there on a day to day basis, so just having the people with the skill set to make those safe decisions is huge,” said Warden.

“A big slap in the face”

The district's four Wilderness rangers were funded through the end of the 2025 season by a grant from Washington state's Recreation Conservation Office, according to RCO grant details. Yet, three of them still received letters of termination, and for reasons Warden found perplexing.

“[The letter said] I'm being terminated, I've been deemed 'not in the public interest' or something...But it also says 'due to performance,' which is a big slap in the face to everybody,” said Warden.

After four seasons of positive evaluations from Warden, his direct superior, Wilderness Climbing Ranger Owen Wickenheiser received the same reason in his letter.

“All of the employees I've talked to who have been terminated have positive performance evaluations, but their termination documents say that they're being let go due to poor performance,” said Granberg.

The NFFE Forest Service Council is currently gathering performance evaluations and other documents from employees for legal action, claiming that the basis of their termination was illegal.

“In order to let someone go due to poor performance, you have to first demonstrate that they indeed have poor performance, and also give them a chance to improve. There's an entire process that you have to go through to be able to do that. And they've completely bypassed all of that,” said Granberg.

Wilderness Areas at Risk

Going into the 2025 season, the former rangers fear irreversible damage will occur in the increasingly popular Wilderness areas, which are “designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition” under the Wilderness Act of 1964.

The Wilderness areas are not only intended to protect areas of solitude for recreationists, such as Pacific Crest Trail or Enchantments hikers, but they can also protect water resources for municipalities, or habitats for threatened species.

In 2024, WRRD saw nearly 175,000 visitors in its



COURTESY OF OWEN WICKENHEISER

Former Wilderness Climbing Ranger Owen Wickenheiser hikes a vault toilet out of the Enchantments.

Wilderness areas, who left behind thousands of pounds of waste. Last year alone, the Wilderness rangers dug 14 wilderness toilets, buried 703 piles of human waste, removed 5,000 pounds of it via flight, and hiked out 635 pounds of trash, according to a 2024 WRRD wilderness report. However, Wickenheiser says the overall waste removed via flight actually amounts to about 10,000 pounds a year.

As a climbing ranger, Wickenheiser worked primarily in the Enchantments, located in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area. Although the Enchantments only makes up 6.7 percent of the wilderness area, it receives the highest amount of traffic in the entire district. In 2024, it saw over 120,000 visitors alone.

“We hear a lot like, 'This trail looks excellent. I didn't see any trash.' But like, you step five feet off the trail and look behind a boulder, and there's 10 piles of poop right on the creek side,” said Wickenheiser. “We find things like full abandoned coolers up there, full of broken glass... People pop holes in their rafts and decide they don't want to carry them down.”

With the amount of trash and rogue feces piles that were found under Wickenheiser's patrol, he only sees it getting worse in the absence of rangers. This could pose a problem for Leavenworth's municipal water, which is sourced from the Alpine Lakes via Icicle Creek.

“The human waste issue is going to be immediate in the Enchantments. As soon as we open the gate, those toilets are going to be overflowing after a week of use,” said Warden.

A Threat to Public Safety

As more inexperienced hikers venture into the Enchantments, the Wilderness rangers have played a crucial role in public safety. Due to their backcountry presence, the rangers often become first responders, providing emergency medical assistance and coordinating extraction with the Chelan County Sheriff's Office search and rescue (SAR) team.

“Sometimes we are the only people there, waiting for a helicopter for four hours, which can get really difficult when there is a situation like a fatality or serious injury,” said Warden.

The rangers also take preventative measures,

including providing trail safety information, deescalating potential SAR situations, and putting out campfires. Last year, Wickenheiser put out three campfires in undesignated areas, and extinguished more that were put out but still hot.

“There's so much standing dead from beetle kill... Colchuck Lake is literally a tinderbox... And that's four, five miles from town [as the crow flies],” said Wickenheiser.

Although the recent cuts exempted firefighters, the loss of field employees presents a significant blow to firefighting resources. During fire seasons, the fire qualified WRRD staff were sent on fire assignments for support, working as a resource advisor, cleaning gear, managing radio operations, or managing base camp.

“There are so many critical roles to make fire camps run, and a lot of those were staffed by either [temporary] seasonals or permanent seasonals,” said Wickenheiser.

An Uncertain Future

A day after Wickenheiser was fired, the lottery opened for overnight permits in the Enchantments, even though the district no longer has the staff to enforce them. Warden also anticipates the district office will close without enough personnel, making it harder for recreationists to source information.

“People are paying for an experience that they're not going to get. There's also going to be just so much poaching of campsites that it's going to be difficult to even probably find a campsite in certain times for those people that are legally going,” said Warden.

The agency has yet to announce any shutdowns to the lottery or trail closures. However, the nature of the terrain access makes it near impossible to close the area off entirely. Even if the district closed the Eight Mile Road gate, persistent recreationists could still reach the Enchantments via Snow Lakes Trailhead.

“Maybe this might not be the year to like, do all your goals out in the [National] Forest or Parks...It's going to be really hard, even if you are totally [practicing] 'Leave No Trace,' to not leave an impact in these times of no management,” said Warden.

Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media

WE'RE HIRING!



JOIN THE TEAM!



EARN UP TO \$13K WHILE MAKING THE BEST SUMMER MEMORIES!

Grab your friends and apply NOW!



Sports



Play to WIN

509-670-3555
boyermountainpool.com
chuck@boyermountain.com

MARTIN MORRIS
AGENCY INC.
Insurance Since 1952

We Proudly Sponsor our Dogs



CASHMERE BULLDOGS



and Old Fashioned Soda Fountain

Let's Go Bulldogs!



#morethanjustapharmacy
509-782-2717 | 119 Cottage Ave, Cashmere
doanesvalleypharmacy.com


Cashmere Physical Therapy




CASHMERE BULLDOGS

Proud to Support "The Bulldogs"!

782-8818
203 Mission Street
Suite 112 • Cashmere



Fueling Champions




From the court to the mat
Ward Media is proud to support the Bulldogs



Let's go Bulldogs!

State Farm



Bruce Cheadle,
(509) 782-1659



Bulldogs dominate second half, crush Lakeside 62-35

Thanks to the Cashmere Bulldogs' 62-35 victory over Lakeside (Nine Mile Falls) last Saturday, Cashmere qualified for state and will play La Center March 1 at 2 p.m. in Wenatchee, during the regional round of the bracket. The girls will play second-seeded Bellevue Christian on Feb. 28 at Issaquah High School, with tipoff scheduled for 8 p.m.

❶ Rylan Nelson drives to the basket during the Bulldogs' 62-35 win over Lakeside (Nine Mile Falls) last Saturday. Nelson capped this drive with a thunderous dunk.

❷ Mac Carlson grabs a rebound during the Bulldogs' 62-35 win over Lakeside. The Eagles kept it interesting in the first half, trailing by two at the break, but Cashmere put on a dominating performance in the second part of the game.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jance Novak Sophomore Cashmere Boys Wrestling

After a challenging freshman season cut short by a season-ending injury, Cashmere High School's Jance Novak came into his sophomore year with one goal in mind: to claim a state championship. That goal was realized in a big way on Saturday night at the Tacoma Dome. Novak earned the 165-pound state title after defeating Peter Desroches of Riverside with a commanding 14-6 victory in the championship match. Desroches, who entered the match with an impressive 47-1 record, proved no match for Novak, who capped off his season with an outstanding 50-3 record. Coach Wheeler praised Novak's relentless work ethic, highlighting the sacrifices and dedication that led to his success. "There isn't a State Champion's name on the wrestling room wall that



accidentally won. Jance is no different—he worked tirelessly for years, with many sacrifices to stand on top of the podium. His entire season's performance showcased his dedication and mental toughness. Jance rose to the occasion and had the best match of the season to capture his first state title."

Tori Black Sophomore Cashmere Girls Wrestling

Cashmere High School's Tori Black made history this past weekend at the 1B/2B/1A Girls Wrestling State Tournament in the Tacoma Dome by becoming the first state placer in the history of CHS girls wrestling. Black earned an impressive 4th place finish in the state competition, capping off a stellar sophomore season with a 33-10 record. Her strong showing at the Dome not only earned her a state medal but also helped lead her team to a 19th place finish at state. Coach James praised Black's performance and the significance of her achievement. "Tori had a very successful weekend at the Dome, bringing home a fourth-place medal. She set a goal of becoming Cashmere's first girl state champion, and she is well on her way to accomplishing it. Cashmere has never before



had a state placer in the girls division, and now we do. Tori also helped lead her teammates to a 19th place finish at state. Way to go, Tori Black!"

A ten-year-old's big heart fuels Happy Letters Project

By CAROLINE MENNA
Ward Media Intern

CASHMERE - What began as a simple lesson in kindness in a Cashmere preschool a decade ago has blossomed into a movement touching lives across Washington state. Happy Letters, the brainchild of former preschool owner Traci Pierson, encourages and empowers children to spread joy and support "to people who could use a smile" through colorful, hand-drawn letters.

"I started Happy Letters in 2015... to teach kids the importance of giving back," says Pierson. Since then, Happy Letters has become a 501c3 non-profit, partnering with over twenty schools and businesses in the Wenatchee Valley. Students of all ages create uplifting letters, filled with drawings and messages of hope. The letters are then sent to the likes of veterans, children's hospitals, cancer treatment facilities, retirement homes, and anyone in need of some cheer.

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands: one for helping yourself, the other for helping others," reads a quote from Audrey Hepburn on the Happy Letters website, reflecting the organization's ethos. And Happy Letters is more than just writing.

This year, inspired by 10-year-old Aviya Garcia, a young Cashmere girl with



COURTESY OF KATYA GARCIAL
Ten-year-old Aviya Garcia displays a completed Happy Letter. Garcia initiated and helped Happy Letters' founder Traci Pierson develop a project encouraging local children to create artwork and messages of joy for children in foster care.

a passion for helping others, the organization is launching the Happy Letter Art Drive. This initiative will provide art supply packets to children in foster care, offering them a creative outlet and a sense of connection. Aviya's interest in helping children in foster care began a few years ago

when she explored the foster process through a Washington Department of Social and Health Services intake.

"Happy Letters to me means fun while helping my community and brings joy to other people," says Aviya, who enjoys art, drawing, and cooking. "I just want to help foster kids. I want them to know that other people are thinking about them and care and love them." She cites her grandfather as a source of inspiration, encouraging her artistic talents.

"Aviya has such a big heart," says Pierson. "She came up with the idea of making Happy Letter Art Packets for children in foster care, and we worked together to make it happen."

The drive follows the success of last year's effort led by 11-year-old Paelyn Lueondee of Cashmere, which resulted in well over a thousand Happy Letters and hundreds of book packets being donated to children's hospitals in Seattle and Wenatchee.

The community has rallied behind Aviya's initiative, with schools, businesses, and individuals eager to contribute. Donation drop-off locations for art supplies have been set up in Cashmere and Wenatchee.

Looking to the future, Pierson envisions Happy Letters expanding statewide and beyond. "We want to continue growing and spreading kindness wherever we can," she shares. "Happy Letters is

about connections. My hope is that no matter how big we grow, we always maintain that personal, heartfelt touch that makes each letter special."

How to Get Involved:

- **Make Happy Letters:** Teachers and schools interested in participating can contact Traci Pierson at makehappyletters@gmail.com.
- **Donate Art Supplies:** Anyone can drop off new art supplies at designated locations in Cashmere: the library, That Pizza Place, and Weeds Cafe; in Wenatchee at Blue Spoon.
- **Donate Funds:** Visit makehappyletters.org to make a financial contribution or to view the organization's Amazon Wishlist.
- **Volunteer:** Contact makehappyletters@gmail.com to join the Happy Letters volunteer team.

Happy Letters is a testament to the power of children's empathy and the impact a simple act of kindness can have. Through their colorful creations and heartfelt messages, these young letter writers, like Aviya, are making the world a little brighter, one Happy Letter at a time.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS



Cashmere Middle School


Students of the Month!



Alonzo Herrera-Jardines
5th grade



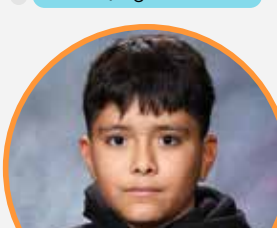
Judan Aquino
6th grade



Arlen Kane
7th grade



Grant Perkins
8th grade



Angel Murillo-Avalos
Tech Stars



Anderson Paz-Romero
Estrella Espanola



Isaiah Gutierrez
Academy Stars



Mac Dundas
Academy Stars

AUT-TO MOCHA
ESPRESSO

YOUR LOCAL COFFEE STAND SINCE 1997

Celebrating your hard work and Success!

NCW

NEWS

www.ncw.news



Show your Brand
Some Love

Elevate Your Brand's First
Impression. Turn heads with
premium, personalized promotional
products that showcase your style.



NORTHWEST SWAG WORKS

APPAREL & PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS



Make Your Brand Unforgettable This February! • 509-731-3624 • northwestswag.com

Minibike theft investigation leads to drug and weapons bust

NCW News
Ward Media

EAST WENATCHEE — A burglary investigation led to the discovery of drugs, counterfeit pills, and stolen property during a search warrant execution in East Wenatchee, police officials said Wednesday.

The investigation began on February 10 when patrol officers spotted suspicious activity near Rock Island Road and 2nd Street SE around 4:45 a.m. Officers observed one individual standing near a new Coleman minibike while a second suspect was found hiding in nearby bushes with a backpack containing bolt cutters.

Police discovered a large hole in the fence of a nearby business that had previously reported multiple thefts and burglaries. One suspect was immediately taken into custody on charges of burglary in the second degree, theft in the second degree, malicious mischief in the third degree, and possession of burglary tools. A second suspect was arrested two days later on

identical charges and held on \$5,000 bail.

The investigation expanded on February 13 when the East Wenatchee Police Department and Douglas County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at a residence in the 700 block of N. Baker Avenue. During the search, officers discovered powdered fentanyl, methamphetamine, and counterfeit oxycodone pills. Additionally, law enforcement recovered a stolen handgun and stolen Dewalt power tools valued at over \$2,000.

Two additional individuals were taken into custody during the warrant service.



COURTESY OF EAST WENATCHEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DeWalt power tools and accessories valued at over \$2,000, including multiple cordless drills, batteries, chargers, tool bags, and a 108-piece mechanics tool set, were recovered during a search warrant execution at a residence in East Wenatchee on February 13.

Bill proposes higher fees for Discover Pass

By JUAN JOCOM
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - It will cost more to visit a state park next year, if a proposal in the state Legislature wins approval.

SB 5390, proposed by Sen. Derek Stanford, R-Bothell, increases the cost of a Discover Pass from \$30 to \$45 and the day pass fee from \$10 to \$15. As an avid user of state parks, Rep. Beth Doglio, D-Olympia, the primary sponsor of the House version of the bill, said this increase was long overdue.

Revenue from the pass helps fund Washington State Parks (WSP), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

"It's been a long time since we've looked at the price of the Discover Pass," Doglio said. "DNR land and our state parks need maintenance and ongoing expenditures to ensure we preserve the beautiful string of state parks we have in this state."

Although the plan originally included price increases every two years, the cost of the pass has remained unchanged since its creation in 2011, according to WSP.

"I think this is a reasonable increase," Doglio said. "It's not a huge increase by any stretch of the imagination."

The bills also propose that the Office of Financial Management review the cost of the Discover Pass every four years and recommend adjustments to the Legislature to account for inflation.

According to Samuel Hensold, recreation and operations manager at DNR, services were reduced across the three million acres of land and waters the department manages to compensate for a \$9 million operational funding deficit.

Hensold said the increase will allow the department to better maintain infrastructure like restrooms and upkeep, like graffiti removal and debris cleanup.

"DNR has added hundreds of miles of trails, new campgrounds, new parking areas, but we haven't necessarily received additional operating funds to provide ongoing management for those areas," Hensold said.

The additional revenue will also enable DNR to expand its efforts on environmental justice and equity initiatives.

Most of the revenue from the pass, 84%, goes to state parks, while 8% is allocated to DNR and 8% to WDFW.

Although recent funding cuts to several federal agencies do not directly impact the funding of state parks and lands managed by state agencies, DNR and WSP officials say cuts at the federal level may have residual effects on the general fund, which provides about 33% of state parks funding.


While the funding increase is generally supported by stakeholders, Rhonda Edens, a Washington native and avid park user, expressed concerns about higher fees.

"When I was young, my family was very poor and we went to the state park a lot," Edens said. "It was the only thing we could afford to do. And by requiring Discover passes, you make it so that there's a whole population of poor people, they can't go and enjoy the park."


Currently, the bill does not include provisions to address this issue. However, Doglio said making park access more equitable is something she would consider in future legislative sessions.


The Washington State Journal is a nonprofit news website operated by the WNPA Foundation. To learn more, go to wastatejournal.org.

WENATCHEE WILD



HOCKEY
FIGHTS
CANCER





SATURDAY, MAR. 1 6PM

TOWN TOYOTA CENTER | DOORS OPEN: 5PM

(509)888-PUCK

7825

WENATCHEEWILDHOCKEY.COM



JUAN JOCOM/WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL

Lime Kiln State Park on San Juan Island, like all state parks, requires visitors to have a Discover Pass to access its parking lots and facilities.

PICTURE PERFECT, NOW

WAIT UNTIL YOU TASTE IT



Butcher's Savory Collection

SAVE 52%

4 Butcher's Cut Filet Mignons (5 oz.)
4 Air-Chilled Boneless Chicken Breasts (5 oz.)
4 Boneless Pork Chops (5 oz.)
4 PureGround® Filet Mignon Burgers (6 oz.)
4 Individual Scalloped Potatoes (3.8 oz.)
4 Caramel Apple Tartlets (4 oz.)
1 Omaha Steaks Seasoning (3 oz.)
8 FREE PureGround® Filet Mignon Burgers (6 oz.)

78045ZMJ separately \$269.94
SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE \$129.99

GET 8 FREE FILET MIGNON BURGERS

A \$37 value!



ORDER NOW!

OmahaSteaks.com/Savory1330 | 1.833.685.0091

Ask for your FREE burgers with offer 78045ZMJ

THE BEST STEAKS OF YOUR LIFE OR YOUR MONEY BACK

Savings shown over aggregated single item base price. Limit 2. 8 free 6 oz. burgers will be sent to each shipping address that includes 78045. Standard S&H added per address. While supplies last. Items may be substituted due to inventory limitations. Some products may not be available for sale in your area. Sales are subject to OmahaSteaks.com/terms-of-use. Expires 03/31/25. 24M7123 | Omaha Steaks, LLC



WARD MEDIA

Classifieds

Email your Classifieds & Legal Notices to:
classifieds@ward.media
or call 509-293-6780

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE
All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. To complain of discrimination call HUD at 1-800-669-9777. The number for hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.




CORRECTIONS: Ward Media LLC shall be responsible for corrections to advertisements on the first publication only. The advertiser will be responsible for the corrections made thereafter. Ward Media LLC shall not be responsible for slight changes or typographical errors that do no lessen the value of the advertisement. Ward Media LLC's liability for other errors or omissions in connection with an advertisement is strictly limited to the publication of the advertisements in any subsequent issue. No monetary refunds will be given. For more information call 509-548-5286.



WARD MEDIA

Announcements

Lost & Found



Huckleberry
Was found deceased on Apple Acres Road. less than a mile from his home.
His collar and tags had been removed.
SEEKING ANY INFORMATION/TIP LEADING TO WHO HAS THE COLLAR & TAGS. WE WOULD LIKE THEM RETURNED.
Substantial Reward Offered.
(509) 682-0131
Avemariadover@gmail.com

Miscellaneous

DIRECTV-
All your entertainment. Nothing on your roof! Sign up for Directv and get your first three months of Max. Paramount+, Showtime. Starz. MGM+ and Cinemax included. Choice package \$84.99/mo.
Some restrictions apply. Call DIRECTV 1-888-492-3055

ELIMINATE GUTTER CLEANING FOREVER!
LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & amp; Military Discounts. Call 1-888-360-1582.

We buy 8,000 cars a week.
Sell your old, busted or junk car with no hoops, haggles or headaches. Sell your car to Peddle. Easy three step process. Instant offer. Free pickup. Fast payment. Call 1-888-684-5494

Prepare for power outages with Briggs & Stratton; PowerProtect(TM)
standby generators - the most powerful home standby generators available. Industry-leading comprehensive warranty - 7 years (\$849 value.) Proudly made in the U.S.A. Call Briggs & Stratton 1-888-358-4047.

Miscellaneous

We Buy Houses for Cash AS IS!
No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid.
Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-888-720-3848

General Interest



Resolve Conflict Now!
509-521-6441
NCWMediation.net

Employment

Help Wanted



WE ARE HIRING

Learn more online at cityofleavenworth.com/employment

The City of Leavenworth is an equal opportunity employer (EOE)



Entry Level Career Training:
Client Service/Sales/Rating. Are you responsible, friendly, motivated, honest, detailed, looking for a career then we hire local!
See Wenatchee Craigslist job # 7824642237
Leavenworth Insurance.

Work Wanted

WORK WANTED
Looking for House Cleaning Part Time and/or Pet Sitting in the Leavenworth Area
House Phone: 509-763-0355
Please send text message to- 509-429-3392

Legals

Public Notices

T-Mobile proposes to collocate telecommunications antennas and associated equipment
on an existing monopole telecommunications tower facility located at an address 90 Elderberry Lane, Peshastin, Chelan County, WA 98847 (47° 30' 56.06" N, 120° 37' 50.58" W). Associated support equipment will be installed within a proposed T-Mobile lease area within the existing compound. The facility is accessible via an existing access road with an underground route for fiber and utilities planned. Eocene Environmental Group is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations (47 CFR § 1.1307) for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking or with questions on the facility should contact Eocene. Attn: Telecommunications Department, 8951 Windsor Parkway, Johnston, IA 50131 or call 515-473-6256 (Ref. T-Mobile NW #829-AM). Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 26, 2025. #9460

Legals

Public Notices

Legal Notice:
The Leavenworth Mosquito Control District board will hold the first public meeting of the 2025 season on Monday March 17th at 7 p.m. via ZOOM.
Meetings are scheduled at 7 pm on the first or third Mondays of each month (generally March-Oct). For meeting date confirmations, agenda details and Zoom meeting links please see www.LeavenworthMosquitoControl.org / Notices & Updates
Details concerning pesticides used (mostly Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies israelensis), treatment site locations, and other important information are also posted at our website www.LeavenworthMosquitoControl.org /Pesticide and Chemical Usage

LMC contact info:
Website: www.LeavenworthMosquitoControl.org
Email: info@LeavenworthMosquitoControl.org
Phone: Program Mgr. Jenny Mullins 509-548-5904
****Notice****
Leavenworth Mosquito Control District Board member opening
The Leavenworth Mosquito Control District was founded in 2002 with the goal of controlling mosquitoes in the Leavenworth area by using bacterial larvicides. These larvicides are harmful only to mosquito larva and are harmless to other aquatic organisms, mammals, and humans. This five member volunteer board sets a yearly budget and oversees the seasonal district manager along with a couple assistants that carry out the larvicide applications along with the review and approval of program expenditures, policies and procedures.
To be on the board you must:
1) Live inside the Leavenworth Mosquito Control District - see the map on our website www.leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/Where are We
2) Regularly attend board meetings on the 1st or 3rd Mondays throughout the mosquito season and fall's Budget Hearing meeting(s).
Since 2020 the meetings have been held via Zoom and typically last approx an hour or less. If you are interested in joining the board please send your letter of interest to info@leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org
or mail to PO Box 34, Leavenworth WA 98826
Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 26, 2025. #9483

Public Notices

Public Notices

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
Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 12, 19, 26, 2025. #9375

Public Notices

2025 PUBLIC NOTICE
Brae Burn Mosquito Control District (MCD1)
In accordance with the Washington State Dept of Ecology's Aquatic Mosquito Control General Permit. S6-A-3:
a) The larvicide(s) and adulticide(s) planned for use are:
Vectobac GS contains Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti). EPA Reg. No. 73049-10
Duplex-G contains Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti) Strain BMP 144 and (S)-Methoprene. EPA Reg. No. 89459-93
Cocobear Larviciding Oil (mineral oil). EPA Reg. No. 8329-93
DUET contains Prallethrin: (RS)-2-methyl-4-oxo-3-(2-propynyl) cyclopent 2-enyl-(1RS)-cis. trans-chrysanthemate, Sumithrin®: 3-Phenoxybenzyl-(1RS,3RS, 1RS, 3SR)-2,2-dimethyl-3-(2-methylprop -1-enyl) cyclopropanecarboxylate, and Piperonyl Butoxide. EPA Reg. No. 1021-1795-8329
b) The approximate date ranges of the planned treatment are:
Weekly March through October each year.
c) The approximate treatment location(s) are: Treatments will occur throughout the Braeburn Mosquito Control District (MCD), including standing water, sloughs, and wetlands
d) The public may access updates about the treatment(s) at: By contacting Braeburn MCD representative at (425) 239-9656
e) No larvicides with water-use restrictions will be applied waterbodies used for water supply, fish and shellfish harvesting, swimming, or other water contact activities.
f) Name and the best number to reach the applicator. Matthew Oaks (509) 883-7371
g) The name and contact information for the Ecology Aquatic Mosquito Control General Permit Manager. Shawn Ultican / Aquatic Pesticide Permit Specialist shawn.ultican@ecy.wa.gov / (360) 870-3492
h) The procedure for a person to follow if they want to be added to the Pesticide Sensitivity Registry maintained by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is located at: <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/pesticides-and-fertilizers/pesticides/compliance/sensitivity-registry>
Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 26, 2025. #9477

Public Notices

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of SUSAN N. HOWARD, Deceased.
No. 25-4-00058-04
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 in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
Date of First Publication: February 19, 2025
Personal Representative: Heidi S. Schroeder
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Russell J. Speidel
Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0881
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 25-4-00058-04
HEIDI S. SCHROEDER
Personal Representative
Attorneys for Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP
By: RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL
WSBA No. 12838
7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807
Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 19, 26, March 5, 2025. #9424

Public Notices

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of KAREN ELIZABETH JOHNSON. No. 25-4-00033-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
The Administrator 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 in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); 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: February 12th, 2025
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Alexander D. Johnson
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Rani K. Sampson
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Overcast Law Offices Attn: Rani K. Sampson 23 South Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801
COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 25-4-00033-04
Overcast Law Offices By: /s/ Rani K. Sampson, WSBA No. 37489
Attorney for Personal Representative
Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 12, 19, 26, 2025. #9372

Public Notices

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN WILLIAM BRANGWIN, Deceased.
No. 25-4-00049-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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 in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); 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: February 19, 2025
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: John Michael Brangwin
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: David Visser
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: OVERCAST LAW OFFICES 23 South Wenatchee Avenue Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801
COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court, No. 25-4-00049-04
OVERCAST LAW OFFICES By: /s/ David Visser, WSBA No. 41546
Attorney for Personal Representative Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 19, 26, March 5, 2025. #9445

Spread the News about your COMMUNITY EVENT online at

ncw.news/
leavenworthecho.com
cashmerevalleyrecord.com
lakechelanmirror.com
qcherald.com

Public Notices


Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES WILLIAM WALLACE Deceased.
No. 24-4-00001-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); 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: February 26th, 2025
ADMINISTRATOR: James Warren Wallace
ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR: Kera E. Dexter
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Overcast Law Offices Attn: Kera E. Dexter 23 South Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801
COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 24-4-00001-04
Overcast Law Offices By: /s/ Kere E. Dexter, WSBA No. 58486
Attorney for Administrator Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 26, March 5, 12, 2025. #9480

Public Notices

Public Notices

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR SS4A SAFETY ACTION PLAN
The City of Leavenworth is soliciting qualifications for the development of a Safety Action Plan in accordance with the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program. The Safety Action Plan will analyze collision occurrence and trends, review opportunities to revise and establish safety related policies, identify countermeasures to increase safety and mobility, and develop a capital improvement plan to construct countermeasures as necessary. Due to funding constraints, this project must be completed by the end of 2025. The complete Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document can be found on the City of Leavenworth's request for bids/proposals webpage: <https://cityofleavenworth.com/documents/category/requests-for-bids-proposals>. It is the sole responsibility of the Consultant to obtain any RFQ updates or addenda from the City's website. Submissions shall be sent **electronically** to Andrea Fischer, City Clerk, at afischer@cityofleavenworth.com by **1:00:00 PM on Wednesday , March 5 , 2025** . Late or incorrectly submitted submissions will be automatically disqualified from consideration. Any qualifications received after the specified date and time will automatically be rejected and will not receive any further consideration by the City. The City of Leavenworth in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing Kit Kocha, EIT , CIP Manager at kkocha@cityofleavenworth.com or by calling (509) 548-5275. The City of Leavenworth, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252,42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all consultants that will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this request for qualifications, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit proposal in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 19, 26, 2025. #9420



Kid Scoop®

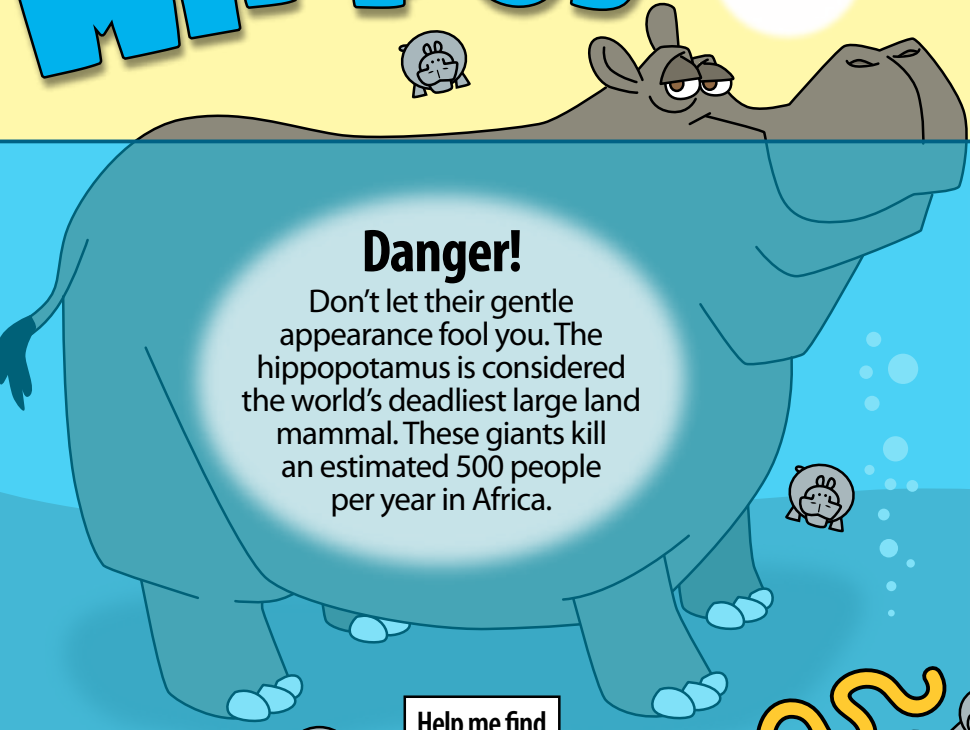
.com

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

Get puzzle answers, recipes and more at www.kidscoop.com

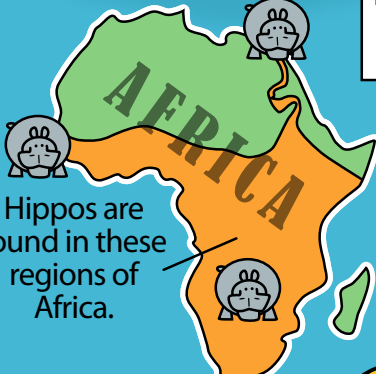
© 2025 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 41, No. 13

HIPPOS



Danger!

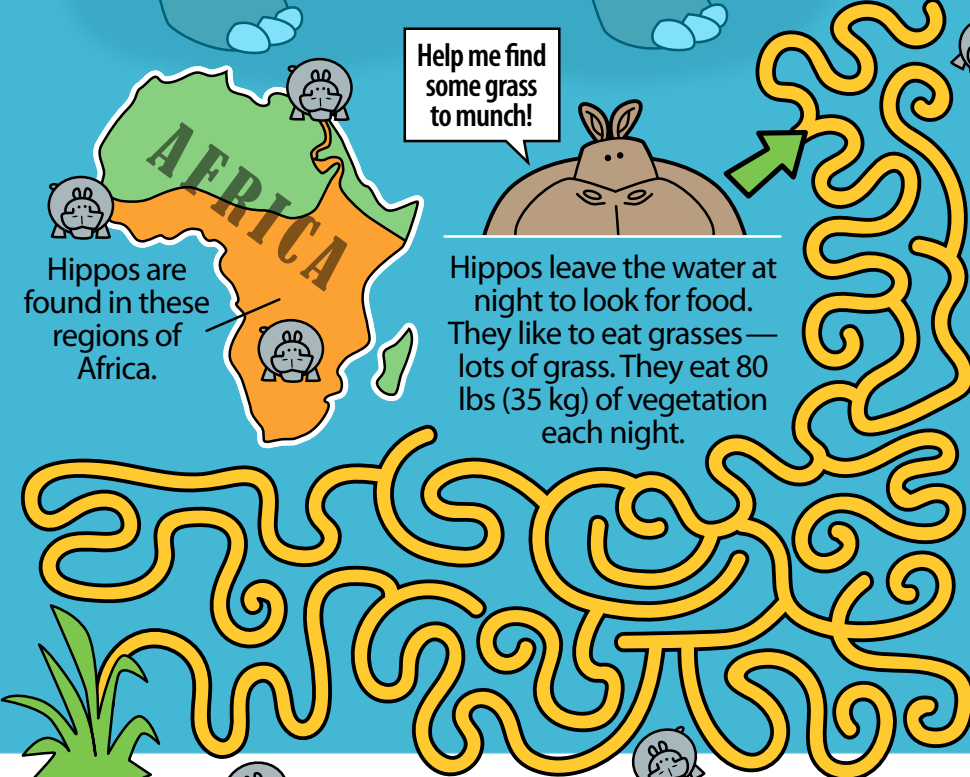
Don't let their gentle appearance fool you. The hippopotamus is considered the world's deadliest large land mammal. These giants kill an estimated 500 people per year in Africa.



Help me find some grass to munch!

Hippos are found in these regions of Africa.

Hippos leave the water at night to look for food. They like to eat grasses—lots of grass. They eat 80 lbs (35 kg) of vegetation each night.



How Hippos Keep Their Cool

To stay cool in the African heat, hippos spend most of their day in rivers and lakes. Their eyes, nose and ears are located on the top of their head, which means they can see and breathe while the rest of their bodies are under water.

The Hippo Code

Use the code to discover some facts about hippos.

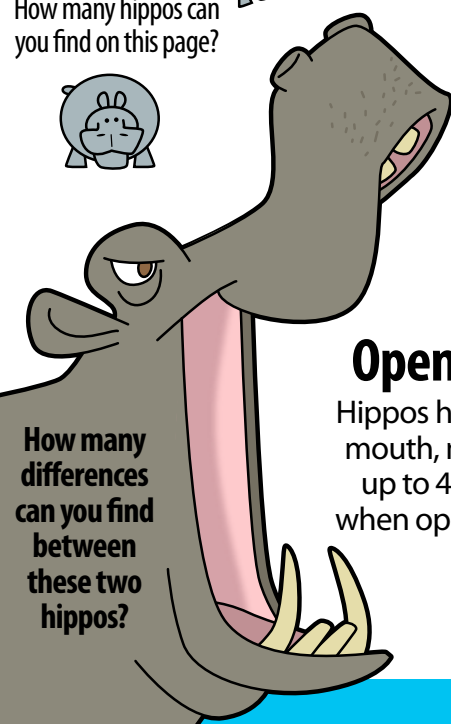
■ = CALF	▼ = BULL	■ = COW
● = RIVER	■ = HORSE	■ = TUSK

Q: What does the word *hippopotamus* mean?
A: ■ ● ■

Q: What is a baby hippo called?
A: ■

Q: What is a female hippo called?
A: ■

Q: What is a male hippo called?
A: ▼

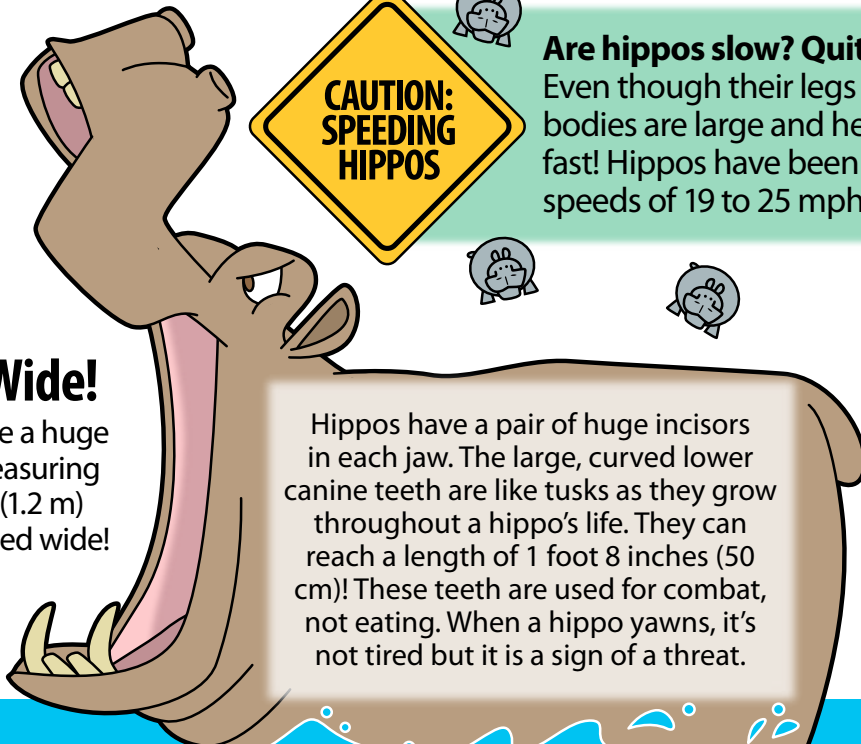


How many hippos can you find on this page?

How many differences can you find between these two hippos?

Open Wide!

Hippos have a huge mouth, measuring up to 4 ft (1.2 m) when opened wide!



CAUTION: SPEEDING HIPPOS

Hippos have a pair of huge incisors in each jaw. The large, curved lower canine teeth are like tusks as they grow throughout a hippo's life. They can reach a length of 1 foot 8 inches (50 cm)! These teeth are used for combat, not eating. When a hippo yawns, it's not tired but it is a sign of a threat.

Extra! Extra! Opposites

Look through the newspaper to find words that are opposites. For example: large and small, wet and dry.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Recognize antonyms.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Sweaty, Sweaty Hippos?

Hippos have an oily red liquid that oozes out of their skin. It isn't sweat. Sweat evaporates and cools a body. This liquid looks red in sunlight and it stays on the skin and protects it from drying out—and acts as a sunblock, too!

When early European explorers first noticed this reddish liquid on the hippos they observed, they gave it a name.

Circle every other letter to see what they called it.

DBKLTOWOYDJSAPDAVT

B

Double Double Word Search

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

K	C	O	L	B	N	U	S	R	D
S	B	R	E	A	T	H	E	I	E
E	T	H	R	E	A	T	N	V	A
S	W	J	A	T	H	C	E	E	D
S	T	A	F	R	I	C	A	R	L
A	U	W	L	S	P	R	S	S	I
R	S	M	O	A	P	L	M	M	E
G	K	R	O	O	Z	E	S	S	
A	S	L	C	W	S	W	E	A	T

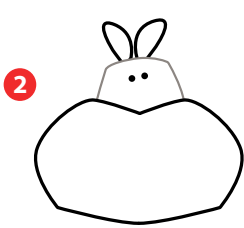
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together

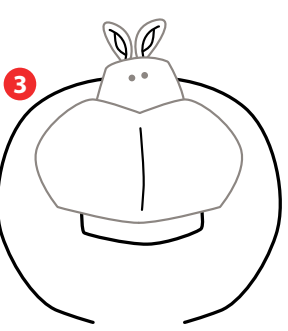
Let's Draw a Hippo!



1



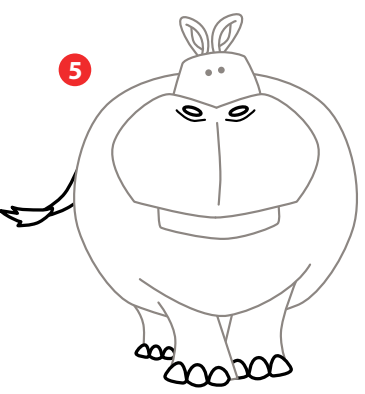
2



3



4



5

MEDIA PARTNER



WARD MEDIA

EXPLORE THE WORLD WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY.

AT YOUR LIBRARY

- Storytimes
- After school events & activities
- Check out books, comics, movies, & more

NCWLIBRARIES.ORG

- Free homework help
- Britannica Library
- Stream books, comics, movies, & more