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Rep. Mike Steele praises \$7.63 billion bipartisan capital budget as "Bright Spot" for Washington

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OLYMPIA — Washington state lawmakers have released a \$7.63 billion bipartisan capital budget proposal for 2025-27 that focuses on statewide infrastructure needs and community investments.

House Bill 1216, unveiled last week, represents months of collaborative work between Republican and Democratic legislators. The proposal makes substantial investments in housing, education, behavioral health facilities, and essential infrastructure across the state.

Rep. Mike Steele, R-Chelan, ranking Republican on the House Capital Budget Committee, expressed strong support for the plan.

"This budget is the product of months of careful collaboration and a strong focus on people," said Steele.

"At a time when other state budgets are facing pressure and shortfalls, the capital budget stands out as a bright spot. It supports our shared bipartisan priorities—housing, education, behavioral health, and essential infrastructure—and does not rely heavily on general fund dollars. I'm proud of the teamwork that went into this plan and confident



COURTESY OF WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE REPUBLICANS

Rep. Mike Steele, R-Chelan

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New board offers a fresh start for Cashmere Chamber of Commerce



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

New leadership at the Cashmere Chamber of Commerce hopes to revitalize the organization and the business community.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – After a near collapse at the end of 2024 due to only one remaining board member, the Cashmere Chamber of Commerce is making a revival with a newly formed board of directors at the helm.

"This first year vision is, let's get a healthy board in place, a healthy

working board that has very complementary skills...They then bring those skills to the board and can lead different initiatives based on those skill sets. Also...What we're trying to do is make it very kind of representative of the business community," said new chamber vice president Carrie Pruitt.

After attending a chamber meeting late last year, Pruitt and Andy

Thomas of Side Street Cashmere had discovered that the chamber no longer had a director, and was about to lose three out of its four board members at the end of the year. The chamber was already struggling to recruit board members, only filling four out of the 11 available seats.

"At that meeting, it was just clear that things were not in a good place. And so Andy and I had the discussion

about, let's just get people together, let's figure something out," said Pruitt.

The two organized a meeting with the community's business owners to share the news, and propose either revitalizing the chamber, or transitioning into a downtown business association. Despite the overwhelming frustration with the chamber's lack of transparency and

communication, business owners ultimately decided to reinvest in the chamber.

"It's been a little bit rocky... You know, we don't have the most positive support that we've had in past years...Going to those members and reaching out and gaining back their trust, that's kind of number one,

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Local business owners met in December to decide between revitalizing the chamber or transitioning into a downtown business association.



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The native plant nursery supplies native grass seed and container-grown wildflowers, shrubs and trees. It also has also contract grown over 500,000 plants for specialized needs of individuals, companies and agencies.

Bringing native plants back to local landscapes: Derby Canyon Natives opens for Spring retail

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PESHASTIN — For over 25 years, the Derby Canyon Natives has been a source of Central Washington native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees for home gardens and large-scale properties.

The native plant nursery grows over 120 species for both landscaping and restoration projects, producing approximately 150,000 plants per year. The plants are grown from seeds and cuttings that are collected from native species across the region, which varies from shrubsteppe in Wenatchee, to forest and riparian zones up to Stevens Pass.

"The diversity of it, I think, has been really one of the coolest things to encounter. I'm always amazed at how many different unique plant communities there are in this general area. It's pretty fun to get out and explore," said Owner Mel Asher.

While readily available seeds for popular ornamentals are cleaned, tested, and often genetically modified, seeds for native plants are everything but. Throughout the year, Asher collects seeds from wild growing plants, keeping a spreadsheet of when to source different seeds and where.

For instance, she may collect Tweedy's lewisia wildflower seeds in June, and pine cones in August, but she also needs a broad collection

area. To minimize her impact, Asher doesn't take more than 10 percent of the seed produced in a given area. She also aims to collect seeds from 30 to 40 individual plants for genetic diversity. To make matters more complicated, the viability of the seeds are also at the whim of pollinator activity, which can slow in severe weather, such as a cold and wet, or a hot and dry spring.

"It's unique in that, and it's also kind of challenging sometimes, just because you don't always know how good the seed will be in a given year. Some years it's great, and some years it's horrible. So we're a little bit at the whim of mother nature and our

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House committee unanimously endorses Goehner's water-sewer district bill

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OLYMPIA — A House committee has unanimously endorsed legislation sponsored by Sen. Keith Goehner (R-Dryden) that aims to streamline the process for water-sewer districts to sell surplus property.

Senate Bill 5467 would update financial thresholds for property sales, doubling the current \$2,500 threshold for the notice-of-intention requirement that water-sewer districts must meet when selling personal property. Additionally, the threshold for permitting private sales of real property owned by districts would increase to \$7,500 from the current \$5,000 limit.

"Senate Bill 5467 is a common-sense update that ensures our water-sewer districts can operate more efficiently without unnecessary bureaucratic delays," said Goehner. "By adjusting outdated financial thresholds, we're cutting red tape and enabling districts to manage their surplus property in a manner that makes fiscal sense, while maintaining transparency and accountability." The legislation is presented as a measure to help water-sewer districts adapt to current economic conditions while focusing on their primary services.

"This bill reflects the economic realities of today and helps our local water-sewer districts focus on their core mission—delivering reliable services to our communities," Goehner added. "These updates strike the right balance between efficiency and oversight, ensuring that small asset sales are not entangled in outdated regulations while still upholding responsible stewardship of public resources."

Following the committee's endorsement, the bill now moves forward for potential consideration by the full House of Representatives.



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Sen. Keith Goehner (R-Dryden)

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NCWP Gold Show 2025

The NCWP Gold Show returns April 12-13 at the Chelan County Fairgrounds in Cashmere, WA. Admission is \$5 per person, with free entry for children 12 and under.

"Get ready for a weekend filled with gold prospecting, treasure hunting, and hands-on learning," the event page states. "With top vendors, exciting raffles, and fun for the whole family, there's something for everyone—whether you're a seasoned prospector or just getting started!"

For more information, visit NCWP Gold Show.

Leavenworth Community Dinner

Leavenworth Methodist Church will host this month's Community Dinner on Tuesday, April 15, from 5-7 p.m.

at 418 Evans St.

"No RSVP is required, and the dinner is completely free—donations are always welcome," the event page states. "Everyone in the community is invited to enjoy a warm meal and great conversation with friends and neighbors!"

For more information, email strodeuw2@gmail.com.

Cascade Celtic Festival

The Cascade Celtic Festival is coming to Leavenworth on April 12 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., for a full day of music, dance, and celebration.

"Experience the magic of Celtic culture with 10 incredible bands, 3 Irish dance troupes, and the powerful sounds of Pipes and Drums. This is a festival for all ages—so gather your friends and family and get ready for an unforgettable event!"

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Imagination Station will host a MakeDo Cardboard Construction event on Wednesday, April 16 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

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Governor Ferguson names WVC English professor Derek Sheffield as State Poet Laureate

By Andrew Simpson
Ward Media Staff Reporter

OLYMPIA — Governor Bob Ferguson has named Washington State's eighth and newest State Poet Laureate, an honor he gave to Professor Derek Sheffield of Wenatchee Valley College. Professor Sheffield teaches English at the college and is the author of several books of poetry, as well as the co-editor of Cascadia Field Guide: Art, Ecology, Poetry, the winner of the 2024 Pacific Northwest Book Award.

The two-year appointment makes Sheffield Washington's cultural ambassador of poetry, a position he's uniquely qualified for as an avid outdoorsman. The culture of Washington and the whole of the Pacific Northwest centers largely on the scenic natural beauty of the area, and Sheffield writes extensively in that vein.

It could be said that if Washington were Walden Pond, Sheffield might be its Henry David Thoreau. He not only lives in an area near Leavenworth, but has, for the last two decades, taught the Northwest Nature Writing class at Wenatchee Valley College.

"I am as much a naturalist as I am a poet, and so I am able to build awareness and connection for the natural world, just as I do for poetry," says Sheffield. "People won't protect what they don't know. More of us need to understand exactly what it is we lose from our culture when we lose poetry and wildness."

Governor Ferguson himself noted Sheffield's focus on the environment, saying "Derek has a real gift for capturing in poetry the natural beauty that makes Washington one of the

best places to live."

Sheffield's other passion lies in mental health awareness, and he is acutely aware of the crisis facing young people today. "As poet laureate, I want to engage more of our teenagers with poetry because it will be good medicine," he says. "Poetry makes us slow down and dwell on our relationships."

Indeed, the job of a poet laureate is not merely symbolic. As an ambassador through poetry, Sheffield will visit all manner of areas of community engagement, including schools and museums, and will travel the state building awareness and a deeper appreciation for poetry through readings and events, and may even embark on projects of his own choosing.

The Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) and Humanities Washington co-manage the State Poet Laureate program, and have since its inception in 2007.

Karen Hanan, ArtsWA's executive director, said in a press release announcing the Governor's appointment of Sheffield, "Washington is fortunate to be home to compassionate, courageous artists like Derek. We are confident that his message of community and connection to nature will improve the lives of Washingtonians across the state—especially our youth, who need this support more than ever."

Having a local represent the state as Poet Laureate is especially exciting to members of the literary "scene" here in the Wenatchee Valley. Holly Thorpe, a colleague of Sheffield's at the college and the founder of "LitMic: NCW's Loudest Open Mic" — a monthly showcase for the best poets and writers from

the Wenatchee Valley — told Ward Media exclusively: "I am so proud to call Derek a friend, mentor, and colleague. He is a role model for me as a poet and educator, and inspired me to pursue my master of fine arts. The joy he finds in writing, community and the beautiful place we call home is infectious, and I'm so grateful he will get to share it with others around the state."

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Professor Derek Sheffield, named Washington State's 2025-2027 Poet Laureate.

VALE Students OF THE Month

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Delila Guerra Duarte, Alan Paz Romero, Haelynn Gover, Jaime Sanchez, Nayeli Murillo-Avalos, Yulissa Chamu-Cuenca, Emma Curtin, Bridger Smith, Abigail Vaca Ramirez, Milem Stanfield, Joran Simmons

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Bulldogs dominate: Thiess' hat trick leads 7-0 rout over lightning



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/FOR WARD MEDIA
Tommy Bataniou tries to get past a La Salle player during the game against the Lightning on April 1. Bataniou scored one of Cashmere's seven goals in the 7-0 victory over La Salle.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/FOR WARD MEDIA
Nate Hodges tries to dodge La Salle's Uta Tahara during the clash of SCAC rivals on April Fools Day. Cashmere won 7-0.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/FOR WARD MEDIA
JJ Herrera in action for the Cashmere Bulldogs against the La Salle Lightning on April 1. Cashmere's 7-0 win over the visitors from Yakima County brought their conference record to an even 3-3.

CASHMERE - The Cashmere Bulldogs showed little mercy against a short-handed La Salle squad on April Fools' Day, defeating the visiting Lightning 7-0. The Bulldogs showed plenty of firepower with Ethan Thiess contributing three goals, Tommy Bataniou scoring once, John Ale Rojas scoring once, Cooper Hauck scoring once and Nate Hodges scoring once, as well. Edgar Reyna had two assists.

CASHMERE SCHEDULE				
Boys Varsity Soccer				
Fri, Apr 11 6:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Granger	Home	
Tue, Apr 15 6:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Naches Valley	Away	
Boys Varsity Baseball				
Fri, Apr 11 4:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Meridian	Home	
Tue, Apr 15 3:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Naches Valley	Home	
Tue, Apr 15 5:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Nahces Valley	Home	
Boys Varsity Tennis				
Fri, Apr 11 4:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Chelan	Away	
Mon, Apr 14 3:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Wahluke	Away	
Wed, Apr 16 4:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Zillah	Away	
Boys Varsity Track				
Sat, Apr 12 10:30 AM	Cashmere vs.	Quincy Track & Field Invitational	Away	
Tue, Apr 15 3:30 PM	Cashmere vs.	SCAC Week 1	Away	
Girls Varsity Tennis				
Fri, Apr 11 4:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Chelan	Away	
Mon, Apr 14 3:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Wahluke	Away	
Wed, Apr 16 4:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Zillah	Away	
Girls Varsity Softball				
Thu, Apr 10 4:00: PM	Cashmere vs.	Mount Baker	Home	
Fri, Apr 11 4:30: PM	Cashmere vs.	Kittitas	Away	
Tue, Apr 15 3:00: PM	Cashmere vs.	Naches Valley	Away	
Girls Varsity Track				
Sat, Apr 12 10:30 AM	Cashmere vs.	Quincy Track & Field Invitational	Away	
Tue, Apr 15 3:30 PM	Cashmere vs.	SCAC Week 1	Away	

CASHMERE SCOREBOARD					
Boys Varsity Soccer					
Tue, Apr 1	Cashmere	7	La Salle	0	Win
Sat, Apr 5	Cashmere	4	Brewster	4	Tie
Boys Varsity Baseball					
Tue, Apr 1	Cashmere	15	Royal	5	Win
Tue, Apr 1	Cashmere	4	Royal	5	Win
Fri, Apr 4	Cashmere	7	Cle Elum-Roslyn	3	Win

Cashmere girls are middle school basketball champs



COURTESY OF STATEBASKETBALLCHAMPIONSHIP.COM
The Cashmere fourth grade girls' basketball team was among 15 of the state's top winners at the 12th Annual Washington Middle School Basketball Championships played in Spokane Valley on March 7-9. Pictured back row from left, coach Ron Stone, Klare Miller, Piper Andruss, Sadie Hamon, Kali Miller, Scarlett Clark, and coach Mallory Kragt. Front row from left, Kinsley Kragt, Tallis Bench, and Allie Parton. The Cashmere girls won the championship trophy in their Fourth School Silver Division.

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Leavenworth to celebrate spring with May festivities



COURTESY OF LEAVENWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Maipole dancing welcomes spring during the annual Maifest in downtown Leavenworth.

*The Leavenworth Echo
Ward Media*

LEAVENWORTH – As spring takes hold in the upper valley, Leavenworth prepares to celebrate with festivities every weekend throughout May. From outdoor adventures to live music, the action-packed month will offer some for everyone, with the traditional Bavarian Maifest taking center-stage.

The first weekend of festivities will kick off with Music of the Alps and Leavenworth Rockfest on May 3 and 4. Music of the Alps will bring authentic Alpine melodies to the Front Street Gazebo in the heart of Leavenworth. Each day, Alpenfolk will perform traditional tunes using genuine instruments and yodeling techniques from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Leavenworth Alphorns will follow their performance, showcasing the Alpine sounds of the 12-foot-long horn from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

On May 3, Leavenworth Rockfest will host climbers and

outdoor enthusiasts at Icicle Creek Center for the Arts for a full-day of celebration. The event will feature live music, vendors, speakers, food and drinks, climbing clinics, and a bouldering competition. Attendees can participate in a stewardship event on May 4 to give back to Leavenworth's world-class climbing areas.

Leavenworth's traditional Maifest celebration will follow on May 9, 10 and 11. The festival, which has honored the Bavarian tradition since 1971, will include Maipole dancing, Bavarian music, and the annual Festzug (Grand March), where locals don traditional attire to welcome guests.

Mai BlumenLauf, or May Flower Run, will close out the Maifest weekend on May 11. Formerly known as the Mother's Day 5k, the family-friendly event will have activities for all fitness levels, including a 5k, 10k, and a half-marathon. The routes traverse through downtown Leavenworth and its scenic riverfront trails. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Cascade Medical Foundation.

Festivities continue just a few days later, with the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest



COURTESY OF LEAVENWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Leavenworth has celebrated the traditional Bavarian Maifest since 1971.

commencing on May 15 and continuing through May 18. The festival celebrates the return of migratory birds during peak wildflower season, offering birding field trips, workshops, speaker events, music, visual arts, picnics, and activities for all ages and abilities.

On Front Street, live chainsaw carving will combine artistry with timber on May 17 and 18. The event will bring in five professional chainsaw carvers from the Pacific Northwest to create large-scale, German-inspired

sculptures. Spectators can watch the process and purchase completed pieces. Music and activities will accompany the event.

The Leavenworth International Alphorn Festival will conclude the month's festivities from May 23 to 25. Alphorn players from all over North America will gather for a weekend of concerts and special performances, highlighting the deep-rooted traditions of the unique instrument.

Rep. Mike Steele

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in the positive impact it will have in communities across the state."

Unlike Washington's operating budget, which covers day-to-day state services and relies primarily on general fund revenue, the capital budget is largely funded through bond sales. It focuses on long-term physical investments including public schools, water systems, and community facilities.

The House proposal includes \$4.64 billion in newly authorized general obligation bonds while strategically reserving \$389 million in bond capacity for the 2026 supplemental capital budget.

Key investments in the proposal include \$723.6 million for housing and homelessness initiatives, with \$100 million allocated for permanent supportive housing and \$80 million for first-time, low-income homebuyer assistance.

K-12 education would receive \$1.1 billion, including \$563 million for the School Construction Assistance Program and \$249.5 million for Small District and Tribal Compact School Modernization.

The proposal earmarks \$1.4 billion for higher education, with \$458 million specifically for Community and Technical Colleges.

Behavioral health facilities would receive \$471.7 million, including \$282 million to

complete Western State Hospital and \$132.7 million for behavioral health capacity grants.

Natural resources programs would see significant funding at \$2.19 billion, with investments in wildlife recreation, flood management, water supply programs, and salmon recovery efforts.

The proposal also includes climate-related investments, with \$50 million for tribal climate adaptation grants and \$28 million for public school classroom indoor air quality projects, funded through the Climate Commitment Act.

House Bill 1216 now awaits a vote in the House. The 2025 legislative session is scheduled to adjourn on April 27.

Chamber

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because the chamber can't really exist without members," said new chamber president Kendra Clark.

Clark, owner of Loves Me Flowers, decided to attend the January chamber meeting after learning of the situation. By the end of the meeting, Clark was president and the chamber had almost an entirely new board, with the exception of the remaining treasurer Wendy Tankersley. Secretary Chad Zimmerman and board members Suzy Hansch and Steve Croci had also stepped up to join.

As they settle into their new roles and work to fill remaining vacancies, the board has already started to

make changes. Most recently, it hired a new director, Jeff Jones.

"What we're trying to do differently, is to build that infrastructure that's a really supportive, collaborative board [with a] manager who's also empowered to really lead the chamber with the support of the board," said Pruitt.

Moving forward, the board is focused on improving its communication channels, such as hosting social gatherings and utilizing social media.

"Whether that means posting something that [businesses] are doing, or reaching out to our community and letting our [them] know what's either going on at the chamber or what's going on in the community at large...All of those types of things are really important, and have been kind

of lacking from the chamber," said Clark.

The board is also looking to make tourism related improvements, such as installing signage for visitors to better navigate the town and discover businesses. Eventually, it hopes to expand its membership and services beyond city limits to include businesses in the Dryden and Monitor areas, said Clark.

"It's really a special town, and I think there's a lot of small businesses here that want to grow and help each other, and collaborate. So, I just see that as the direction we're heading...Just improving on what's already an amazing community," said Pruitt.

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Derby Canyon

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collecting practices," said Asher.

While the process is challenging, the results are rewarding, as native plants can create a more diverse and resilient ecosystem. The plants are naturally acclimated to the region's conditions, and they support native pollinators.

"I think the greatest benefit is having a landscape that is at one with nature and not a fight against nature, you know, blending in with the natural surroundings and providing habitat for local wildlife," said Asher.

Derby Canyon Natives was founded by entomologist and orchardist Ted Alway, who slowly converted parts of his orchard into the four-acre nursery that stands today. After 20 years of operation, Alway passed the torch to Asher, who took on ownership in January 2022.

Prior to taking over Derby Canyon Natives, Asher worked at a native plant nursery in Michigan, ran a greenhouse study as a graduate student,

and worked in native plant restoration at BFI Native Seeds.

"I took my first field botany class in college, and was just so excited about learning about native plants, and how they grew, why they grew where they did. [I] just was absolutely fascinated...So my



COURTESY OF DERBY CANON NATIVES
Penstemons grow inside the greenhouse.

entire career has been focused on native plants," said Asher.

The nursery reopened for retail sales on April 4. The hours of operation are Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Earth Day

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to celebrate the stewardship of our planet and Wenatchee Valley College is honored to welcome you onto our campus for the next chapter of this event!"

WVC will extend Earth Day celebrations with additional events on April 22 and 23, including poetry readings, nature hikes, and a clothing swap. The poetry reading on April 22 will feature WVC faculty Ana Maria Spagna and writers Jarret Ziemer and Susan Sampson, along with WVC

Creative Writing students.

Parking will be free for the Earth Day Fair, though attendees are encouraged to use alternative transportation when possible. More information is available at www.sustainablencw.org/earth-day-fair.

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Earth is My Happy Place!

Earth is a planet full of **natural resources** – things that come from nature, like trees, water, air, rocks, and animals that people can use to help them live and make things they need.

These natural resources are kind of like Mother Earth's free gifts!

If people waste these gifts, then these natural resources are lost.

Standards Link: Science: Living things need water, air and resources from the land.



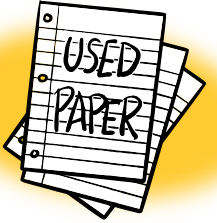
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Amazing Recyclables!

When you recycle, your used items get turned into new products.

Fill in the missing vowels in each word listed below to discover some of the things these items can be made into after recycling.

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
RESOURCE

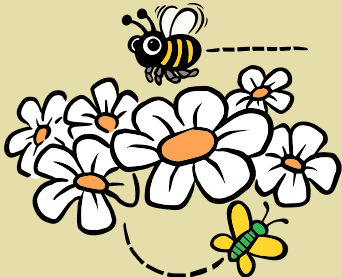
The noun **resource** means things that are available for people to use.

A natural **resource** is something in nature that can be used by people.

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

What do you love about the Earth?

Look at the pictures of the natural resources Earth provides for us. Put a heart around each of the natural resources that you especially love. Under each one, write a sentence about how you will care for, conserve and appreciate this resource.



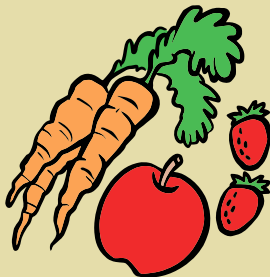
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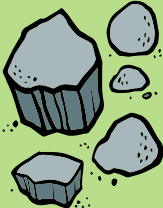
I love this because:



Beware!
Taking too many natural resources from the planet means we could run out of them!

Do the math to find out what the different natural resources on this page provide people.

8 + 7 = <u>15</u> SOME CANDLES	7 + 2 = <u>9</u> WINDOWS
4 + 6 = <u>10</u> PAPER	8 + 8 = <u>16</u> GASOLINE
7 + 6 = <u>13</u> PLASTICS	7 + 7 = <u>14</u> COMPUTER CHIPS
8 + 4 = <u>12</u> CARDBOARD	6 + 2 = <u>8</u> MACHINERY
6 + 5 = <u>11</u> GLASS	9 + 9 = <u>18</u> POTS & PANS
9 + 8 = <u>17</u> WOOD	4 + 3 = <u>7</u> WIRE



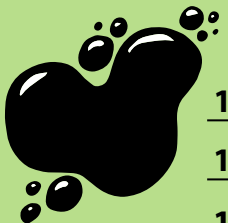
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TREES

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17 = _____
10 = _____



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15 = _____



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With some friends,
pick up litter on your
school playground.
It's a great way to help the
environment!

Extra! Extra! Fun Facts

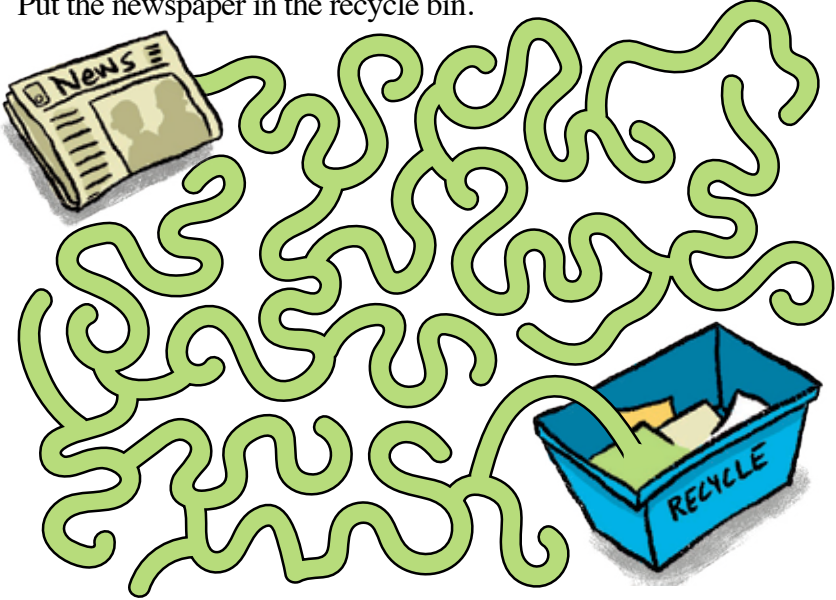
Look through today's newspaper for five facts. List the facts and circle any you think are fun to know. Whether or not the fact is fun or not would be your opinion.

Standards Link: Science: Identify natural resources. Language: Sort words in alphabetical order.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Recycle After Reading

Put the newspaper in the recycle bin.



Double Double Word Search

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CONSERVE
EARTH
GIFTS
HAPPY
HEART
LOVE
METAL
NATURAL
OIL
ROCKS
RUN
SAND
TREES
WOOD

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

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R	H	A	P	P	Y	V	O	J	S
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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