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Leavenworth to celebrate
spring with May festivities



COURTESY OF LEAVENWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Maipoles 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 Maipoles 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

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

Community pool advocacy group
moves toward nonprofit status



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA
Swimmers enjoy the pool during last year's Splash Bash event organized by Upper Valley Aquatics Boosters.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – When the Park and Recreation Service Area (PRSA) levy was up for renewal last August, the community pool, which relies on the levy for half of its operational budget, was met with its own mortality.

The threat of closure encouraged a handful of pool users to form a grassroots group called the Upper Valley Aquatics Boosters (UVAB) to advocate for the renewal, which ultimately passed. In the months leading up to the vote, the group passed out flyers, attended

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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



COURTESY OF DERBY CANON NATIVES
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.

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.

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Celtic sounds come to Bavarian Leavenworth with inaugural music festival

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – The first ever Cascade Celtic Festival will infuse Irish music into the Bavarian town on April 12 and 13. The Cascade Celtic Festival will feature traditional Irish and Scottish music from bands such as Nearing Nera and Puget Sound Firefighters Pipes and Drums, as well as Irish folk and Celtic rock bands like the Coming Up Threes, Stout Pounders, and The Whiskeydicks. It will also

include traditional Irish dance from Seattle Irish Dance Company, Cascade Irish Dance, and An Daire Academy of Irish Dance in Wenatchee. “All of these bands were hand picked for this first year. These are all groups that I’ve that I have either seen, played with, or have been a part of other festivals...These are, like the best of the best for the Northwest, as far as Irish bands go,” said Alice Cloutier, event organizer and musician. While Cloutier is currently based in Snohomish, her Leavenworth ties date back to her childhood, where she

grew up watching her dad, Thomas Tilton, play in the Little German Band throughout town. Tilton later formed Leavenworth's Bavarian and Austrian folk band Alpenfolk with his wife, Cori Pflug-Tilton, and son Peter Pflug-Tilton. Cloutier's musical interests took another direction. As a trained classical violinist with Irish and Scottish heritage, Cloutier started playing Irish fiddle during nursing school, eventually joining the Stout Pounders and playing at various Irish music festivals in the Northwest. With Cloutier's experience and

Tilton's location, the two started brainstorming a way to bring an Irish music festival to Leavenworth. “There's nothing like this event in Central Washington or Eastern Washington...So we're hoping to bring the gift of music to Leavenworth and to Central Washington,” said Cloutier. The family-friendly event will have food, beer and wine, arts and goods. Attendees will be able to enjoy local vendors, including Icicle Brewing Company and La Javelina, as well as Irish staples, Smithwicks and Guinness, and fare from Shawn O'Donnells.

“There's a lot of excitement and support from some of the Leavenworth businesses and the Leavenworth Chamber [of Commerce]...We don't have any doubt where this is going to be very successful for a first year,” said Cloutier. The event is sponsored by Munchen Haus, Irish and Celtic Society of Snohomish County, Hotel Leavenworth, and Beyond the Call of Duty. Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media

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OBITUARY

Bryson Alexander Byrne

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our son, Bryson Alexander Byrne, 30 of Port Angeles, WA, on March 14, 2025 in Bellingham, WA. Born on April 18, 1994, in Port Angeles, WA to Anita Perry and Patrick Byrne.

He is survived by his mother, Anita Perry-Byrne of Bellingham, WA, father, Patrick Byrne of Port Angeles, WA, uncle, Sean S. Perry of Wenatchee, WA, godfather, John Kent of Joyce, WA, godmother, Cindi Vetrone of Knoxville, TN; and many extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins that span the U.S. and Germany.

Bryson grew up in Leavenworth, WA. He loved the outdoors and going to the river with his friends. He was an exceptional video game player. Favorite genre was anime. He was a very good musician, playing electric and acoustic guitar, ukulele, and trumpet for 4 years in Elite Band at Leavenworth High School. He graduated from Squalicum High School in Bellingham, and attended Wenatchee Valley College training to become a welder. He worked in the food service industry. His deepest desire was to move to Japan and work for Nintendo, Sony and Capcorn. We are very proud of him.



He will be forever loved and missed by his family and friends. And his cat, Toshi.

He will be laid to rest at Leavenworth Cemetery next to his Omi, Tia Perry, in an inurnment service on April 15, 2025 at 11 a.m.

Please sign the Book of Memories, light a candle and leave your condolences for the family on Bryson's Memorial page at [mtbakercremationsociety.com](#)

Community Calendar

Wednesday

Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292.

Alpine Water District, meets at the Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, 1 p.m. Contact Anne Mueller, 425-238-3935.

Ukulele Circle, 5:30- 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet music.

Senior Center, Lunch, Noon, \$8 per meal. Call 509-548-6666 by Tuesday noon to make a reservation.

Thursday

Leavenworth Lions Club, Meetings are 1st Thurs. at 6:30pm and 3rd Thurs. at 9 am at Kristalls Restaurant. For more info contact president Tony Maffey at (509)470-6743.

Peshastin Community Council meeting, 7 p.m. Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)

Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

Parkinson's Support Group Mountain Meadows Assisted Living 320 Park Avenue Leavenworth, WA 98826. Event Date, Last Thursday of every month, time 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Contact Cascade Medical 509-548-3420 x 3873

Find strength in community. Join our People with Parkinson's Support Group for valuable connections, shared experiences, and support. Navigate challenges, celebrate victories, and empower each other on this journey. You are not alone. Join us.

Senior exercise taught by Rehab staff FREE Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-12 at the LDS Church, 10170 Titus Rd.

Friday

Leavenworth Rotary Club, In person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information.

Senior Center: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: [leavenworthseniors@gmail.com](#)

Monday

Upper Valley Free Clinic, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Call UVMEND, 509-548-0408 for more information.

Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm via ZOOM link posted at <https://leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/notices-updates/>

Cascade School board meetings, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at <https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166>. (2nd & 4th Mon.)

Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

Tuesday

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)

Cascade Education Foundation, Contact: CEF@cascade.org

LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st. Tues.)

Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 p.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. [www.leavenworthmasons.org](#). (1st Tues.)

Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.)

The Chelan County Cemetery District #2 (Peshastin) meets monthly at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

Senior Center, Exercise, 11 a.m-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: [leavenworthseniors@gmail.com](#)

Greater Leavenworth Museum board meeting 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)

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Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online.leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org

Open on Tues., 10-5, Wed., 11-6, Thurs.,10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat.,10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon.

Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St. Call (509) 548-7821 or peshastin@ncwlibraries.org. Open on Tues., 2-6pm, Wed., 2-6pm. Thurs., 10am-6pm, Fri., 10am-6pm, Sat, 10am-2pm, closed Sun. and Mon.

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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

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



COURTESY OF WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE

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

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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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.



COURTESY OF WASHINGTON STATE SENATE

Sen. Keith Goehner (R-Dryden)

Chelan County Sheriff's Report

This report is compiled from records provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office and RiverCom. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

March 28

11:02:54 Assist Agency, 520 Pine St# Main, Leavenworth

11:26:18 Warrant, Kittitas Co Jail, Ellensburg

13:01:19 Property, Leavenworth

13:39:25 Assist Public, 418 Evans St, Leavenworth

14:33:21 Civil, 186 Big Pine Dr, Leavenworth

15:58:15 Suspicious, Rainy Creek Rd & Us Hwy 2

16:26:41 Runaway, 128 Pet Lodge Ln, Leavenworth

18:46:46 Welfare Check, 520 Pine St# Main, Leavenworth

20:34:29 Animal Problem, 10555 Fox Rd: Area Of, Leavenworth

21:56:23 Assist Public, Icicle Rd & Cemetery Rd, Leavenworth

March 29

00:09:17 Domestic Distur, 922 Commercial St, Leavenworth

00:57:58 Assist Agency, 301 Ward Strasse, Leavenworth

08:36:31 Welfare Check, 228 Chumstick Hwy, Leavenworth

09:25:21 Assist Public, 7730 Mountain Home Rd, Leavenworth

09:41:09 Stab/Gunshot, 10245 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin

12:24:22 Assist Public, 263 Mine St# 218, Leavenworth

17:21:08 Suspicious, 116 River Bend Dr, Leavenworth

March 30

14:38:32 Littering, Peshastin Bridge, Peshastin

15:08:35 Suicide Threat, 100 Ward Strasse # E263, Leavenworth

20:06:45 Harass/Threat, 1300 Commercial St# 13, Leavenworth

20:21:44 Domestic Disturbance, 810 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth

March 31

09:36:31 Domestic Disturbance, 11770 Pear Tree Ct, Leavenworth

13:31:45 Welfare Check, 11684 Sunitsch Canyon Rd, Leavenworth

14:20:10 Court Order Vio, 1300 Commercial St# 211

April 1

13:43:00 Assist Public, 700 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth

16:50:05 Harass/Threat, 309 8th St

April 2

13:41:39 Trespass, Us Hwy 2 & Coulter Creek R, Leavenworth

14:11:58 Traffic Offense, Allen Ln & Hansel Ln, Peshastin

17:23:13 Sex Offense, 10190 Chumstick Hwy, Leavenworth

22:39:54 911, 101bk Harrison Hollow Rd, Leavenworth

April 3

09:33:34 Harass/Threat, 12735

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Kodiaks fall 12-2 to Quincy Jacks in mercy-rule baseball defeat

QUINCY - Cascade fought hard but ultimately succumbed to the hosting Quincy Jacks on April 3, 12-2 in a game that ended with the Kodiaks winning on a walk-off, mercy-rule walk in the fifth inning.

- ❶ Colton Chase (7) gets his props from teammate Hudson Parks (21) after scoring the Kodiaks' second run of the game in Quincy last April 3. Quincy won 12-2.
- ❷ Branyan Schach makes a great catch in shallow right centerfield, keeping a Quincy Jack run off the board during the game against QHS on April 3. Quincy won 12-2.
- ❸ Jack Burlingame in action against the Quincy Jacks in Quincy last April 3. Quincy won 12-2.



CASCADE SCHEDULE			
Boys Varsity Baseball			
Sat, Apr 12 11:00: AM	Cascade vs.	Lake Roosevelt	Home
Tue, Apr 15 4:30: PM	Cascade vs.	Omak	Home
Boys Varsity Soccer			
Thu, Apr 10 6:00: PM	Cascade vs.	Bridgeport	Home
Tue, Apr 15 4:00: PM	Cascade vs.	Brewster	Away
Boys Varsity Tennis			
Sat, Apr 12 4:00 PM	Cascade vs.	Entiat	Home
Mon, Apr 14 4:00 PM	Cascade vs.	Liberty Bell	Away
Wed, Apr 16 4:00 PM	Cascade vs.	Omak	Away

CASCADE SCHEDULE			
Girls Varsity Tennis			
Sat, Apr 12 4:00 PM	Cascade vs.	Entiat	Home
Mon, Apr 14 4:00 PM	Cascade vs.	Liberty Bell	Away
Wed, Apr 16 4:00 PM	Cascade vs.	Omak	Away
Girls Varsity Softball			
Thu, Apr 10 4:30: PM	Cascade vs.	Manson	Home
Sat, Apr 12 11:00: AM	Cascade vs.	Lake Roosevelt	Home
Mon, Apr 14 4:30: PM	Cascade vs.	Omak	Home
Girls Varsity Golf			
Mon, Apr 14 2:30 PM	Cascade vs.	Omak	Away

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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 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.



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Rep. Mike Steele, R-Chelan

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.

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Pool

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community engagement nights, and hosted a "Splash Bash" at the pool.

Riding on the wave of its success, the group is now working to establish itself as a nonprofit, beginning with the formation of a board of directors. During an April 2 meeting, Brian Decker, Nichol Graham-Mathers, Mara Merritt, Ann Murray, Kurt Peterson, and Jenna Swalin were nominated for the board. The nominees will be voted on by members of the public through an online election ballot.

"In order for us to achieve some of the goals that we

need to get to...We've got to be a fully formed entity, and that really starts with creating some governance and accountability," said UVAB member Kurt Peterson.

As a nonprofit, the group would advocate for community interests, seek out funding, and strategically plan for long-term goals. So far, the group has gauged the community's priorities through an online survey, which included developing pool programming and activities, expanding hours, and adding shady areas.

UVAB plans to support the pool as it stands in the short-term, but also look towards the long-term goal of securing a year-round pool. In past meetings, the group has considered forming two

committees, in which one group is able to focus on the former, and the other, on the latter.

"People could sort of choose what they feel most passionate about," said Merritt, in discussion about the idea.

Once it develops a board, UVAB will be able to decide on what type of structure will meet its goals. Community members can vote for nominees by following this link: <https://bit.ly/UVABboard>. The group plans to have its first board meeting at 5 p.m. on April 23 at the Leavenworth Firehall, located at 228 Chumstick Highway. The meeting is open to the public.

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Native plants

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"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 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 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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COURTESY OF DERBY CANON NATIVES

Penstemons grow inside the greenhouse.

May festivities

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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 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.

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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.





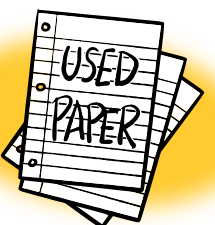
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When you recycle, your used items get turned into new products.


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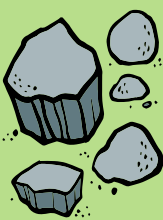
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Beware!
Taking too many natural resources from the planet means we could run out of them!

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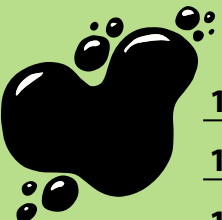
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7 + 6 = <u>13</u> PLASTICS	7 + 7 = <u>14</u> COMPUTER CHIPS
8 + 4 = <u>12</u> CARDBOARD	6 + 2 = <u>8</u> MACHINERY
6 + 5 = <u>11</u> GLASS	9 + 9 = <u>18</u> POTS & PANS
9 + 8 = <u>17</u> WOOD	4 + 3 = <u>7</u> WIRE




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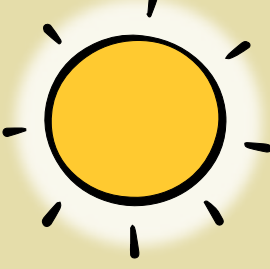


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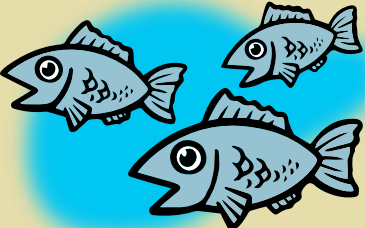


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Standards Link: Science: Recognize that some resources are renewable and others are nonrenewable.



I love this because:



I love this because:

Standards Link: Science: Humans use natural resources for everything they do.

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.

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This week's word: **RESOURCE**

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

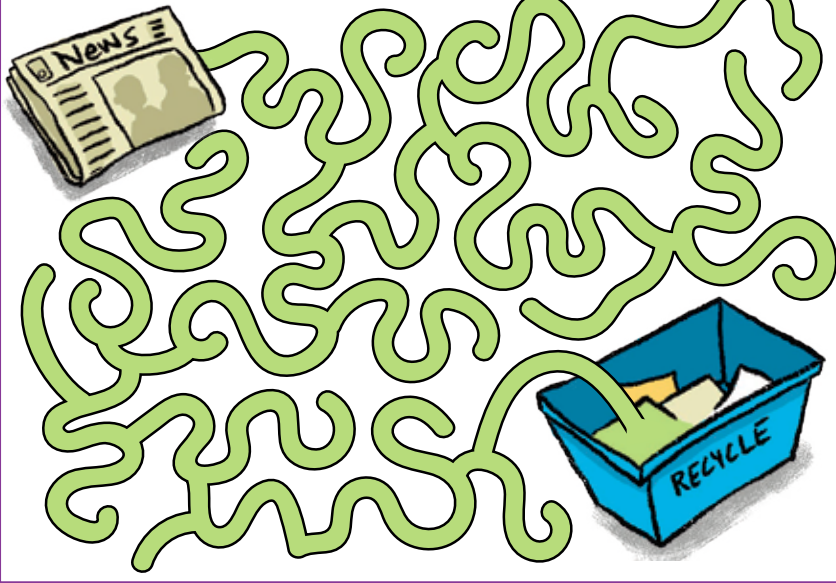
A natural **resource** is something in nature that can be used by people.

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

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Recycle After Reading

Put the newspaper in the recycle bin.



Double Double Word Search

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

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