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Local carver creates downtown masterpiece



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Wright begins carving from the top down with a large chainsaw, then gradually uses smaller tools to achieve a high level of detail.



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Wright and his dog Guido come as a duo to job sites.



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA
Wright began carving as a hobby in 2020, then starting selling his work about a year and a half in.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – On the corner of 10th and Commercial, a chainsaw buzzes while sawdust flies, as a dead, hazardous tree fated to be cut down by order of the city gets transformed into a work of art.

Hayden Wright, a local wood carver,

was commissioned anonymously to sculpt the tree into a stack of local wildlife. Wright started on Apr. 30 and took about two weeks to complete the project. The project design fits an osprey, squirrel, bobcat, beaver, marmot, two bear cubs, an owl, two river otters, and salmon all onto the tree trunk, with a bench underneath.

“The whole spread, from sky to

river, and everything in between,” said Wright.

Growing up in a town of craft and tradesmen in Maine, Wright always knew he’d find a career working with his hands, but he never expected it would be to create artwork. Wright started carving for fun in 2020 after watching a YouTube video of someone using a chainsaw to create a piece of

art in under 20 minutes.

“With chainsaw sculpting, it’s such a fast way to create on such a large scale. I mean you can do it at a small scale, but being able to sculpt something at this rate, that’s this permanent, there’s not really any other medium that kind of comes close

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Cascade Medical bids adieu to Commissioner Mall Boyd



COURTESY PHOTO

After a decade, Mall Boyd is wrapping up her term on the Cascade Medical Board of Commissioners.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH—After a decade of dedicated service, Commissioner Mall Boyd bid farewell to her role on the Cascade Medical Board of Commissioners, marking the end of an era in community healthcare leadership.

“It has been a great pleasure to work with Mall. She focuses on what is best for patients, employees, and our community. She is well-prepared with thoughtful opinions and perspective but continues to listen to others who may think differently. The result can be better thinking than any of us would have done individually,” said Board Commissioner Bruce Williams. During her time on the board, Boyd worked with other commissioners to guide Cascade Medical through the pandemic and implement behavioral health services and the mobile clinic.

“In addition to her depth of knowledge about health care, she brings a perspective that is pragmatic, intuitive and also curious. She is an excellent listener, always respectful, and brings thoughtful insights and wisdom to every deliberation,” said Cascade Medical Center CEO Diane Blake.

Before the pandemic, Boyd initiated community leader dinners at the hospital, which allowed the hospital to share its work with community representatives and hear feedback and ideas on how to better serve its district area.

“I think that was very beneficial. We had a lot of positive feedback...I think it really helped us as far as relations within the community,” said Boyd.

Boyd brought a lifetime of experience to the role. She worked as a personnel director, owned a local business with her husband, and was the Director of Marketing at Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, now Confluence Health, for 25 years.

Additionally, she has served on many local boards, such as the Community Foundation of North Central Washington, Rotary Clubs, Icicle Creek Center for the Arts, and the school board.

Boyd moved from Estonia to Michigan when she was five years old. Growing up, she loved people and was always actively involved in different clubs and organizations.

“I tend to jump in with both feet,” said Boyd.

Boyd started her people-oriented career early on as a personnel director, but things took a 180-degree turn in 1972 when she and her husband moved to Leavenworth and bought a lumberyard. While the small town was an adjustment for Boyd, she quickly fell in love with the

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Happy Fudge reopens: a labor of love honoring a legacy

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Leavenworth Farmers Market moves to new day, location



PHOTO COURTESY OF CLAIRE SEAMAN
Cascade Community Markets, which includes the Leavenworth and Cashmere Community Farmers Markets, has recently earned official nonprofit status. This season marks the organization’s 15th anniversary. This year, the Leavenworth market will move to Saturdays and return to its original location at Lions Park.



Brian Burnett announces candidacy for State Representative, District 12

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WENATCHEE—Former Chelan County Sheriff Brian Burnett is running for State Representative, District 12, Position 1, as a Republican candidate. The announcement, made through a press release, follows State Representative Keith Goehner’s decision to seek a higher office.

According to the press release, Burnett, 56, brings a wealth of experience to the role, having served over 25 years in law enforcement, including 12 years as the elected Chelan County Sheriff. He held

significant leadership positions during his tenure, such as serving as the Past President of the Washington Association of Sheriff and Police Chiefs (WASPC) and the Washington State Sheriffs Association (WSSA).

“I am eager to continue my public service to the citizens of District 12,” Burnett stated in the press release. “I plan to leverage my extensive experience to work collaboratively with other legislators to safeguard and enhance the quality of life for all residents and ensure a bright future for generations to come.”

The press release also highlighted Burnett’s strong family ties, noting

that he resides in Wenatchee with his wife, April, of nearly 37 years. Together, they have raised a family of seven children and eight grandchildren, with more on the way. This strong family connection, according to the release, fuels Burnett’s passion for building a better future for all residents of District 12.

As stated in the press release, Burnett currently serves as the Director of Law Enforcement Services for Seattle’s Finest Security and Traffic Control and the Administrative Liaison for the Washington State Sheriffs Association.



Brian Burnett

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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.
Senior Center, Lunch, noon, \$8 per meal. RSVP 509-548-6666.
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.

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.)

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.)
Ice & 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
IWSC 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., 11-7, Thurs., 10-7, Fri., 10-5 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.
The Peshastin Public Library is currently closed for renovations and will re-open in mid to late summer.
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

Please note that if your organization changes dates, or hours please send us your updates to reporter@leavenworthecho.com or call 509-548-5286. Otherwise we are not responsible for any misinformation.

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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First Annual Mai Blumenlauf was a run for everyone

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - The first annual Mai Blumenlauf, or May Flower Run, kicked off with over 200 participants this Mother's Day.

"I thought the day went really well. I really loved the energy of having it downtown with all the people," said Lynda Finegold-Brine, a co-founder of the event's organizer, TedDriven.

Runners and walkers started and finished at the downtown gazebo, running through the heart of town and along the river. While many sported activewear, some donned flowers and Bavarian attire in the spirit of Mai Fest. Every runner and walker was

awarded with a cowbell.

Every year, the Chamber of Commerce puts on the Mother's Day 5k, which raises money for Cascade Medical Foundation. This year however, the Chamber of Commerce partnered with TedDriven, a group that organizes running events, such as the Wenatchee Valley Marathon as well as the Leavenworth Marathon.

"It's cool that they did this race this year, because usually it's just the half-marathon [and marathon] in the fall," said half-marathon runner Jennifer Goebel of Leavenworth. "It was a really well organized event."

Mai Blumenlauf, tagged "a run for everyone," was inclusive of all ages and abilities, offering the original 5k, but also including an option

to participate in a 10k or half-marathon.

Just as in years past, proceeds of 5k registration went towards Cascade Medical Foundation, but partnering with TedDriven also meant supporting cutting-edge cancer research.

The company started nearly 20 years ago, motivated by running, community, and cancer research. Ted and Lynda Finegold and Ian and Wendy Crossland organized their first Wenatchee Valley Marathon in 2005, raising money for cancer research in honor of Ian's mom, who had breast cancer. Ted was diagnosed with cancer in 2006, then died from the disease in 2010.

Now, named after Ted,

TedDriven makes substantial donations to the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center at Columbia University every year.

"I would definitely say that is a motivation for us because that really feels good for us to give to cancer research... Personally, it impacts us, and we know that it impacts everybody else. It really drives us for that reason to keep going," said Finegold.

TedDriven will host the Leavenworth Marathon and half-marathon on Oct. 5, 2024. More information about TedDriven and the cancer research it supports can be found at teddriven.com.

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 A young participant receives his cowbell at the finish line.



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA
 Runners Jeff and Suzanne Lowery in their May flower attire.



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA
 A runner crosses the finish line.

Golfers urged to register for Cascade Golf Classic benefiting local healthcare

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LAKE WENATCHEE - The Cascade Medical Foundation is now accepting registrations for the 21st annual Marson and Marson Cascade Golf Classic, which will take place on June 17 at the Kahler Mountain Club near Lake Wenatchee. Golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to participate in this fun-filled event that supports local healthcare. Registration is open online

at cascademedicalfoundation.org, with entry fees set at \$130 per player or \$520 per team. The tournament will begin with an 11 a.m. shotgun start, preceded by pre-tournament contests, including a new Driving Range Target Contest where participants can win cash prizes.

Golfers will have the chance to win prizes for the lowest-scoring Gross and Net teams and various individual prize opportunities. The event will also feature entertainment

by local musician Jacob Simms, who will perform for golfers as they return to the clubhouse after completing their rounds.

"Our tournament offers a fun-filled day for golfers of every skill level, with prizes for the lowest scoring Gross and Net teams as well as a variety of individual prize opportunities," said Rich Adamson, Cascade Medical Foundation board member and golf committee co-chair. "We feature contest and event

holes, including some exciting new additions this year, that add to the challenge, provide means to improve scores and crank up the entertainment value of the tourney."

Proceeds from the tournament will go toward purchasing a new hematology (blood) analyzer for Cascade Medical, supporting the Foundation's mission to enhance the delivery of quality healthcare to the community.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to golf for a good cause! Register now at cascademedicalfoundation.org or call 509-548-2523 for more information.

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An open letter to our Cascade Medical team members during Healthcare Week 2024

Thank you.

At Cascade Medical, our team members - whether providing direct patient care, or supporting those who do - play a critically important role in helping ensure our patients receive the best possible care. This National Healthcare Week, May 7-13, we want to pay special tribute to all our talented, compassionate, and hard-working team members who work together each day to ensure our community is a healthy one.

To our Patient Services Representatives, you are often the first face our patients see when they walk through our doors, and the first voice they hear when they dial our number. Thank you for answering all the questions, for listening, and for setting our teams up for success.

To our Laboratory and Radiology teams, who marry attention to detail with an uncommon human touch to ensure our patients receive correct results - we are grateful.

To all our providers, in all their forms... physicians, nurses, medical assistants, patient care techs and more, you truly put the "care" in health care.

To all our Clinic and Behavioral Health team members, who every day offer support and advice, celebrating big victories and engaging in challenging conversations, who honor every patient with the individual stories each one carries through our doors...we can't thank you enough.

To our Emergency and Ambulance teams, you offer care when our patients are at their most vulnerable, when every second counts. Your commitment is inspiring.

To our Rehabilitation Services and Inpatient/Acute Care team members - you offer our patients nothing short of an opportunity to restore quality of life and movement. You help our patients reimagine how life really can be lived. We salute you.

To our Facilities, Environmental Services, Supply Chain, and Dietary teams - you are some of our unsung heroes. Thank you so much...for making our spaces safe ones to walk into when patients need care, for making sure things actually work, for creating food that is as delicious as it is nutritious, and ensuring we have the right tools, at the right time, in just the right amount.

To our Administrative, HR, Informatics, Quality, Utilization Management, Education, Business, Accounting, Health Information Management, and IT members - thank you all for your leadership and support. For helping us when that one thing on the computer just doesn't do that one thing we need it to do. For all your efforts ensuring all those dollars and cents actually make sense. For all this and more, our caregivers could not give care without your expertise. You are appreciated.

Everyone who works at Cascade Medical plays a special role in serving our community, regardless of the role they play. Your expertise, your kindness, your care, and your commitment to every patient, every time, every day shines through. Every role is essential, every job is critical, and every one of you are valued beyond measure. †

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BOYS & GIRLS GOLF	
May 15:	2024 CTL Golf Championships, Omak 11 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK	
May 16:	2024 District 6 (1A) Track Meet, Home 4 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS	
May 16:	Lake Chelan Shores 2 p.m.

Kodiaks Scoreboard

GIRLS SOFTBALL	
May 11:	Cascade 0, Omak 7; Loss
May 11:	Cascade 0, Omak 7; Loss
BOYS SOCCER	
May 8:	Cascade 1, Cashmere 0; Win
May 11:	Cascade 0, Quincy 1; Loss

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Cole Slette Soccer Junior



Cole has worked very hard on and off the field. He is a key part of our team, bringing so much energy to the group. In the last two games, he scored two goals and had two assists.

Carver

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to those characteristics," said Wright.

However, as his passion for the art grew, so did the list of tools that he wanted. Wright started selling his pieces by Lake Wenatchee as a means to support his hobby, unaware that it would launch a career that would take him across the globe.

By chance, a professional carver stopped by, and impressed by his work, offered to get him into the Oregon Divisional Chainsaw Carving Championship.

"One thing leads to another and I'm down there a couple weeks later carving with 40 other chainsaw carvers. That's when I fully realized that man, there's a way to make a living doing this," said Wright.

Wright now supports himself through commissions and participating in shows. He attends about six to seven shows around the U.S. and one in Lithuania. During the shows, carvers are tasked with completing a main piece throughout the weekend, in addition to a "quick carve" piece that is completed in an hour and a half. The pieces are judged, then auctioned off.

Last year, Wright took home the judges' choice award, people's choice award, and the show's highest bid for his main piece at the Sam's Blackfoot

Valley Chainsaw Competition in Montana. The piece, called "Montana Montage," was an intricate stack of detailed wildlife, connected by thin pieces of wood.

"Montana Montage," as well as the downtown Leavenworth installation, are both indicative of Wright's realism carving style, in which he often creates snapshots of wildlife with realistic movement and great detail.

However, Wright also enjoys incorporating humor into his work. For his show in Lithuania, Wright carved a couple of drunken bears, which received audible laughter from viewers. For him, it was special to transcend the language barrier, sharing the same humor with Lithuanians.

"That's what art is really about, is trying to evoke emotion out of somebody and make them ponder, make them feel a certain way. To be able to shoot for making people happy and laugh and then succeeding in that in those terms, and making them truly laugh out loud, that's my favorite thing," said Wright.

Wright's work can be found on Facebook and Instagram: @thewrightcarver. Questions about his work, or prospective commissions can be directed to hayden.wright14@gmail.com, or 207-350-0215.

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Columbia River H.O.G. Chapter revives Run 4 the Border motorcycle ride for Armed Forces Day

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WENATCHEE - The Columbia River Harley Owners Group (H.O.G) Chapter is reviving its annual Run 4 the Border motorcycle ride after a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event, now in its 19th year, will take place on Saturday, May 18, coinciding with Armed Forces Day. The ride is open to all street-legal bikes and will cover a 150-mile route from Wenatchee to Oroville.

The event is expected to attract up to 200 motorcycle enthusiasts, with proceeds benefiting The Bunker of Wenatchee, a local charity supporting veterans. Registration will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Link Bus Transit Park & Ride located at 337 E. Penny Road, Wenatchee. The registration fee is \$25 for riders and \$10 for passengers. The run will depart at 9:00 a.m. sharp, following a prayer by the Black Sheep Riders.

Pre-registration is available online, and registered drivers will receive a patch. Pins and t-shirts will also be available for purchase at \$10 and \$25, respectively. A 50/50 cash raffle drawing will be held in Oroville at 2:00 p.m., and participants must be present to win. Information about activities in Oroville will be provided during registration.

The event is made possible by the support of various sponsors and businesses, including Apple State Harley Davidson of Yakima, Jacks Motorsports, Tsilian Cellars, Chelan Chevron, Prestigious Patios and Custom Pools, Baker Flats Storage, Abbotts Printing Inc, Laborers' Local 348, Black Sheep HDFC, IBEW Local 191, NCWC Labor Council, Kelly's Hardware Chelan, and others.

For more information, interested individuals can visit the Columbia River H.O.G. Chapter's website at <http://columbiariverhog.net/events>.

Boyd took a part-time job billing for the local clinic, was promoted to managing the clinic, and then, after some structural changes to the area's hospitals, was offered a job as a marketing coordinator in Wenatchee.

"I certainly didn't have the necessary skill set. I hopefully developed that with time, but I've had a lot of good mentors, in my various various roles," said Boyd.

Boyd stepped into the role with a learning attitude and focused on what she knew best: people. She helped the hospital organize its schedule to allow for new patients, and worked with doctors to improve their interpersonal skills. The

elevated customer experience helped the clinic thrive. Boyd was promoted, and spent 25 years as the Marketing Director.

Boyd retired in 2014 and then discovered an opening for a commissioner position at Cascade. Now, ten years in, she's ready to pass the baton to someone new.

"That's long enough. They need new ideas, new energy. We've got a really good board. I think there's a lot of interest in not only making sure that things are running well and such but also just in keeping up with current things," said Boyd.

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Mall Boy

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community's connectedness.

"We'd have morning coffee at John the Baker's with a lot of the other business community members and kind of solve the problems of the world in the community...People came and wanted to be involved in the community, and I see that continuing today," said Boyd.

However, the repetition at the lumberyard led Boyd to strive for more community involvement, prompting her to join the school board when her son entered kindergarten. Boyd served on the board for eight years, overseeing and navigating the consolidation of the Peshastin-Dryden and Leavenworth school districts.

She and other board members stood their ground as they faced backlash for allowing the PD and Leavenworth students to choose a new mascot together as an act of inclusion.

"[A fellow board member] said, 'Do you think we're doing the right thing?' and I said, 'We are absolutely doing the right thing,'" said Boyd.

After selling the lumberyard,

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OBITUARY

Dwight Goehner

Dwight Goehner was born to Walter and Alvina Goehner in May of 1957. He joined his sister Naomi and brother Keith in a loving Christian home, surrounded by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, most of whom lived in the same Dryden, WA area. Dwight grew up helping his father and uncles with the family pear orchards.

He graduated from Peshastin-Dryden High School, where he enjoyed baseball and wrestling. At age 15, he was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, which he fought for the rest of his life. Despite this, he consistently chose careers that allowed him to serve others. During high school, he began a work/study at Ward's Funeral Chapel in Leavenworth which also

ran an ambulance service. He became the youngest licensed ambulance driver in WA state at age 17. He learned the funeral trade, and over the years, worked at Braun in Cashmere, and Betts in Wenatchee. He also served with his dad on the Dryden Volunteer Fire Department.

He later worked for Ballard Ambulance and became a paramedic through one of the first programs taught by Drs. Gill and Shipman. Dwight and his partners saved many lives and grieved over those beyond their help.

As a young husband, he was blessed with two children, daughter Christina and later son Christopher. They had great fun at Lake Wenatchee, going to Tillicum Village, Disneyland, camping

trips, fishing, endless rodeos, speedy trips to Mariners games, and campfires on Cannon Beach.

Faithful to support his family, he often worked two jobs, while completing the Wenatchee Police Reserves Academy. He began patrol work as a Reserve Deputy then was hired by Sheriff Joe Collins. He graduated from the WA State Police Academy and returned as a full-fledged Deputy. He risked his life to serve and protect Chelan County.

After his law enforcement career, he returned to his agricultural roots and worked for Dovex Fruit. While there, he was diagnosed with diabetic kidney failure and, as a single parent, was committed to continue working and raising his children. Friends from his church volunteered to be tested and a match was found. A great friend donated her kidney, and the transplant lasted an amazing 27 years, saving

him from many years of dialysis. He later had a pancreas transplant which lasted until his passing.

In 1997, he married Carol (Sexton) Smith, and they enjoyed 26 years of a loving marriage committed to Jesus. This marriage brought two bonus stepchildren, Kellie and Adam. Despite his full-time employment, Dwight helped Carol operate her small cherry orchard for 20 years until it was sold.

In his last role, he served Chelan County with Link Transit as a purchasing agent. He made multiple friends during his many years there, but poor health forced his early retirement.

Dwight enjoyed family gatherings, gospel singing, traveling in the RV, and driving his 1949 cherry red Chevy pickup. He was also an avid Mariners fan, even during the bad years. Dwight loved old Western TV shows, because they taught good morals. And NO ONE was excluded from his practical jokes.

While he had a good

sense of humor, Dwight was serious about his faith, serving in many roles within the churches he attended. He was confirmed in the Dryden church and was baptized by his father. He was a board member of Eastmont Community Church, which was founded by his parents. He was a trustee and worship leader at the Cashmere Methodist Church and sang at the Nazarene Church in Leavenworth. He then attended Sage Hills church, singing and making many life-long friends.

Dwight passed into heaven on May 4, 2024, at home surrounded by his wife and children. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walt and Alvina Goehner, and his in-laws, Leonard and Darlene Sexton. He is survived by his wife Carol; daughter Christina (Donny) Butts, Peshastin; son Christopher Goehner, Tampa, FL; stepdaughter Kellie (Robert) Rankin, Cashmere; and stepson Adam (Vanessa) Smith, Seattle. Grandchildren:

Elijah and Alexis Robles, Mariah and Carly Rankin, Connor and Raylin Butts, Olivia, Penelope and Axel Smith. Great grandkids: Kaylani and Selena. Also surviving are his sister Naomi (Bill) Forsberg, Wenatchee; brother Keith (Lisa) Goehner, Dryden; brother-in-law Larry (Linda) Sexton, Monitor; and numerous other family and friends.

A Visitation will be Thursday, May 9, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

A Graveside will be Friday, May 10, at 11 am at Cashmere Cemetery, Cashmere. A Memorial Service following at 2 pm will be held at Dryden Community Church, 681 Dryden Ave., Dryden; reception to follow.

At Dwight's request, NO TIES ARE TO BE WORN AT THE SERVICE.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) www.jdrf.org

Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

OBITUARY

John W. Parish

John passed away peacefully on April 28, 2024 at his mountain home he built and cherished overlooking the Icicle Valley.

John was born February 3, 1933 to Donald and Jesse Parish in Elmwood Nebraska. John attended all 12 years of his education in Elmwood with the same 12 students in the same school building!

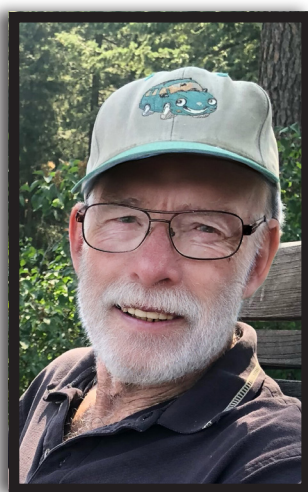
He then joined the Air Force to serve our country. After completing his service of 4 years he went to school and became a lineman. John retired from Puget Sound Power after a long career in 1994.

In 1973 John purchased

property in Leavenworth. He built a cabin on the ridge and over the years constructed a beautiful home from the cabin beginnings. His mountain home was the love of his life and is full of great memories for all.

John is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sarah and his children: Kathy Parish, Jim Parish, Robert Parish, Kimberly Montgomery and step daughter Toni Jones. He has many grandchildren and great grandchildren that love their Grandpa.

John had 4 siblings and is survived by his brother Ralph Parish and his sister Ginni Boss. There are many nieces and nephews



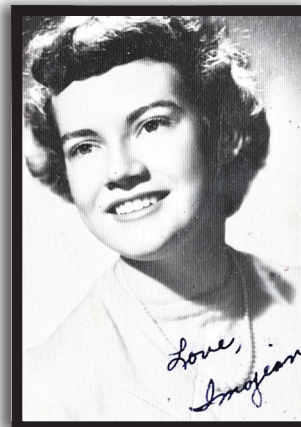
who will miss Uncle John.

A memorial celebration of a life well lived will be held June 22 at 2pm at his home at 7900 Mountain Home Rd here in Leavenworth.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Friends of the Leavenworth Library, PO Box 308, Leavenworth WA 98826 or Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org

OBITUARY

Dora Imojean Martensen



Dora Imojean Martensen, 89, a longtime resident of Leavenworth, Washington passed away with family by her side on April 26, 2024. Imojean was born on October 26, 1934 in Dandridge, Tennessee to Bernard and Zelma Parton. Their family, including brothers Hugh and Roy Lee, and sister Irene, made their way from Tennessee to Leavenworth, settling there when Imojean was in 2nd grade.

Imojean had a wonderful childhood in Leavenworth, spending lots of time with her siblings and an extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins who also settled in town. She was very active in her high school years including being a cheerleader, Homecoming Queen, Ski Royalty, and Princess Leavenworth. Smart, talented, funny, and kind she had many childhood friends, most of whom she was close to throughout her life.

After meeting in high school, Imojean married Richard Martensen in 1953 in Leavenworth. Together they had three children; Rhonda, Doug and Vicki. Imojean set an amazing example of a working mother who raised three active children while Dick often worked out of town. How she kept up with her lively kids during those years while working was a testament to her strength.

Imojean had countless friends during her life. In her child-rearing years, many friends gathered in

each other's homes for their regular meetings of the Body Beautiful ladies. These women were a constant in Imojean's life, sharing many laughs while gathering strength and wisdom from one another.

Imojean was proud to have had a 34 year career at the Chelan County PUD in the Leavenworth office working with customers and corralling the always entertaining men who worked with her. As one of her managers said about his work with her, "She ran the whole outfit; we called her Boss." Imojean retired in 1997.

Imojean volunteered in Leavenworth for many years, most notably for Cascade Medical Center where she was the coordinator for the Sunshine Ladies, who donated time to mail the newsletter and assist with special projects throughout the facility. Imojean also volunteered at the Leavenworth Echo and other organizations. She was also active in Jaycee Wives, Tamarack Women's Club, and others.

Imojean found great love later in life with Bud Kelley, also from Leavenworth, and together they spent many years with each other focusing on their love for their families and each other, completing projects around their homes and traveling a bit. Imojean reminisced in her last days about Bud, sharing that he was so wonderful to her, always putting her first, and that he referred to her as his 'special lady'. She said she was blessed to

have Bud's children and their families in her life, bringing laughter and love to Imojean and her own family. Imojean shared that the worst day of her life was losing Bud, who passed away in 2011.

Imojean was the sweetest, most caring person many have had the pleasure of knowing and loving. She never met a person she didn't like, and always asked details of their lives when visiting with them, even during her last days. She treasured her friends throughout the years, having coffee regularly with a wonderful group of ladies.

The pandemic halted those gatherings, leaving Imojean to spend time only with close family in her home, a home she was so proud of.

Imojean raised her children to be strong and kind; she was always the role model. She never criticized them in adulthood nor offered advice that wasn't asked for. Her children have been the luckiest kids in the world to have had such an amazing mother.

Imojean was preceded in death by her mother Zelma Parton and father Bernard Parton; brothers Hugh Parton and Roy Lee Parton, and sister Irene Housden. She also lost her love Bud Kelley. She is survived by her children Rhonda (John) Betz, Doug (Edna) Martensen, and Vicki (Tim) Trainor; grandchildren Chase, Rand and Sydni; Josh, Brianna and Santana; Bailey and Taylor; and great-grandchildren Andre and Aurora.

The family would like to thank those who cared for her recently at Cascade Medical Center Hospital, Mountain Meadows, and especially Dr. Jerome and Dr. Lodhi who, over the years, spent extra time being kind, gentle, and direct while caring for her. A graveside service will be held Friday, May 24th at 11:00 at Mountain View Cemetery in Leavenworth followed by a celebration of her life with the family at her home. The family asks that if inclined, donations to a charitable organization would mean so much to Imojean.

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<p>ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • 509-860-0736 • 222 Cottage Ave., Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist. Services, 9:00 a.m. Pastor Rob Gohl</p>	<p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 10170 Titus Rd. (across from middle school). Church: 509-548-7667 Meetings: Sunday - 10 a.m.</p>
Dryden	<p>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA "Reconciling in Christ Congregation" 224 Benton Street • 509-548-7010 Worship 9:30 a.m. w/coffee following Eva Jensen, Pastor https://www.flcleavenworth.com</p>
<p>DRYDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH Hwy 2 at Dryden Ave. 509-782-2935 Sunday Worship at 11 am. Prayer Meeting Wed. at 6 pm. Pastor Bill Clem</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEAVENWORTH, SBC 429 Evans Street, 509- 470-7745 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. www.leavenworthbaptist.com Email: info@leavenworthbaptist.com</p>
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information. A review set will be at the Leavenworth City Hall, 700 US 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826. City of Leavenworth in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21 Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this invitation, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award. Questions regarding this project shall be submitted in writing to the Architect, Jeff Wandasiewicz, via email at wandasiewicz@arcarchitects.com. Bidders will be allowed to view secured portions of the site on Monday, May 13th, 2024, at 11am local time. Though not mandatory, it is highly encouraged that any respective bidders visit the site (public park) prior to submitting a bid. A sign-in sheet(s) will be provided by the Owner and included in the first Addendum. Bidders shall submit questions no later than 5pm local time on Friday, May 24th, 2024. Answers to questions received by this deadline shall be posted in the final addendum no later than Monday, May 27th, 2024. City of Leavenworth reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities in the bidding, and to make the award to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder as best serves their interests. No bids may be withdrawn within sixty (60) calendar days after the actual date of the bid opening. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on May 8, 15, 2024. #7727

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ANSWER:



Happy Fudge reopens: a labor of love honoring a legacy

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – For owner Jason Stewart and Manager Melissa Wike, reopening Happy Fudge, once Happy Fudge, was not a money-making pursuit, but a way to preserve the legacy of one of their favorite people, former owner Beth Davelaar.

“We definitely feel like there are times where we know she’s watching over and smiling,” said Stewart.

Prior to her passing in January 2023, Davelaar spent over a decade learning the traditional and lost art of copper kettle fudge making and perfecting recipes of her own. She became well-known by locals and returning visitors alike for her warmth, famous caramel Cheetos, and smooth, “guilt-free” fudge.

However, Davelaar wasn’t a confectioner prior to purchasing the shop, originally named Flavor Express. Her first year was the most challenging, as she failed batch after batch. Yet she kept at it and fell in love. She renamed the shop to reflect how she felt: Happy Happy Fudge.

Davelaar eventually brought Wike on, patiently teaching her the challenging fudge-making process while lending a non-judgemental ear as Wike shared details of her personal life with Davelaar.

“It took me almost a year to the day to know who she was, to fully understand her, because she had a really hard exterior. But man, she’s squishy inside, and just so kind and sweet, and she had a way of caring for people...She helped in any way she could, but she was never loud about it,” said Wike. “She was family. She was like my second mom.”

Stewart moved in down the hall in 2021 after purchasing

Village Alps. At first, Davelaar gave Stewart a run for his money, protective of her late friend and former owner’s shop and suspicious of a newcomer. But, it didn’t take long for her to warm up, helping him learn the ropes of owning a business in a Bavarian town.

The trio became fast friends, spending their free time together in the hall of Obertal Mall. When Wike left, Stewart and Tammie Fjelstad of Simply Just For You stepped in to help Davelaar make fudge in the morning.

“Beth was so traditional, like at first I was just over here washing pans... And then she slowly started to let me kind of in on the process of it,” said Stewart.

The process involves cooking the ingredients at high heat in a copper kettle, then quickly pouring it on a marble table and paddling it as it cools. Having the wrong degree or two in temperature, or not paddling quickly enough, can ruin an hours-long process in a matter of seconds.

“She had gotten sick, and so she started letting me do kind of the whole process. And so to me, it was a really big deal, like kind of an honor,” said Stewart.

Stewart knew something was wrong when the always punctual Davelaar didn’t show up for work one morning. He headed to her house to check on her and discovered Davelaar had died that morning from cardiac arrhythmia.

Unable to maintain the shop after her death, Davelaar’s family approached Stewart about taking it over. He took his time with it, knowing that he wanted to reopen the shop with the improvements Davelaar would have wanted. He also knew he needed to get Wike back.

“I knew that the overall

heart of this place would be right if the band was back together, and so I was very persistent,” said Stewart.

Reopening was a process of grief and a journey of self-discovery.

The duo overhauled the shop by hand with the help of friends, family, and Fjelstad. Stewart reconstructed the counter to make the fudge process more visible to customers, installed brick, and laid new flooring, learning new construction methods as he went.

Wike led the fudge and caramel Cheeto making through trial and error. She had to remember specific measurements that had never been written down and master some of the trickier tasks that were always left up to Davelaar, such as pouring the quick-setting peanut butter fudge.

Just as Davelaar did when she first took over years ago, Wike and Stewart spent 15-hour days in what they call “The Lab,” trying and failing at inherited recipes and trying new ones of their own.

“I think about what Beth would say, like if she was here during lab time. Some of the stuff we’ve come up with or done has just been like, no, that’s not going to work. She would probably just laugh and shake her head at us,” said Wike.

Eventually, they figured out Davelaar’s caramel Cheetos and classic fudge flavors, even adding their own, such as lemon and chocolate macadamia nut. They also taught themselves how to make sea foam in-house, which Davelaar used to outsource.

“It was all just about love... She changed from Flavor Express to Happy, Happy Fudge because she said fudge made her happy. And



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Caramel cheetos, a Davelaar original, are back.



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Davelaar’s favorite fudge flavor, dark chocolate raspberry.

we’ve sat back here and said, this place makes us happy... That was a pretty emotional feeling at that point because what she described, we were able to feel it. To me that was like, job well done, we did it,” said Stewart.

Happy Fudge reopened its doors on Apr. 27. It is located

inside the Obertal Mall at 220 9th Street, Suite I, and is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m..

“We’ve had a lot of people come in, in this week and a half, and say there’s something special about this place, [they] can feel the love in here,” said Stewart.

Down the road, the duo plans to expand into candy canes and fudge-making workshops for kids. They also have visions to give back to animal shelters in honor of Beth, who loved animals.

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Leavenworth Farmers Market moves to new day, location



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The Cascade Community Markets, which include the Leavenworth and Cashmere Farmers Markets, have a few reasons to celebrate as the 2024 season opens.

The organization has reached its 15-year anniversary and just earned official 501(c)(3) status, making it a federally tax-exempt nonprofit.

Cali Osborne, Executive Director of Cascade Community Markets, said the organization has worked for years to achieve 501(c)(3) status.

“This had been a goal since its formation, but the work was always too much without full-time staff to sort through five years of financials and write the 40-page application,” Osborne said.

“I believe all non-profits hope to become a 501(c)(3),” founding board member Eron Drew said.

“It cements the non-profit status and allows the market to accept donations but also apply for grants that would otherwise be unavailable,” Drew said. “This is a great achievement and one the current board should be proud of accomplishing.”

Osborne said that the Cashmere Market opened for its fourth season on May 12, making it the first Farmers Market effort to stick it out in Cashmere.

The Leavenworth

Community Farmers Market is moving to Saturdays and back to its original home at Lions Park.

The Leavenworth Market will open for the 2024 season on Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lions Park.

“The Leavenworth Market is changing day for the first time in 15 years and it’s relocating back to the original location that the community just loved,” Osborne said.

“While the Board of Directors aims to bring more shoppers to the Market, the goal isn’t to simply capture more tourism dollars,” Osborne said. “The goal is to harness the power of tourism to support our local small businesses and thereby create a stronger and more vibrant market for residents.”

“I believe the market has been struggling a bit with visibility while it has been located at Osborn,” Drew said. “I am hoping that this challenge is overcome by relocating back to the downtown corridor.”

The Leavenworth Market began in 2008 when a group of vendors got together to discuss starting a new Farmers Market in Leavenworth.

“Danielle Gibbs, Jerrilyn Delaney, Eron Drew had been vending at the Leavenworth Farmers Market on Tuesdays, then owned and managed by the Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market,” Osborne said. “Along with other vendors and community members, they realized it was time for

a change and decided to start a new market and operate it themselves.”

“So in 2009, the Leavenworth Community Farmers Market was founded with a mission to promote both community and local agriculture,” Osborne said. “They opened on Thursday evenings and soon found a location at Lions Club Park.”

Osborne said traditions set in, and the Leavenworth Market became the community’s cornerstone.

However, 2020 led to changes for the market.

“The market was forced to relocate, it was hot on the pavement, booths were spaced out and some vendors didn’t attend, but it still provided a weekly outdoor space for the community to connect and the turnout was excellent,” Osborne said. “And after that particularly strange year, the Market found a new home at the School District Office on Evans Street and settled in for three relatively smooth seasons.”

“Meanwhile, in the summer of 2020, a group of Cashmere residents got together and applied for and received a grant to kick off a new Farmers Market,” Osborne said.

LCFM was contracted to manage the first season for the Cashmere Community Farmers Market in 2021. After a successful first year, the committee gifted the Cashmere market to LCFM.

“Once the Markets were formally merged, the business name “Leavenworth Community Farmers Market” was no longer a good fit,” Osborne said. “With the help of consultant Julie Edsforth, the board decided to rebrand and reorganize the business as Cascade Community Markets, a name to represent both market locations equally.”

“In 2022, the Cashmere Market was relocated to its current home at the Cashmere Museum and has been steadily growing ever since,” Osborne said. “Still open on Sundays from Mothers Day through mid October and now in its 4th season, the Cashmere Market is on its way to becoming another community cornerstone.”

In 2023, the Cascade Community Markets Board of Directors reviewed the Leavenworth Market. After the 2022 season, they noticed that vendor sales had hit a plateau in 2016 and that in 2022, vendors made the same amount on average as they had six years prior, Osborne said.

“Other farmers markets in the state have seen consistent growth, even through the pandemic, as have most local businesses,” Osborne said.

“The Board quickly realized that this plateau could be a permanent trend and if they didn’t fix it, they would continue to lose vendors, struggle to replace them, and under-serve both the

community and the vendors who rely on the Market,” she said.

“After interviewing key stakeholders, surveying the community and the vendors, and working with the City and Chamber of Commerce, the board concluded that the Leavenworth Community Farmers Market should relocate back to Lions Club Park and transition to Saturday mornings,” Osborne said.

The committee cited the need to harness tourism to support the numerous vendors whose products aren’t necessarily weekly purchases for resident shoppers but which the residents still want to buy locally, she said.

“For example, jams, honeys and soaps are classic farmers market products but if the clientele is exclusively local and only buys those things once a month at best, the vendors can’t justify attending the market every week,” she said. “And if they only attend once a month, the whole market suffers from seeming small and inadequately stocked the rest of the month.”

“But those products are exactly what tourists love to buy, so if the market harnesses that potential, we expect to see those vendors, and many like them, every week - thriving and serving both residents and visitors,” she said.

“The same can be said for artists, meat and cheese vendors, jewelers, and even

prepared food vendors, all of which the market’s shoppers have been asking for for years,” she said.

There are only 20 days of markets in Leavenworth each season, and the vendors, many of whom make their money seasonally, need every one of them. She said this is another reason the board cited for the change to Saturday mornings.

The board chose a morning market time to address high summer temperatures.

“The past several seasons have seen multiple heat waves of over 106 degrees and extremely poor air quality that have caused numerous market cancellations,” she said. “While little can be done for the smoke, the board felt the second most important thing to fix about the market was the oppressively hot weather of summer afternoons in Leavenworth.”

“Vendors were arriving at the market as early as 2 p.m. each week, meaning they packed, drove, and set up in the heat of the day, all of which was terrible for the produce and decidedly worse for the vendors,” she said. “Cases of heat exhaustion and last minute cancellations were becoming all too common. So the move to the mornings was essential to keep the market open for as many weeks as possible.”

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