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## Charm Walk fundraiser to support Cascade School District teachers

By TAYLOR CALDWELL  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH—Cascade Education Foundation (CEF) is hosting its second annual Charm Walk during the Autumn Leaf Festival, raising money to support teachers in Cascade School District (CSD).

Roughly 30 Leavenworth businesses will hand out unique bracelet charms to participants during the Charm Walk, which is scheduled for Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee to participate is \$20, which includes the bracelet and collected charms. Proceeds will go

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COURTESY OF CASCADE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Those looking to register for the Charm Walk can scan the code to make a \$20 donation to CEF's Venmo. Bracelets can be picked up on the day of the event in Front Street Park.



COURTESY OF CASCADE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

CEF Board Members Tania Sanchez, Diane Minerich, and Karen Turner table at the Community Block Party.

## Unit lot subdivision advances to City Council following Planning Commission approval

By TAYLOR CALDWELL  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - The Planning Commission unanimously approved drafted code for unit lot subdivision, which is intended to allow more flexible creation of lots of varying sizes and types. The drafted code will be proposed to the City Council for consideration of adoption.

"This is intended to increase home ownership options. We're looking at other codes to address affordability, but really, this is similar to the condo code that was recently adopted. The main difference is having that ownership of the land," said Interim Community Development Director Maggie Boles during the Sept. 4 Planning Commission meeting.

Unit lot subdivision divides a piece of land, or parent parcel, into smaller lots for individual ownership, in which residents own their dwelling unit and the land beneath it. Unit lot subdivisions are processed through a short or major subdivision process, depending on the number of units.

If adopted, unit lot subdivision may be used in all zoning districts for two or more units, such as accessory dwelling units (ADUs), duplexes, townhomes, and cottage housing, as allowed by the underlying zoning district. The subdivision does not change the density or design standards of the parent parcel.

The Planning Commission received no public comments during its Sept. 4 public hearing regarding unit lot subdivision. However, it did receive written comments from the advocacy group Residents Coalition of Chelan County (RC3), who had concerns of the proposed code, and community member Maggie Richter, who was in support of the changes.

RC3 recommended that defensible space, structural hardness measures, and project specific assessments on evacuation and critical infrastructure be required in unit lot subdivision. The group provided "Best Practices for Wildfire-Resilient Subdivision Planning" document published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as guidance.

Additionally, RC3 requested that the city pause code changes in single-family zoning until it evaluates the impacts that prior changes have made on the neighborhoods, and prioritize exploration of inclusionary zoning instead. In its recommendations to the Planning Commission, RC3 proposed a requirement that 25 percent of the housing units in any unit lot subdivision be permanently established as affordable housing.

"If the city chooses to proceed with the proposed unit lot subdivision ordinance without pausing to consider a comprehensive assessment of the impacts of recent code changes, at minimum RC3 recommends the life-safety focused changes redlines into the attached draft be included in the final ordinance," said RC3 Board of Directors in their written comment.

In response to the concerns, Boles noted that new structures in the City of Leavenworth are required to comply with Leavenworth Municipal Code

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COURTESY OF CASCADE MEDICAL AND MOUNTAIN MEADOWS

Left to right: Amanda Ledezma, Susan Cellini, Vanessa West, and Whitney Coffin.

## Upper Valley partnership tackles CNA shortage with paid training program

By TAYLOR CALDWELL  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - Through a partnership between Cascade Medical and Mountain Meadows Senior Living, the Upper Valley Nursing Assistant-Certified (NAC) Training Program offers paid training to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

"Our program is focused on equitable access...Not everybody can take work off for five weeks to go to a CNA training class, so their wages are paid, there's no tuition, their uniform and their book are all included in the process," said

Mountain Meadows Executive Director Amanda Ledezma.

CNAs play a vital role in healthcare facilities, working under the direct supervision of a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN). They provide basic care to patients, and are often the eyes and ears of nurses. CNA positions are a popular career path for those looking for flexible schedules, as well as those looking to eventually become an RN.

"They're kind of your first and your last entrance into the hospital. They're usually the ones that are the

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## Peshastin-Dryden Elementary welcomes TK and Kindergarten students with donuts and smiles

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TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Nerves and excitement filled the air at Peshastin-Dryden as students started their very first day.

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**Live music by Southern Comfort**

Silvara Cellars will host live music by Southern Comfort on Friday, September 13, from 2-4:30 p.m.

"Join us for an unforgettable afternoon as Steven Wayne Dunlap from West Monroe, Louisiana, brings his heartfelt tunes and Southern charm to Silvara Cellars," the event page states. "Don't miss out on the soulful magic of Southern Comfort live."

For more information, visit [silvarawine.com](http://silvarawine.com).

**Sustainable Living and Farming Tour**

Waste Loop will host the Sustainable Living and Farming Tour on September 13-15.

"The Sustainable Living and Farming Tour is an opportunity for people to learn more about living a

simpler and more sustainable life by visiting examples and partaking in hands-on applications in the greater Leavenworth area," the event page states. "Over the course of one weekend, September 13 - 15, participants will choose between various workshop offerings and site visits that educate, inspire, and motivate a path towards sustainable living. Participants will form connections to local food, the surrounding environment, and the people that are 'walking the talk' of sustainability and stewardship."

For more information, visit [wasteoop.org](http://wasteoop.org).

**Wild Prairie Winds**

Icicle Creek Center for the Arts will host the Wild Prairie Winds on Saturday, September 14, from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

"Wild Prairie Winds, hailing from Iowa, will be presenting

their Masterworks Series here in Leavenworth," the event page states. "This will include education in local schools, community performances, and a very special Masterwork concert at the Snowy Owl Theater featuring pieces specially chosen for our community."

For more information, visit [icicle.org](http://icicle.org)

**Breakfast in the Park**

The Leavenworth Lions Club will host Breakfast in the Park on Saturday, September 14 from 7-11 a.m. in Lions Club Park.

"We invite you to come and enjoy a hearty all you can eat breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs and a beverage in Lions Club Park the 2nd and 4th



**5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK**

Saturdays through September," the event page states.

For more information, visit [leavenworthlions.com](http://leavenworthlions.com).

**GladSong benefit concert**

The GladSong choir will hold a benefit concert for the Feed the Kids backpack program on Sunday, September 15, at 2 p.m. at the

Snowy Owl Theater. "Come support the Feed the Kids backpacking program," the event page states. "Let's feed our kids and enjoy an afternoon of wonderful toe-tapping music."

The GladSong chorus sings uplifting music of all kinds: gospel, country, pop, and jazz. No tickets are required. All donations will go to support feeding kids and families in the Cascade School District.

# Rediscovering our shared humanity through compassion

Compassion. It's a word we hear often, but when was the last time you truly felt it? Not just a fleeting moment of sympathy, but a profound understanding of another's pain that moved you to action. In a world reeling from division, where the homeless are invisible on our streets and neighbors struggle behind closed doors, compassion seems in short supply. Yet it may be our most powerful, untapped resource for change. What if, instead of looking away, we dared to look closer?



From the Publisher

**TERRY WARD**

plight. We become desensitized to news of poverty and hardship, treating these issues as abstract problems rather than human realities. The challenge before us is to resist this trend and actively cultivate compassion in our daily lives. Consider the homeless person you pass on your way to work. Behind that weathered face is a story—perhaps of job loss, mental illness, or domestic violence. Each person experiencing homelessness is someone's child, sibling, or parent. By seeing their humanity, we take the first step towards compassionate action.

Compassion isn't about grand gestures or solving all the world's problems single-handedly. It starts with small acts: offering a kind word to someone on the street, volunteering at a local shelter, or supporting organizations that provide housing and job training. These actions, while seemingly small, can be life-changing for those in need and create ripples of positivity throughout our communities. Moreover, true compassion

extends beyond immediate aid. It involves advocating for systemic changes that address the root causes of homelessness and poverty. This might mean supporting affordable housing initiatives, mental health services, or programs that provide job skills and opportunities. By combining individual kindness with broader advocacy, we can work towards lasting solutions.

Some may argue that focusing on compassion is naive in a world with complex social issues. But compassion isn't about ignoring problems—it's about approaching them with a more constructive, human-centered mindset. It's about recognizing that those in need are not a separate category of people, but our neighbors, our fellow citizens, our extended human family.

As we navigate the challenges of the 21st century—from economic inequality to global conflicts—compassion will be more crucial than ever. It's the foundation upon which we can build a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

I invite you to join in this effort to cultivate compassion, especially for those most in need:

- Educate yourself about homelessness and poverty in your area.** Understanding the scope and causes of these issues is the first step toward meaningful action.
- Volunteer your time.** Local shelters, food banks, and outreach programs always need help. Your presence can make a real difference.
- Support organizations working to address homelessness and poverty.** Whether through donations or advocacy, your support can amplify their impact.
- Challenge stereotypes and stigma.** Speak up against dehumanizing language or policies that marginalize those experiencing homelessness or poverty.
- Practice everyday compassion.** A simple acknowledgment, a kind word, or a small act of generosity can mean the world to someone struggling.
- Advocate for policies that address the root causes of homelessness and poverty.** Support initiatives for affordable housing, mental health services, and economic opportunity. Remember that compassion also extends to ourselves. Be

kind to yourself, acknowledge your own struggles, and recognize that personal growth is a journey. By nurturing self-compassion, we become better equipped to extend compassion to others, including those whose struggles may seem far removed from our own experiences.

In choosing compassion, we choose to see the humanity in everyone, regardless of their circumstances. We choose to believe in the potential for positive change. We choose to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem.

As Desmond Tutu wisely said, "My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together." Let's embrace this interconnectedness. Let's choose understanding. Let's choose compassion. Together, we can create a world where no one is left behind, where dignity and opportunity are available to all.

The power to make this change lies within each of us.

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## 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.

**August 30**

- 8:10:42 AtL/Atc, Mount Stuart
- 10:01:35 Suspicious, 24624 Spur St, Plain
- 10:37:18 Suspicious, Us Hwy 2 & Main St, Peshastin
- 10:48:18 Scam, 13096 Chumstick Hwy
- 11:38:09 Welfare Check, Leavenworth
- 12:59:59 Assist Agency, 321 9th St, Loge
- 13:22:16 Suspicious, 11700blk River Bend Dr
- 14:41:18 Trespass, 920 Front St; Wok About Grill
- 14:55:42 AtL/Atc, Colchuck Lake
- 17:31:22 Assist Public, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy
- 17:35:12 Extra Patrol, 14008 Brae Burn Rd, Lake Wenatchee
- 19:56:48 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 & 9th St
- 21:52:38 Suspicious, 1000 Front St# B, Blewett
- 22:42:52 Trespass, 9556 E Leavenworth Rd

**August 31**

- 2:11:10 Welfare Check, 1214 Commercial St
- 4:10:05 Noise, 16896 Brown Rd, Lake Wenatchee
- 10:35:09 Harass/Threat, 18504 Hazel St, Plain
- 12:11:15 Civil, 143 Amas Pl, Peshastin
- 12:47:27 Parking/Abandon, Sr 207 & Brae Burn Rd
- 14:07:20 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy Mp 6
- 16:29:21 Hazard, 8917 Icicle Rd
- 22:36:54 Civil, 174 Poplar St
- 23:33:34 Disturbance, 11076 Eagle Creek Rd

**September 1**

- 3:05:11 Animal Problem, 11687 Chumstick Hwy
- 6:04:02 Traffic Offense, 3005 Memory Ln, Lake Wenatchee
- 11:54:11 Trespass, 174 Poplar St
- 12:06:50 Hazard, Bnsf Xing 084499m, Plain
- 15:06:35 Juvenile Proble, 7546 Saunders Rd; Big Y Cafe
- 15:11:51 Trespass, 13901 Us Hwy 2; Alps Candy
- 17:17:01 Property, 219 9th St; Prusik Kitchen
- 18:00:35 AtL/Atc, Icicle Rd Mp 6
- 19:17:04 Property, 617 Front St; Gasthaus Wun
- 20:59:52 Domestic Distur, 24602 Spur St, Plain
- 21:52:07 AtL/Atc, 7000blk Icicle Rd
- 0:45:51 Disturbance, 10415 Titus Rd# G
- 23:12:16 Assist Agency, 18504 Hazel St, Plain

**September 2**

- 0:32:19 Traffic Offense, 10461 Stemm Rd; Smallwoods
- 0:45:51 Disturbance, 10415 Titus Rd# G
- 1:34:15 AtL/Atc, Snow Lakes Trailhead
- 7:31:33 Accident No Inj, 204 W Benton St
- 10:06:15 AtL/Atc, Snow Lakes Trailhead
- 14:06:33 Accident No Inj, 8700blk Icicle Rd
- 14:44:53 Trespass, 18504 Hazel St, Plain
- 16:07:20 Trespass, 116 River Bend Dr
- 16:28:02 Lewd Conduct, Blackbird Island V
- 16:35:01 Assist Agency, Coles

- Corner, Lake Wenatchee
- 20:23:06 Welfare Check, 263 Mine St# 106
- 23:07:29 Animal Problem, 13688 Chumstick Hwy

**September 3**

- 9:11:28 Diversion, 7167 Icicle Rd
- 10:07:36 Welfare Check, 725 Front St# B; Candle Connection
- 11:01:21 Drugs, 10190 Chumstick Hwy
- 11:20:16 Civil, 1300 Commercial St# 109,
- 14:16:36 Assist Agency, 3845 Old

- Blewett Rd, Peshastin
- 14:24:04 Trespass, 1310 Us Hwy 2; Blue Spirit
- 15:50:49 Welfare Check, 1310 Us Hwy 2; Blue Spirit
- 17:23:15 Welfare Check, Front St & Division St
- 12:43:33 Parking/Abandon, Leavenworth
- 17:59:40 Traffic Offense, 8400blk Main St, Peshastin

**September 4**

- 12:22:57 Court Order Vio, 24602 Spur St, Plain
- 12:38:34 Accident No Inj, 309 8th

- St; Posthotel
- 14:40:11 Traffic Offense, 9500blk E Leavenworth Rd
- 16:30:22 Trespass, 13997 Brae Burn Rd, Lake Wenatchee
- 17:49:24 Vehicle Prowl, 200blk Peshastin Mill Rd
- 19:17:58 Suspicious, 10788 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin

**September 5**

- 6:33:59 Accident No Inj, 18504 Hazel St, Plain
- 8:50:07 Diversion, 10190

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# Leavenworth Community Visioning

**FESTHALLE | 6-9PM**

**HOUSING A COMMUNITY**

September 9

**SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**

September 16

**ACCOUNTABLE STEWARDSHIP**

September 23

[cityofleavenworth.com](http://cityofleavenworth.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.  
**Cascade Medical Board**, 4th Wednesday of every month (with a couple exceptions), September 27, October 25, November 15, and December 20, 5:30 p.m.  
**Senior Center, Lunch**, noon, \$8 per meal

## Thursday

**Leavenworth Lions Club**, For more info. President Steve Alford, 509-548-4505, or email leavenworthlionsclubwa@gmail.com  
**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.

## Friday

**Veteran Service Office**, For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: tony.sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us  
**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 a.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.)

## NCW Libraries

Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and its Facebook page. Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates.  
**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**. Open on Tues. 2 - 6, Wed 2 - 6, Thurs. 10 - 6, Fri. 10 - 6, Sat. 10 - 2, Closed Sun. and Mon.

## Other events

**The Greater Leavenworth Museum**, is open daily from 11-4, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Check their Facebook page or website at leavenworthmuseum.org for updates and information.  
**Leavenworth Fish Hatchery**, 509-548-7641. Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash.  
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# Meeting Schedules For AA, Alanon, Celebrate Recovery

**AA Meetings:**  
 Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946  
 Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth Alanon meetings: 509-548-7939  
 509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379  
 Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
 Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin  
 Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
 Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
 Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.  
**Alanon Meetings**, Call 509-548-7939  
**Renewed Celebrate Recovery**, Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@gmail.com or 509-596-1510.

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 2, Peshastin  
 8:58:02 Harass/Threat, 843  
 Front St: The Loft Bar  
 14:18:01 Disturbance, 820 Front St: Gazebo Park  
 20:46:02 Assist Public, 11122 Merry Canyon Rd  
 22:47:13 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 & Chumstick Hwy

# Jazz concert to boost local healthcare



COURTESY OF SHARI CAMPBELL

The Wenatchee Big Band, a 20-piece community jazz orchestra ensemble, will headline the 2024 JiveTime fundraising event for Cascade Medical Foundation on Sept. 21 at the Leavenworth Festhalle.

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LEAVENWORTH — The Cascade Medical Foundation will host its third annual “Jive Time in the Cascades” fundraising concert on Sept. 21, 2024, at the Leavenworth Festhalle in downtown Leavenworth.

The event will feature the Wenatchee Big Band, a 20-piece community jazz orchestra ensemble, performing a mix of swing and jazz standards along with modern favorites. Doors open at 6 p.m., with the concert beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Concert tickets are priced at \$40, with an optional pre-concert dinner available for an additional \$25. The dinner, catered by Me2You Catering, offers a spaghetti menu and begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner orders must be placed by Sept. 13, while concert tickets will be available until showtime on Sept. 21.

The Cascade Medical

Foundation is raising funds for a new Mobile Integrated Health Program. This initiative will enable Cascade Medical paramedics and EMTs to conduct in-home visits to recently released hospital patients, the elderly, and those with chronic conditions. The program is expected to improve health outcomes and reduce hospital readmissions.

The foundation's previous fundraising event, the Marson and Marson Cascade Golf Classic held in June, raised over \$49,000. These funds completed the campaign for a new hematology analyzer for Cascade Medical's lab and initiated funding for the Mobile Integrated Health Program vehicle.

Several local businesses have sponsored the event, including Kahler Mountain Club, Leavenworth/Pine Village KOA, Cashmere Valley Bank, Ogden Murphy Wallace, and Wenatchee Valley Medical Group. Additionally, more

than 35 local businesses have donated gift cards that will be available for purchase at a discount during the concert.

For more information

about the event or to purchase tickets, interested parties can visit [cascademicalfoundation.org](http://cascademicalfoundation.org) or contact the Foundation office at 509-548-2523.



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Vocalist Alesha Perrin leads the Wenatchee Big Band. Jive Time in the Cascades concert, now in its third year, supports Cascade Medical Foundation's healthcare initiatives in the community.

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## CROSS COUNTRY

### Kodiaks show promise at Ellensburg Invite

The Leavenworth Echo Ward Media

ELLENSBURG — Cascade High School delivered a solid performance at the Ellensburg Invitational Relays on Saturday, with several runners posting competitive times across multiple events.

In the 1.5-mile relay team member race, Cascade finished 8th in team scoring. Senior Benjamin Jerome led the Kodiaks with a 13th-place finish, clocking 8:16.5. Freshman Kolston Breaux also impressed, taking 23rd place with a time of 8:36.7.

Other notable finishes for Cascade in this event included senior Cruz Martinez (9:13.9, 57th place), freshman Lane Bedard (9:20.1, 66th place), and freshman Ryder Fiano (10:08.7, 119th place).

On the girls' side, Cascade's performance was highlighted by senior Caroline Menna, who finished 7th in the 1.5-mile relay team member race with a time

of 9:50.0. Senior Grace McDevitt followed closely, placing 10th with a time of 10:08.5.

Additional strong showings for the Cascade girls included senior Harper Baker (11:44.3, 51st place), freshman Daniella McDevitt (11:48.0, 56th place), senior Napiqua Gibbs (12:16.0, 76th place), and freshman Piper Copson (12:17.8, 77th place).

While Cascade did not place in the top team standings for the individual races, their relay performances demonstrated depth and potential for the season ahead.

The invitational, held at Irene Rhineheart Park, featured strong competition from schools across central Washington. Wenatchee dominated the girls' relay team scoring, while Cedar Park Christian (Bothell) topped the boys' standings.

Cascade will look to build on these performances as the cross-country season progresses, with Jerome and Menna expected to lead their respective teams in upcoming meets.

#### CASCADE RESULTS

Football		
Fri, Sep 6	Cascade 0, Liberty Bell 44	Loss
Soccer - Girls		
Sat, Sep 7	Cascade 0, Ephrata 6	Loss

#### CASCADE SPORTS SCHEDULES

Cross Country Boys & Girls			
Thu, Sep 12	4:00 PM	Quincy Invitational	Away
Soccer - Girls			
Thu, Sep 12	4:30 PM	Liberty Bell	Away
Sat, Sep 14	1:00 PM	Toppenish	Home
Tue, Sep 17	4:30 PM	Bridgeport	Away
Volleyball - Girls			
Thu, Sep 12	6:30 PM	Liberty Bell	Home
Tue, Sep 17	5:00 PM	Bridgeport	Away

### Cascade Kodiaks battle hard in season-opening loss to Liberty Bell



SEBASTIAN MORAGA / SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA

Cascade's Julian Feeny (12) tries to stop one of the Liberty Bell Mountain Lions' runs during Friday's game against the Kodiaks.



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Cascade's Julian Feeny, at left, takes down a Liberty Bell player during the third quarter of Friday's game against Cascade.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA / SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA

Cole Ennis (81) runs through and past a forest of Mountain Lion green jerseys during the Cascade Kodiaks' game against Liberty Bell last Friday night.

**A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM**

### Wenatchee Valley Museum to host annual 'Night at the Museum' fundraiser

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center will host its annual fundraiser, "Night at the Museum," on Saturday, September 21, from 6-9 p.m.

The event will feature local cuisine, award-winning wines, craft beers, ciders, and distilled spirits. Live music performances by Cajun Moon, Deep Green Sea, Elaine Eagle, and Corban Welter & Erin McNamee are scheduled for the evening.

According to the press release, "Funds from this event support the Museum's mission-serving programs, including featured exhibits, MakerSpace, robotics clubs, field trips, student scholarships, community cultural events,



film and speaker series, and collection restorations."

The fundraiser will include a silent auction with items donated by local businesses and organizations, including the Wenatchee Applesox, Slidewaters, and Numerica Performing Arts Center. A photo booth provided by Glamsnaps Photobooth will be available for attendees.

Tickets are priced at \$60 for

museum members and \$75 for non-members. The event is restricted to individuals aged 21 and over.

The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates with support from the cities of Wenatchee and East Wenatchee.

Sponsors for the event include Entertainment Sponsor

Marsh McLennan Agency and Sustaining Sponsors Goodfellow Bros, Premier One Properties, Larson Gross CPAs & Consultants, Crunch Pak, Town Toyota, and Cordell, Neher & Company, PLLC.

For more information or to purchase tickets, interested parties can visit the museum's website or contact the front desk at (509) 888-6240.

# WENATCHEE RIVER SALMON FESTIVAL

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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

# Wenatchee River Salmon Festival returns on Sept. 21



A colorfully dressed Native American dancer performs at a previous Wenatchee River Salmon Festival, captivating young attendees. The upcoming festival on Sept. 21 will feature 43 Native American educators and exhibitors, offering visitors an immersive cultural experience as part of the event's educational programming.



Volunteers set up a traditional Native American tipi at Rocky Reach Park, part of the Wenatchee River Salmon Festival's Native American village. The upcoming festival on Sept. 21 will feature cultural exhibits and activities, immersing visitors in the rich heritage of the region's indigenous peoples.



A fisheries expert guides students through a hands-on salmon dissection at a previous Wenatchee River Salmon Festival. This year's event on Sept. 21 will again offer interactive educational experiences, allowing visitors to explore salmon biology and ecology through activities like fish dissection at Rocky Reach Park and Discovery Center.



Families engage in hands-on learning at a previous Salmon Festival, exploring microscopic aquatic life. The upcoming event on Sept. 21 at Rocky Reach Park and Discovery Center will offer similar interactive educational experiences, allowing visitors to "dissect a fish" and learn about salmon life cycles through engaging activities.

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migrating salmon.

A Native American village will showcase the cultural heritage of the region. The festival will feature 43 Native American educators and exhibitors representing 11 tribes and bands from the plateau region, Pacific Northwest, and beyond.

Prior to the public event, approximately 2,000 third and fourth-grade students from the area will attend educational sessions on Sept. 19 and 20. The festival has received awards, including "Best Children's Program" from the International Festivals and

Events Association.

The Wenatchee River Salmon Festival is hosted by Chelan PUD, Friends of Northwest Hatcheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and Bonneville Power Administration. Community sponsors include Confluence Health, Cascade Autocenter, Wenatchee Sportsmen's Association, Chelan Douglas Retirees Association, Crunch Pak, Stemilt and Microsoft.

Admission to the festival is free. More information can be found at salmonfest.org.

WENATCHEE — The Wenatchee River Salmon Festival will take place on Sept. 21 at Rocky Reach Park and Discovery Center, offering educational activities and cultural experiences centered around salmon conservation and the region's ecosystem.

The annual event, themed "Salmon Symphony," will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can participate in activities such as learning about canoe carving, dissecting fish, and exploring the life cycle of

## Leavenworth Oktoberfest unveils 2024 beer lineup and new payment system

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LEAVENWORTH — The Leavenworth Oktoberfest, recently recognized as one of the nation's top outdoor festivals, is set to return with an enhanced beer selection and a new cashless payment system aimed at reducing wait times.

The festival, scheduled for Oct. 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19, will feature a diverse array of German imports and local brews. The lineup includes five German and five local beers, along with non-alcoholic options, wines, hard kombucha, and cider.

Highlighting the German offerings are Paulaner Oktoberfest Marzen and Weihenstephaner Hefe Weissbier, the latter rated as the world's top Hefeweizen. Local breweries are also well-represented, with the collaborative Leavenworth

Festbier taking center stage.

Troy Campbell, Executive Director of the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, praised the local breweries' efforts: "Our local breweries have done another masterful job of capturing Oktoberfest in a keg with their collaboration Festbier, not to mention the other seasonal brews they'll have on tap throughout the month."

In a bid to improve efficiency, the festival is introducing a new smartcard wristband payment system. Ernest Palmer, Director of Events & Entertainment, explained the rationale behind this change: "We're constantly looking for ways to incorporate guest feedback and improve the visitor experience, and wait times have historically been a pain point that we believe will be greatly reduced with the new wristband payment system."

The wristband system is part of a broader effort to enhance sustainability. Palmer added, "Oktoberfest has been working toward being a zero-waste event since 2022, and this offering brings us one step closer to meeting the goals of our Destination Smart sustainable tourism management framework."

This year's festival will also feature expanded attractions, including a larger "Kinderplatz" area with a Ferris wheel and root beer garden. Adults can enjoy a new area in the beer garden for leisure games.

Attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets, wristbands, and merchandise in advance through the official Leavenworth Oktoberfest website at www.leavenworth.org/oktoberfest. The organizers invite visitors to don their best Trachten (traditional Bavarian garments) for the celebration.

### City Council

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(LMC) 15.06, Wildland-Urban Interface Building Standards, which includes both building requirements and Fire District #3 recommendations.

"I want to note the fire district did talk to me last week, and has no concerns with the proposed code as drafted. They found that the FEMA code that was provided by RC3 is applicable across the country, and more specifically,

to communities that haven't adopted a Wildland-Urban Interface to code," said Boles.

Under the proposed code, the parent parcel can be no greater than one acre, and must meet LMC 18.30 Dimensional Standards of its zoning district such as setbacks, lot size and coverage. The unit lots are limited to one dwelling unit and are subject to LMC 13 to 18. They are not subject to LMC 18.30, but they must meet building and fire separation standards. The parent parcel and each unit

lot also must make adequate provisions for ingress and egress, as well as parking.

Unit lot subdivision was placed on the 2024 Planning Commission Docket, and is pursuant of RCW 58.17.060 amended by State Bill 5258, which requires all cities and towns to adopt procedures for unit lot subdivisions, allowing the division of a parent lot into separately owned unit lots.

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**CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON**

**Building NCW serves up Chefs on Tour tickets, kicking off 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Tour event**



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Building NCW (BNCW) welcomes community members to take an inside look at the unique work local builders are doing in various NCW communities.

**By: WILL NILLES**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE—Local small business organization Building NCW (BNCW) welcomes community members to its 30th annual Home Tour event, a September weekend of inspiration, industry, and regional connections.

BNCW operates as a member-driven organization of small businesses centered around building, development, and small business advocacy. Working to unite local businesses, BNCW takes any chance it can get to showcase its members' high quality work. Now, with 30 years of successful showings, the organization looks forward to one of their largest Home Tour events to date, featuring live music, a dozen tours, and a preceding event displaying the delicious talent of local chefs.

BNCW's annual Home Tour showcases 12 locally built homes from Cashmere to Malaga. The event spotlights the work of local builders while connecting them directly to community members. It runs from Friday, September 20, to Sunday, September 22, allowing participants to view each home at their own pace and in any order throughout

the weekend. BNCW CEO Danielle Martin described the event and explained why she loves its welcoming, self-paced approach.

"The tour itself starts Friday and goes through Sunday. And it's self-guided, so you can start whenever you want, wherever you want, which is, I think as a mom, is awesome, because I can take my kids to a couple of them, and go by myself to other ones."

Notably, the Home Tour's houses each feature builder representatives who are familiar with their property and its many details, ready to share their project's many secrets with curious attendees.

"And each of the homes is open all weekend long," Martin mentioned, "and each builder will be there to answer any questions you might have as you get to walk around the house and see what they've created, get an idea of the market, and ask any questions you might have about flooring, paint, roof, color, siding, anything like that."

Starting off the weekend of home exploration, BNCW also looks forward to holding Chefs on Tour, described by CEO Martin as "an event within an

event." "[Chefs on Tour] kicks off the [Home Tour], trademarked about 12 years ago" she explained. "And basically, you get a taste of what a chef, or caterer, or a new restaurant, or something like that can do."

Those who purchase tickets for Chefs on Tour not only get to fully experience the weekend's Home Tour event, but they also get to see early tours of four homes, each one featuring a local chef cooking up tasty samplings of food and drinks.

Chefs on Tour begins at 4 p.m. on September 19 and is followed by an after-party at Union Hill Cider from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

With an entire evening of food, drinks, and live music followed by a weekend of residential exploration and community connection, Building NCW's 30th September Home Tour event is ramping up to provide participants with something for everyone to enjoy, hitting the nail right on the head.

To learn more and to purchase tickets for Chefs on Tour and the Home Tour, visit [buildingncw.org/home-tour/](http://buildingncw.org/home-tour/).

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**CNA shortage**

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first ones in there to greet the patient when they're coming into the room. They're the ones coming in most frequently in the room...They're the ones providing that comfort and that reassurance and that assistance," said Melissa Grimm, Cascade Medical Chief of Human Resources.

Nationwide, there's an ongoing shortage of registered nurses across hospitals and care facilities. The National Center for Health Workforce Analysis projects Washington state will have a shortfall of over 22,000 RNs by 2036.

Nursing homes are also seeing a nationwide staffing

shortage, with 72 percent of nursing homes saying their current workforce levels are lower than pre-pandemic levels, according to American Health Care Association's 2024 State of the Nursing Home Sector report. In this report, 94 percent of facilities said it is difficult to recruit new staff, with 67 percent of facilities citing a lack of interested or qualified candidates as an extremely big obstacle.

In rural areas such as the Upper Valley, finding qualified CNAs can be especially challenging, due to limited access to training programs. The closest CNA program is offered at Wenatchee Valley College, where tuition and fees total over \$1,600, with three-

hour classes in the middle of the day, four days a week, in a standard quarter.

"Those classes are extremely competitive, because the nursing students that are going to nursing school are required to either have their CNA or they're required to have taken the course...So they've got all of these nursing students that are taking the spots in the CNA classes, and they may or may not ever work as a CNA," said Ledezma.

After completing a training program, getting tested to become state certified can be an additional challenge. Post-pandemic, the Washington State Department of Health is experiencing a large credentialing backlog, with

limited test proctors and testing sites.

"People are scheduling for tests, and then the tester calls out sick, so you're another three months down. Well, you're six months out of your training class. You've forgotten things," said Grimm.

In terms of finding and retaining CNAs, Mountain Meadows faces a unique series of challenges, from the physically and emotionally demanding nature of working in long-term care, to the high cost of living.

"We're competing for the Wenatchee workforce, because there's just not a lot of workforce here for this industry. Also, the people that are working in this job oftentimes can't afford to live in Leavenworth," said Ledezma.

Without enough local staff, the senior care center must consider overtime, and utilize agencies to recruit employees

from areas as far as Moses Lake. This results in higher costs, more burnout, and less personal relationships between the residents and staff.

While Mountain Meadows was in need of more CNAs, Cascade Medical was looking to create more equitable, educational avenues, especially for RNs. The two organizations came together to design the Upper Valley NAC Training Program, in which students receive paid training and free tuition for five and a half weeks. The program is also able to administer the test at the end, eliminating the state's wait time.

"It's done in a way that removes all of the traditional barriers for people who are looking at this as a possible, potential career path... Because of where people are in their lives, if they want to do it, we've created the opportunity for them to do it,"

said Clint Strand, Director of Public Relations at Cascade Medical.

This summer, the program had its first four graduates, with one from Cascade Medical, and three employees at Mountain Meadows who had not yet been certified. The program will start training another round of prospective CNAs on Sept. 24.

"We're looking to support that workforce for not just ourselves and Cascade Medical, but also for people that need in-home care, and for people that need care that are maybe at an adult family home," said Ledezma.

Those interested in the program can reach out to [amandal@mountainmeadowsliving.org](mailto:amandal@mountainmeadowsliving.org) and [melissag@cascaedemical.org](mailto:melissag@cascaedemical.org) for more information.

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Answer: Namaste

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The City of Leavenworth is hiring for:

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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 later of: (1) thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020; 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: September 11, 2024 By /s/Dolores M. Brunner DOLORES M. BRUNNER, Personal Representative Address: 5830 Tigner Road Cashmere, WA 98815 Dated: 8-28-2024 Attorneys for Personal Representative: GATENS GREEN WEIDENBACH, PLLC By /s/Lindsey J. Weidenbach LINDSEY J. WEIDENBACH, WSBA No. 43523 305 Aplets Way Cashmere, WA 98815 CHELAN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE Chelan County Superior Court 350 Orondo Avenue, Suite 501 Wenatchee, WA 98801-2885 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo, Lake Chelan Mirror on September 11, 18, 25, 2024. #8408

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### WORDS

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- AMERICAN BOBTAIL
- AMERICAN CURL
- BALINESE
- BIRMAN
- BOMBAY
- CHARTREUX
- DEVON REX
- EGYPTIAN MAU
- JAPANESE BOBTAIL
- MAINE COON
- MUNCHKIN
- NORWEGIAN FOREST
- PERSIAN
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### Charm Walk

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towards CEF, which enhances student learning by awarding various grants to teachers in CSD.

CEF was founded after CSD's double levy failed to pass in 1997, resulting in a devastation of funding for instructional support, programs such as athletics and arts, and more.

"It never occurred to me that the levy wouldn't pass," said Karen Turner, CEF President and former teacher.

Turner recalled walking into work the morning after

the failure and her principal calling an emergency meeting, which rarely occurred.

"[The principal] said, 'The levy failed. If you're planning something that you were expecting funding for, cancel it...' I taught seventh grade math, and I wanted my kids to see a college campus... [They] said, if you're planning something like that, just cancel it right now. And I did. I had to. There was no funds for it," said Turner.

A group of community members came together to find alternative funding in order to address the district's wide range of needs, which were left unmet

without local levy funding. In these efforts, it became clear that a longstanding education fund was necessary to ensure school programs received support as traditional funding methods fluctuated.

Now, nearly thirty years later, CEF still supports students and teachers by funding classroom enrichments, such as new equipment or field trips. CEF raises money through grants, donations, and fundraising events, such as the Charm Walk, to build up a fund each year. Then, teachers can submit a grant application to

CEF for a specific need in their classroom.

"Where CEF comes in is, if I'm a teacher, and I'm thinking, wow, if I just had this [one thing], I could do so much more with them in this little time that I have this year... And then all of a sudden, you write a little grant, and you get that one thing, and it just changes your whole school year," said CEF Board Member Anne Spratt.

The grant awards range in cost and size, from \$340 for advanced math games for the first grade, to \$10,000 worth of ski equipment for the P.E. and

afterschool programs.

"That's the whole thing about education, is that it's about creating as many opportunities for students as you can so that they can make good, critical choices about what they're going to do," said Spratt.

Additionally, CEF regularly awards grant funding to the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, which prepares students for college and careers. Through CEF, the AVID program is able to take students on field trips to college campuses, just as

Turner had wanted to do in 1997.

"They take these kids and they show them what college looks like, what kids in college are doing, how they're behaving... They just realize that college is so much more than they understood," said Turner.

Bracelets can be purchased online by scanning the QR code or on the day of the event. CEF will have a table in Front Street Park for bracelet purchase and pickup.

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## Peshastin-Dryden Elementary welcomes TK and Kindergarten students with donuts and smiles



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The Barrett family starts the school year off with a morning treat.



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Students pose together in front of a photo backdrop made by the PD and AL PTO.



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The third annual "Donuts at Drop-off" provided coffee and donuts on the first day of school.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PESHASTIN - Cascade School District's youngest and newest students entered the halls of Peshastin-Dryden Elementary to start their first day of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten on Sept. 3.

"It's kind of sad, because it's my last little kid. She's the youngest, so this is our last first day of school for Kindergarten. But she's ready. She's so excited. And she loves

all the teachers here, because there's brothers in second grade here," said parent Christine Bender.

To spark excitement about starting school for the first time ever, the Peshastin-Dryden and Alpine Lakes Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) greeted families during morning drop-off with coffee and donuts. After grabbing a donut, students posed with their friends and family in front of a wide-ruled paper backdrop with the words "First Day of School" on it,

holding giant pencil props. The photo display was handmade by PTO members as a way to commemorate the special moment.

"I think it just helps people feel happy and welcome, and it introduces them to the joyfulness of what we want school to be for them," said Principal Emily Ross.

The PTO has hosted "Donuts at Drop-Off" on the first day of TK and Kindergarten for three years now, according to PTO President Rachel Fischer. It started post-pandemic, as

a way to calm the nerves of parents and children starting school for the first time, and introduce new faces.

"The valley really bloomed during COVID, and a lot of new families moved here. So, it was a way for people to meet each other," said Fischer. "It's always fun, as a mom who has older kids, seeing the little kids and seeing them all excited... And this is like a fun [way to say], 'you got this!'"

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## Death Announcements

**Dennis M. Newell**

Dennis M. Newell, 75, of Leavenworth, passed on Saturday, August 31, 2024. Arrangements by Heritage Memorial Chapel, E. Wenatchee & Cashmere.

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