

VENUE: Recent renovations increase capacity to keep up with demand

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pleted major renovations to the building a couple of years ago to expand the kitchen, meet ADA requirements, and increase the building's overall capacity.

"It hadn't undergone a huge restoration or remodel, since it was built in the '60s," Wells said. "Because of the number of people coming through, we needed to expand at least the kitchen, because there's a lot of catering at these events."

The recently-expanded kitchen connects to a large event room on the main floor

and a wrap-around deck outside. A gathering space downstairs hosts a small museum documenting the Crag Rats' history, and a training tower in the adjacent parking lot serves as another reminder to the venue's Crag Rat connections.

But the biggest reminder is the check.

"The rentals support search and rescue, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department," said Pattison, "So when they write their check for their wedding ... it's going here."



Submitted photos

MAIN event room of the Crag Rat Hut includes a stone fireplace, and connects to both the kitchen and a wrap-around deck outside.

"RUSTIC MOUNTAIN WEDDING VENUE"
For details on renting out the Crag Rat Hut and pricing information, email cragrathrentals@gmail.com. More information on the venue and the Crag Rats is available at www.cragrats.org.



WRAP-AROUND deck offers views of the Hood River Valley.

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Lovebirds

Lovebirds are a playful and affectionate type of small parrot. They are only about five inches in length and are sometimes called pint-sized bundles of joy.

Put this sentence back together to find out why they're called lovebirds.

time snuggling close together when

These little African parrots are

pairs, they spend long periods of

sleeping or resting.

called lovebirds because, if kept in

Lovebirds are little clowns and they love to play for hours at a time. They hang upside down, spin toys and dance on shoulders.

How many hearts can you find on this page?

Where do lovebirds come from?

Read about which parts of Africa are home to each of the nine varieties of lovebirds. Then use different colors to show where each kind can be found on the map of Africa.

- Madagascar Lovebird** is found on the island of Madagascar.
- Red-Faced Lovebird** is found in equatorial Africa, ranging from Sierra Leone to Uganda.
- Abyssinian Lovebird** is found in central and eastern Ethiopia and southern Eritrea.
- Swindern's Lovebird** is found in Liberia, Cameroon and Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Peach-Faced Lovebird** is found in Angola.
- Nyasa Lovebird** is found in parts of Zambia and Malawi.
- Black-Checked Lovebird** is found in Zimbabwe.
- Fischer's Lovebird** is found in northwestern Tanzania.
- Masked Lovebird** is found in northeastern Tanzania.

Play with Shapes
Select three photos from the newspaper. Measure the sides and compute the perimeter and the area.
Standards Link: Measurement: Calculate area and perimeter.

AFRICA

Eritrea, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, Liberia, Sierra Leone.

Standards Link: Geography: Use map skills to locate places.

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Draw a line through every lovebird without lifting your pencil or passing over the same bird twice!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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Play Like Lovebirds

Face a friend and pretend one of you is the mirror image of the other. Try to "mirror" each action your friend does.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

LOVEBIRDS
PERIMETER
PLAYFUL
CLOWNS
MASKED
AFRICA
PARROT
ISLAND
LITTLE
PEACH
NYASA
DANCE
CONGO
HANG
SPIN

ECNADNALS I
PNIPSBUDNN
HADDLARHWL
ECREIYAOU
LOARBKSNLF
TNOEOFSGCY
TGVJPTOAYA
IOACIRFAML
LRETEMIREP

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

Lovebirds often hang upside down. Find a large grassy area and try to stand on your head. Don't give up, it takes practice and balance.

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Lovebirds in the News

Find an article about people in love in today's newspaper or newspaper website. Identify who the article is about as well as the what, when, where, why and how.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify main idea and supporting details.

SAFE!

Lovebirds love to chase each other from tree to tree. Play a game of tag with some friends. Choose a tree to be "base" where you can't be tagged IT.

Write On!

Heart Thumping Ideas

What do you do to exercise your heart?

Lovebirds love to dance, too. Put on some of your favorite music and dance, dance, dance!

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.