

Standout film

'Black Panther' is worth seeing twice

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Last year's Wen-Con, Wenatchee's first pop-culture convention, featured a cosplay contest, gaming tournaments and vendors. This year's Wen-Con is April 21 at Town Toyota Center.

Wen-Con returns April 21

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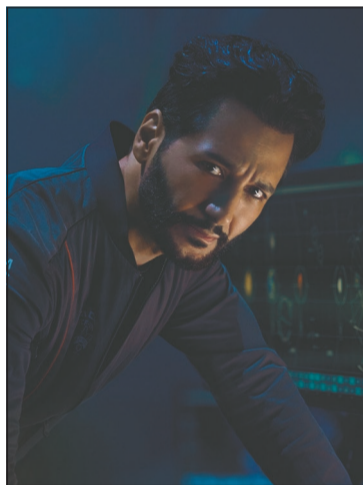
Wenatchee's one-day-only, jam-packed convention of vendors, cosplay, games, panel discussions and all things pop-culture returns to Town Toyota Center on April 21.

Wen-Con has a bit of everything and activities suitable for all ages. Guest appearances by actors, voice actors, cartoonists, authors and professional cosplayers are just some of what's on the schedule. There will also be game rooms, The Force Academy for jedi-in-training, Escape Tactics, food and plenty of vendors.

"We're really keeping with the theme of a family-oriented day," Wen-Con Event Coordinator Melissa Pitt said.

Wen-Con originated last year and drew in just short of 2,000 guests — something unheard of for a first-year convention. The turnout was a welcome surprise, as Pitt was told, "If on your first year you get 50 people and 10 vendors, call it a success."

In planning for the second year, Wen-Con organizers are following more advice: "Go slow." Instead of expanding to a multi-day event, Wen-Con will build upon what made last year a hit—cosplay contests, a variety of talent, new vendors and lots of opportunities for fun. This year's Wen-Con will also include a short film festival, VIP tickets and the 1966 Batmobile.



Cas Anvar.



Damon Runyan.



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The 1966 Batmobile—ridden in and autographed by Adam West, Burt Ward and Evel Knievel—will be on display at Wen-Con. The car is sponsored by Numerica Credit Union.

"We're still adding lots of elements to it," Pitt said. "Wen-Con is really fun to put together."

Visit wen-con.com and facebook.com/wenatchee_wencon for more updates and announcements.



Jeremy Howard in a scene from "Breaking Bad."



Voice actor Kat Cressida.

Guests

◆ **Cas Anvar:** Cas Anvar is known for his video game voice-over work, including the roles of Assassin Altair in "Assassin's Creed Revelations," Mullah Rahmaan in "Call of Duty: Black Ops 2" and Dalton in "Halo 4." He currently stars as Alex Kamal on the Syfy series, "The Expenses." He has appeared on the TV show "Star Trek Continues" and in the movies "Argo," "The Terminal" and "Shattered Glass." The Canadian actor has been nominated for two Gemini awards and two ACTRA awards. His role in "Argo" led to his SAG Award win for Best Ensemble Cast.

◆ **Damon Runyan:** Actor

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Arts in brief

Call for auditions: Rikki Tikki Tavi

Students ages 8 and older are needed for The Merc Playhouse spring production, Rikki Tikki Tavi. The show is adapted from the jungle stories of Rudyard Kipling and will be directed by Jane Orme and Missi Smith.

Auditions will take place Feb. 13 and Feb. 15 from 4-6 p.m.

No experience is necessary to audition. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and come ready to read from the script.

There is a \$45 costume fee to participate, but partial scholarships are available. Participation in the show includes a production T-shirt.

Rehearsals will start on March 1. The show will run for two weekends, beginning April 27.

Email Missi Smith at missi@mercplayhouse.org for more information.

Summer camps and art at Pybus this weekend

Learn about North Central Washington's summer camp programs on Saturday at Pybus Public Market. Over 20 organizations ranging from STEM to sports will be in attendance to answer questions during the 2nd Annual Summer Camp Fair. The event runs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call Mike Caemmerer at 509-548-6347.

Concurrently, art created by high school students from around the valley will be on display in the Pybus events room. The student art exhibit, "I See Space," will run Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Contact Reed Carlson at carlson.r@wenatcheeschools.org for more information.

— Jessica Trondsen, World staff

Wines of the week

Judges awarded these wines a Gold Medal in the 2017 Wenatchee Wine & Food Festival Wine Competition.

Stemilt Creek Winery 2014

Transforming Traditions Cabernet Franc, Columbia Valley, \$32

Judges' comments: Stemilt Creek is on the rise, crafting some of the better wines in North Central Washington. This Cab Franc shows off aromas of baking spices, cigar box and cherry pie, followed by rich, succulent flavors of Bing cherries with a hint of caramel from oak aging. (189 cases; 15.5% alc.)

Wenatchee tasting room open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; hours change seasonally. 110 N. Wenatchee Ave.; (509) 665-3485

Leavenworth tasting room open noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; noon to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; hours change seasonally. 617 Front St. #4A; (509) 888-5357



Horan Estates Winery

2015 Bottoms Up Chardonnay, Columbia Valley, \$22

Judges' comments: This Cashmere winery enters its second decade of operation by producing some of its best wines yet. This luscious Chardonnay reveals aromas and flavors of citrus, apple peel, ripe pear and melted butter. A round, delicious white wine. (420 cases; 13.9% alc.)

Tasting room open noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. 207 Mission Ave., Suite B, Cashmere; (509) 679-0554



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Winthrop

SupaMan with Acozia Red Elk: 7 p.m. Thursday, Winthrop Red Barn, \$10-25, supamanmethow.brownpaper-tickets.com.

Native American hip-hop innovator SupaMan and world champion jingle dress dancer Acozia Red Elk will perform Saturday at The Winthrop Red Barn. SupaMan, born Christian Parrish Takes the Gun, blends hip-hop with Native American culture utilizing native instruments, Siouan language lyrics, Crow song structures and Native American fancy dance, offering meaningful commentary on real issues that effect young people on the reservation and beyond. SupaMan has won plenty of accolades for his contributions as a DJ, singer, rapper and fancy dancer including the Native American Music Award, North American Indigenous Image Award, seven Billings Outpost Tuney awards and Canada's Aboriginal People's Choice Music Award



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Supaman will perform tonight at Winthrop Red Barn.

for his music video, "Why." Most recently, he was featured in the song "Stand Up / Stand N Rock #NoDAPL," which won a 2017 MTV Video Music Award.

The show is general admission and covers the dance floor only.

Tickets cost \$20 advance or \$25 at the door for adults or \$10 for students. Pick up tickets at Riverside Printing in Winthrop or the Methow Arts office in Twisp. Find out more about Supaman on Facebook, @Supamanhiphop.



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Celebrate Valentine's Day with Red Wine and Chocolate in Lake Chelan. Several wineries are participating in the valley-wide event, including Vin du Lac.

Chelan

Red Wine & Chocolate: Feb. 10-11 and 17-18, Lake Chelan, lakechelanwinevalley.com/red-wine-and-chocolate.

Indulge in two weekends of special pairing events at Lake Chelan wineries starting this Saturday. Several local wineries will feature special pairings of red wines with chocolate dishes from sorbet to gourmet chocolate bark as part of the valley-wide Red

Leavenworth

"L'Elisir d'Amore" - The Met: Live in HD: 9 a.m. Saturday, Snowy Owl Theater, 548-6347, icicle.org.

Enjoy a live high-definition screening of the Met's 2018 production of Donizetti's popular comic opera L'Elisir d'Amore at 9 a.m. Saturday at Snowy Owl Theater. Matthew Polenzani returns

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