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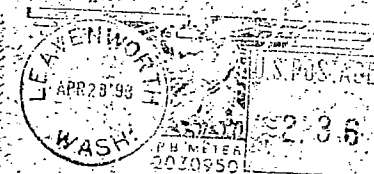
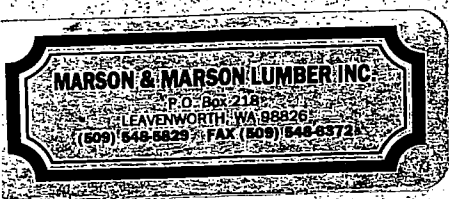
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April 28, 1993

Mr. Ken Connelly
White House Office of
Environmental Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Connelly:

The opportunity to participate in the Timber Conference was a once in a life time experience that I will never forget. After interviewing me and watching my testimony, I hope you feel justified in having allowed my name to be forwarded to the President as an acceptable and hopefully valuable participant.

I have enclosed an article from my local newspaper that expresses my true feelings about the Timber Conference. I thought it might be of interest to you and the President. Also I have enclosed some information about my community which was once a dying community but turned its future around with hard work and determination. Maybe Leavenworth can be of an example for other communities to improve their fortunes. Many members of our community would be willing to share our success story as valuable information for others.

Would you please inform President Clinton, Tom Tuckman and other interested parties in the willingness of myself and the National Lumber and Building material Dealers Association to serve in any capacity to assist in providing information in establishing a fair, long lasting solution providing a stable and predictable timber supply while protecting the environment for future generations.

Thanks again for all your valuable assistance. I appreciated the opportunity to meet you at Portland.

Sincerely yours,



Ken Marson, Jr.

KM/mmc

Enclosure



Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce • P.O. Box 327 • Leavenworth, WA 98826 • (509) 548-5807

Leavenworth, the Bavarian Village is rapidly closing the gap on our goal to becoming a 12 month destination area.

Occupancy rates are consistently increasing as the hotel/motel tax revenues show.

The additional meeting rooms/conference sites has expanded our spring mid-week market into 1995 for groups, workshops and seminars. This is an area that will grow rapidly as facilities increase their capabilities.

Three existing motels are expanding and two new facilities are on line for 1991-92.

In less than seven years Leavenworth has gone from 130 rooms to 705 rooms.

1987 - 1988 we had 30 new businesses open and 35 existing businesses made major improvements and expansions. Most businesses are seeing a 15 to 30% increase annually and the upgrading of service and inventory is impressive.

The tour and travel industry with emphasis on Tour Bus Companys has increased from 80 to 500 companys with 250 contacts to Leavenworth on a regular basis. Mid-week is improving.

The Dept. of Transportation stated that we have between eight and nine thousand vehicles daily on U.S. Hwy 2.

The growth of festival attendance is impressive - 8,000 for Maifest, approximately 100,000 for the nine days of Autumn Leaf, and 30,000 for each weekend of Christmas Lighting. (We parked over 260 tour buses each Saturday of Christmas Lighting)

Our annual visitors reach between 900,000 to 1 million.

The winter recreation market attractions include two major downhill ski areas. Mission Ridge and Stevens Pass within a 35 mile radius of Leavenworth. Cross Country skiing and snowmobile trails offer unlimited miles of groomed trails.

The Lake Wenatchee district; only 20 miles from Leavenworth, has 380,000 acres of forested area with 1/3 of that (167,000 acres) wilderness area, 362 miles of trails, with visitors at an annual figure of 500,000.

Leavenworth district; 297,000 acres, 2 million total forest with 320 miles of trails, with visitors at an annual figure of over 400,000.

U.S. Hwy 2 - Stevens Pass traffic corridor - 1 million 50,000, with 3 persons per car, on average - estimated count - 3 million annually.

The Year In Review

Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet - January 8, 1993

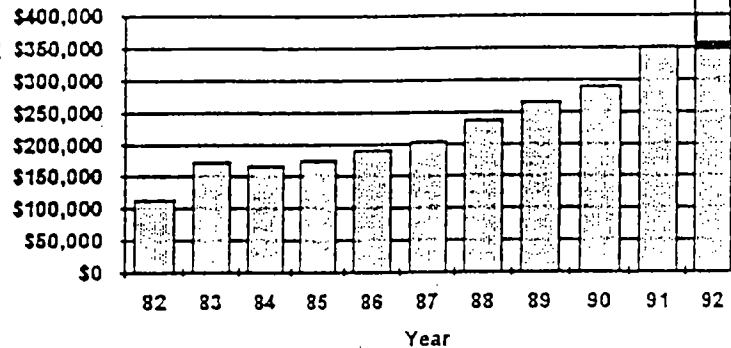
ECONOMIC VITALITY

The Leavenworth business community continues to improve its performance as evidenced by retail sales and lodging tax data from the State of Washington, Department of Revenue.

Retail Tax Distributions
to Leavenworth

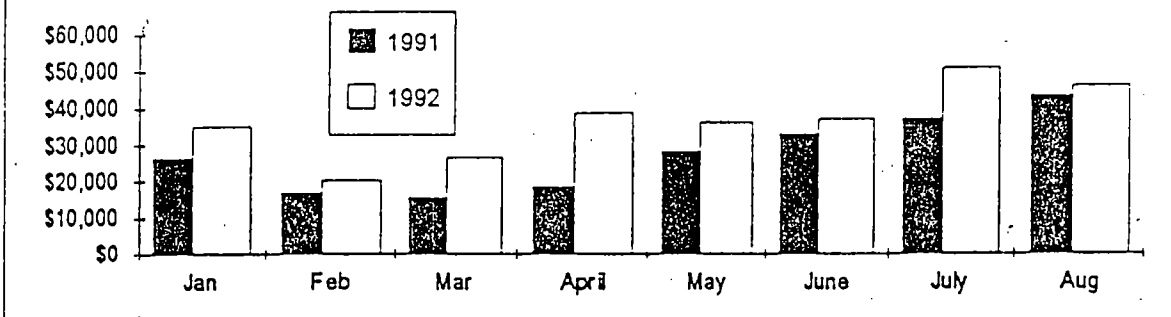
*[Through end of year 1992:] \$438,000

Note: 1992 includes tax
distributions through October
only.



Retail sales have shown a consistent increasing trend over the years and on a month to month basis exceeded tax collection figures from 1991.

Monthly Comparison of 91
& 92 Retail Tax Collections

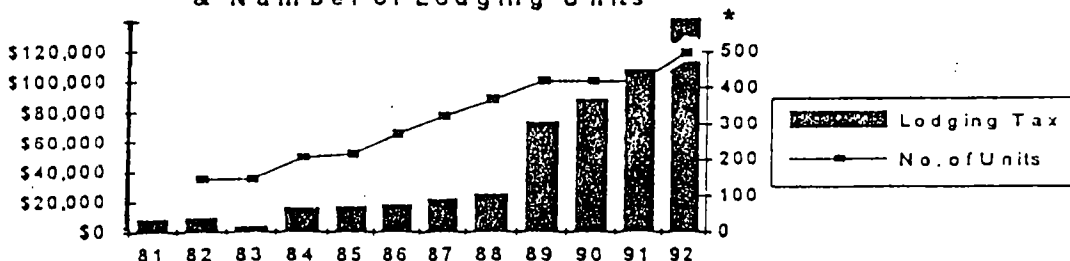


Note: Data based on months tax collected was available only through August of 1992.

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Similarly Lodging Tax Distributions have continued to increase over the years reflecting the growth of lodging units in Leavenworth.

Lodging Tax Distributions
& Number of Lodging Units



Note: 1992 includes distributions only through October. * denotes end-of-year total.

To: Mayor/Council/Staff
From: City Clerk
Date: December 29, 1992
Subject: Local Tax Distribution

The following is the sales tax and Hotel/Motel tax distribution for 1992. The distribution for 1990 and 1991 are also listed as a comparison.

Retail Sales Tax

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>
Jan		\$21,079.65	\$25,120.09
Feb	\$46,082.00	23,883.43	31,381.28
Mar		26,351.95	35,133.55
Apr	32,362.00	16,760.50	20,233.90
May		15,606.86	26,521.86
Jun	29,898.00	18,486.67	38,637.26
Jul	21,818.00	28,154.59	36,186.50
Aug	30,832.00	32,932.57	37,102.55
Sep	27,722.00	37,015.18	50,724.08
Oct	31,239.00	43,318.75	45,955.27
Nov	37,119.00	42,065.70	50,199.61
Dec	32,606.00	45,873.29	40,757.87
Total	289,678.00	351,529.14	437,953.82

Hotel/Motel Tax

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>
Jan		4,430.13	6,049.41
Feb	11,234.46	6,616.32	12,593.13
Mar	7,014.59	8,803.27	10,424.88
Apr	7,970.89	4,455.13	5,430.88
May	3,721.98	5,347.66	6,113.88
Jun	5,236.45	6,179.53	7,536.25
Jul	4,070.01	11,370.27	10,027.05
Aug	8,349.83	9,967.39	7,111.93
Sep	8,507.95	10,987.12	17,101.60
Oct	13,755.40	18,421.87	14,831.37
Nov	11,694.39	12,337.21	12,433.61
Dec	7,201.67	9,243.79	13,407.13
Total	88,757.62	108,159.69	123,061.12

3200. Ski school and information, 509-663-7631. First time skier package - rentals, day care, day lodge, 30 major runs, beginner, intermediate, advanced.

STEVENS PASS - Hot line 206-634-1645, Springtime, second season, March 18 through April 16, full service restaurant, fast food, deli, bakery, lounges, group and banquet facilities. Ski school 206-973-2508 or 973-2441. Stevens Pass information 206-973-2441.

PUBLIC SNOWMOBILING AND CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING - Enjoy hundreds of miles of trails in Lake Wenatchee and Blewett Pass areas - only minutes from downtown Leavenworth.

SWIMMING - Public Pool in Leavenworth opens the end of June to the end of August. Mountain lakes and the Wenatchee River at Waterfront Park.

FISHING - A variety of fishing is available within a 20 mile radius of Leavenworth and Wenatchee River, premier game fish, the steelhead, trout fishing, high mountain lakes, other lakes include Lake Wenatchee and Fish Lake, check Game Department for regulations.

HUNTING - Leavenworth area offers some of the state's finest mule deer and elk hunting. Mountain goat and bird hunting is also available. Contact the Game Department for regulations.

BACKPACKING - 320 miles of scenic trails in the Leavenworth Ranger District of the Wenatchee National Forest. Leavenworth U.S.F.S. office 509-782-1413.

CAMPING - Located within 30 miles of Leavenworth are: one State Park, four private campgrounds, and seven Forest Service facilities. Lake Wenatchee State Park Area, Highway 2, from Leavenworth 16 miles N.W., then 4 miles on Highway 207 - open all year. Lake Wenatchee State Park, 509-763-3101. Lake Wenatchee Ranger Station, 509-763-3103. Leavenworth Ranger District, 600 Sherbourne St., 509-782-1413.

ART IN THE PARK - P.O. Box 327, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Open to amateurs and professionals, If you would like to participate, send a self-addressed stamped envelope for a prospective.

PHOTOGRAPHY - The visual beauty of Leavenworth is a photographer's delight. May through late summer, thousands of flowers adorn the village. Fall brings a riot of color with the fall foliage. Winter becomes a wonderland. Waterfront Park and surrounding areas have breathtaking vantage points.

VOLKSMARCHES - Seasonal events April 1 through November 1. Contact Shirley Ward, P.O. Box 91, Leavenworth, WA 98826. 509-548-7853. Judy Merz - 509- 548-5376.

GOLF - April through November, Leavenworth Golf Club 18-hole par 71 course, pro shop, clubhouse, food and beverage service, information, P.O. Box 247, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-548-7267.

KAHLER GLEN GOLF COURSE AND CONDOMINIUMS - 20890 Kahler Glenn, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-763-3785. 2900 yard, nine-hole golf course along the west bank of Nason Creek near Lake Wenatchee, pro shop, rental sales, snack bar.

BICYCLING - Bicyclists will find several cycle routes in the Leavenworth area from a flat 7 - mile loop through the Icicle Valley to a challenging 50 - mile loop to Lake Wenatchee and back.

TOURS

APLET & COTLET PLANT AND COUNTRY STORE - 117 Mission St., Cashmere, WA 98815, 509-782-2191. Continuous 15 minute tours, charming country store, free samples.

CASCADE HELITOURS - Peshastin Sawmill Flats, 5 miles East of Leavenworth, scenic helicopter tours, 509-782-2915 or 509-548-4759.

ENCHANTED MOUNTAIN TOURS - 1855 Hazel Lane, Leavenworth, WA, 98826, 509-763-2975, Dog Sled Tours in the Cascade Mountains, 2 & 5 hours. Operating from December 1 to March 30.

GATOR'S GRAVITY TOURS - P.O. Box 447, Leavenworth, WA, 98826, 509-548-5102. Downhill Bicycling Tours, Shuttle Service; Bicycle available.

LEAVENWORTH BREWERY - 636 Front Street, Leavenworth, WA 98826. 509-548-4545. Guarantee 1 tour everyday at 2 p.m. Call for additional times.

LEAVENWORTH FOREST SERVICE - will provide for your group, at no charge, an Interpretive program featuring the rich cultural and natural heritage of the Leavenworth area. Programs will provide an enjoyable experience. Topics range from gold panning lessons, birds of prey, railroad history, etc. For more information contact Denny McMillin, Leavenworth Ranger Station, 509-782-1413.

LEAVENWORTH NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY - Icicle Road, (2 miles from town), 509-548-7641. Visitor hours - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OHME GARDENS - 3327 Ohme Road, Wenatchee, WA, 98801, 509-662-5785. Nine acres of lush mountain beauty carved from desert land.

ROCKY REACH DAM - Highway 97A, five miles north of Wenatchee, 509-663-7522. Hydroelectric project dam, visitor center, gallery, floral gardens, play ground, picnic tables, self guided tours.

SUSSWAREN BAVARIAN CHOCOLATES MANUFACTURING PLANT - For tour information and a new mail order catalog: 114 Cottage Ave., Cashmere, WA 98815, 509-782-4218.

WASHINGTON STATE APPLE COMMISSION - Visitor Center, 2900 Euclid, Wenatchee, WA, 509-663-9600. Tours and groups welcome, apple samples, movie, displays, fun and informative.



Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce

Centennial Celebration

100 Years

1993 Calendar of Events

P.O. Box 327 • 894 Clocktower Building • Leavenworth, Washington 98826 • (509) 548-5807

Spring

April 17 - International Choir Festival
- Contact Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce for more information. (509) 548-5807. Tickets \$6.00 per person.



Maifest



May 7, 8, 9 - Leavenworth rolls out the red carpet for spring with this annual celebration: beautiful flowers spill from hanging baskets and planters to set the mood, along with oomp music, strolling accordion serenades and tempting treats from outdoor food booths. Everyone, local dignitaries, townspeople and visitors alike, join in the Grand March, and delightful Bavarian Dances are performed around the traditionally decorated May Pole. Other activities include Art in the Park, a special performance by the Marlin Ringers, and the very popular Saturday Night Street Dance.

May 8th - Columbia Chorale - contact Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce for more information. (509) 548-5807.

Summer

Craftfair



June 11, 12, 13 - Outdoor exhibits and daily demonstrations featuring the finest Northwest crafts people. Entries judged on uniqueness and artistry. No commercial booths. For application, write P.O. Box 327, Leavenworth, WA 98826

Kinderfest

June 5 - A festival dedicated to children, filled with lots to see and do for all ages. Plenty of entertainment, including face painters, Mr. Scribbles, Clowns, and "hands-on" exhibits. Free popcorn and snowcones.

International Folk Dance Festival\

June 19 - The authentic architecture of the Village with its abundance of flowers and artisans in the park, is the perfect setting for the Leavenworth Folk Dance Festival. Beautiful costumes, lively performances by International and American Folk Dancers present a colorful and enjoyable experience.

Leavenworth Rotary Auction

August 7 - City Park. Local merchants offer great goods and services to support a variety of community projects.

Leavenworth Rotary Club

August 21 - Leavenworth Rotary Golf Tournament. Contact Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce for more information.

Leavenworth Forest Service Interpretive Program

Leavenworth Ranger Station - Denny McMillin, (509) 782-1413. For your group, the Leavenworth Forest Service will provide, at no charge, an Interpretive Program featuring the rich cultural and natural heritage of the Leavenworth area. Programs will provide an enjoyable experience. Topics range from gold panning lessons, birds of prey, railroad history, etc., and are offered throughout the year.

Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery
(509) 548-7641

Lake Wenatchee Forest Service
(509) 763-3103

Lake Wenatchee State Park
(509) 763-3101

Leavenworth Ranger District
(509) 782-1413

Fall



30th Annual Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival

September 24th through October 3 - The blazing colors of autumn provide the backdrop for this popular fall festival. Leading the fun-filled activities is the Grand Parade on Saturday, the 25th, at 1:30 p.m. On hand to greet our visitors will be the Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves and the Royal Bavarians, along with our strolling accordionist. Oompa music sets off spontaneous dancing in the street, while Art in the Park showcases artisans from near and far. Other attractions include food booths and a special pancake breakfast, flea-market, used book sale, a street dance, Royal Bavarians Casino Night and much, much more.

Wenatchee River Salmon Festival Leavenworth

October 7, 8, 9 & 10 - Each year, thousands of salmon return to the Wenatchee River. Join us at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery to celebrate the Return of the Salmon and take part in a wide variety of events: fishing clinics, cultural events, wetland ecology tours, field trips, concerts and a barbecue. Contact the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce for more information.

Leavenworth Cultural Faire

October 9 & 10 - In conjunction with the Salmon Festival, various Artisans will be featured along with other unusual and talented craft persons to make this Cultural Faire an interesting event. For application, write, P.O. Box 327, Leavenworth, WA 98826.

Winter

November - December

November shopping in the Bavarian Village is one of the best-kept secrets around. Our businesses gear up early for the Christmas season, so you can explore over 100 shops packed with holiday treasures without the holiday crowds! The variety and quality of merchandise will satisfy the most challenging shopping list; and where else but Leavenworth can you hear an Alpenhorn and Carillon bells, see authentic German attire and architecture, drink a stein of Hacker Pschon, eat wiener schnitzel and spend the night in a Pension?

Leavenworth Gala Holiday Food Fair (Bon Appetit)

Nov. 20th - This classy event features the finest culinary sampling of Leavenworth, Cashmere and Wenatchee. Entertainment by harpist Bronn Journey. Dance from 9 to 12 midnight. Limited tickets, \$22.50 per person. (509) 548-5807.

Special Bandstand Entertainment

Nov. 27 - The lights are on and the village is dressed in holiday decor, adding a special festive holiday touch.

Christmas Lighting

December 4 & 11 - Nestled at the base of the majestic Cascade Mountains, the Bavarian Village is in full holiday decor and filled with anticipation. Entertainment includes music from the bandstand, a snowman contest, sledding in the park and sleigh rides. Scrooge is lurking about. Mr. & Mrs. Santa make a grand entrance. The aromas of service club food booths and roasted chestnuts fill the frosty air. Special evening concerts will be offered including the Marlin Handbell Ringers and Village Voices. Finally, at dusk, everyone gathers together to sing Silent Night. The hushed closeness, smiles and tears remind us all of the true meaning of the holiday spirit. Then, the countdown begins and the Village Christmas lights go on simultaneously, turning Leavenworth into a magical winter wonderland.

Dec. 4th - Leavenworth Methodist Church, 418 Evans Street, bazaar, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., luncheon, 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cascade Christmas Craft Show

Dec. 4th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Osborn Elementary School.

Dec. 4 & 11th - Chumstick Grange, Front Street, bazaar 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Special Holiday Concerts

Dec. 3 & 4, 10 & 11th - Village Voices and the Marlin Handbell Ringers Christmas Concert. Tickets available at the Chamber Office, \$10.00 per person. Performance at Sleeping Lady Retreat Center, 8:00 p.m.



Dec. 1 & 2, 5 & 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 & 19 - Harpist Bronn Journey performs a special holiday concert. Tickets available at the Chamber Office, \$8.00 per person. Performance at Sleeping Lady Retreat Center.

Dec. 18th - Scrooge is out and about. Mr. & Mrs. Santa, noon to 2:00 p.m. The Bavarian Village of lights presents "Special Entertainment", with Leavenworth's own Mixed Company.

Dec. 21st through 24th - "The Living Nativity" presented by the Church of the Nazarene, 111 Ski Hill Drive, 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 15th & 16th - Bavarian Ice Fest - Contact Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce for more information. (509) 548-5807.

Jan. 23rd - Winter Sports Club - Kids Day - Icicle River Trail. (509) 548-5115.

ACTIVITIES GUIDE

WHITEWATER RAFTING

Spring season opens with whitewater rafting beginning March through April with the high country run-off. Float trips and canoeing are also available. Whitewater into July, float trips through August, canoeing through October.

ALL RIVERS ADVENTURES - P.O. Box 12, Cashmere, WA 98815, 509-782-2254, 1-800-74-FLOAT. High or light adventures for all ages. Seventeen years experience, day care, walk-ins welcome.

ALPINE WHITE WATER - P.O. Box 253, Leavenworth, WA, 98826, 1-800-926-RAFT. Whitewater and scenic float trips. Includes wetsuits, lunch, friendly guides and fun in the sun.

DOWNSTREAM RIVER RUNNERS - 12112 N.E. 195th, Bothell, WA 98011, USA 1-800-234-4644.

LEAVENWORTH OUTFITTERS, INC. - 21312 Hwy. 207, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-763-3733, 1-800-347-7934. Whitewater, scenic float trips, canoe, livery, X - C ski rentals, and bicycle rentals.

NORTHERN WILDERNESS RIVER RIDERS, INC. - 10645 U.S. Highway 209, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-548-4583, 1-206-448-RAFT. Whitewater and scenic float trips, complete with personal touch.

ORION EXPEDITIONS, INC. - 1516 - 11th Ave., Seattle, WA 98122. 206-322-9130 or 1-800-553-7466. Magnificent scenery, entire families are welcome to view the American bald eagle, via float trips.

OSPREY RAFTING CO. - P.O. Box 668, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-548-6800, 1-800-743-6269. Scenic and whitewater rafting trips, transportation from motels, food included, last minute bookings welcome.

RIVER RECREATION, INC. - #13 - 211th Place S.E., Redmond, WA 98053, 206-392-5899. Whitewater rafting down the Wenatchee River. Wet suit, buffet lunch and bus shuttle included.

HAY RIDES, SLEIGH RIDES and HORESEBACK RIDES

EAGLE CREEK RANCH - P.O. Box 719, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-548-7798. Horseback riding, hourly-daily, "High Country" pack trips, Western BBQ, hay rides and sleigh rides, group and individuals welcome.

ICICLE OUTFITTERS - P.O. Box 322, Leavenworth, WA, 98826, 509-763-3647. Horseback rides daily, deluxe pack trips, fall hunting trips.

RED TAIL CANYON FARMS - 11780 Freund Canyon Road, Leavenworth, WA, 98826, 509-548-4512, 1-800-678-4512 USA and Canada. Belgian draft horse farm, hay rides, sleigh rides, Chuckwagon BBQ's, picnic grove, groups and individuals welcome.

INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS & RENTALS

COUGAR INN - 23379 Highway 207, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-763-3354. X - C ski rentals, pedal and rowboat rentals on Lake Wenatchee.

DER SPORTSMANN - 837 Front Street, Leavenworth, WA, 98826, 509-548-5623. Sporting equipment, clothing, supplies, and information. X - C ski sales, rentals, bicycle rentals.

FITNESS CENTER - The Court House, 10421 Titus Road, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-548-4028. Racquet ball, aerobic classes, Karate and self-defense, pro shop, saunas, jacuzzi, tanning, weight room, rentals available. Public hours 9 - 12/2 - 8.

LEAVENWORTH SPORTS CENTER - Hwy. 2 and Icicle Road, Leavenworth, WA, 509-548-7864. X - C skis, mountain bikes, rafts, inner tubes, tennis racquets, roller blades, bicycle rentals, clothing, lessons, sales.

MOUNTAIN SPRINGS LODGE - 19115 Chiwawa Loop Road, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-763-2713. 1-800-858-2276 U.S.A. Snowmobile tours, snowshoeing, horseback riding and outfitting, canoeing and river rafting, experienced guides.

NORRIS HARDWARE - 735 Front Street, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-548-7211. Sporting equipment, supplies and information.

SURREY CYCLES - THE EVERGREEN INN - 1117 Front Street, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-548-5515. \$10 per hour.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING - The Leavenworth trail systems are maintained daily providing excellent X - C skiing for all levels of skiing ability. Leavenworth offers over 30 kilometers, including 2K night lighted course. The trail system from the downtown area at Waterfront Park, provides immediate access to X - C skiing. Reasonable trail fees. For schedule, contact the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club, Box 573, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-548-5115.

LAKE WENATCHEE, MEADOW CREEK, POLE RIDGE - 20 miles marked and groomed trails. Lower Chiwawa Area - 36 miles marked and groomed trails. Information source, Lake Wenatchee Ranger Station, Leavenworth, WA, 509-763-3103.

BLEWETT PASS - U.S. Hwy. 97 Excellent X - C skiing and snowmobiling areas. For information please call the Leavenworth Ranger Station, 509-782-1413.

SCOTTISH LAKES NOMAD CAMPS - P.O. Box 312, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-548-7330. Ski tour the high meadows, November to May, hike and fish the high lakes, June to October. Transportation, meals, and lodging provided, individuals and families welcome.

DOWNHILL SKIING - Leavenworth Winter Sports Club - P.O. Box 573, Leavenworth, WA 98826, 509-548-5115.

MISSION RIDGE - Wenatchee, WA. Snow report 509-663-

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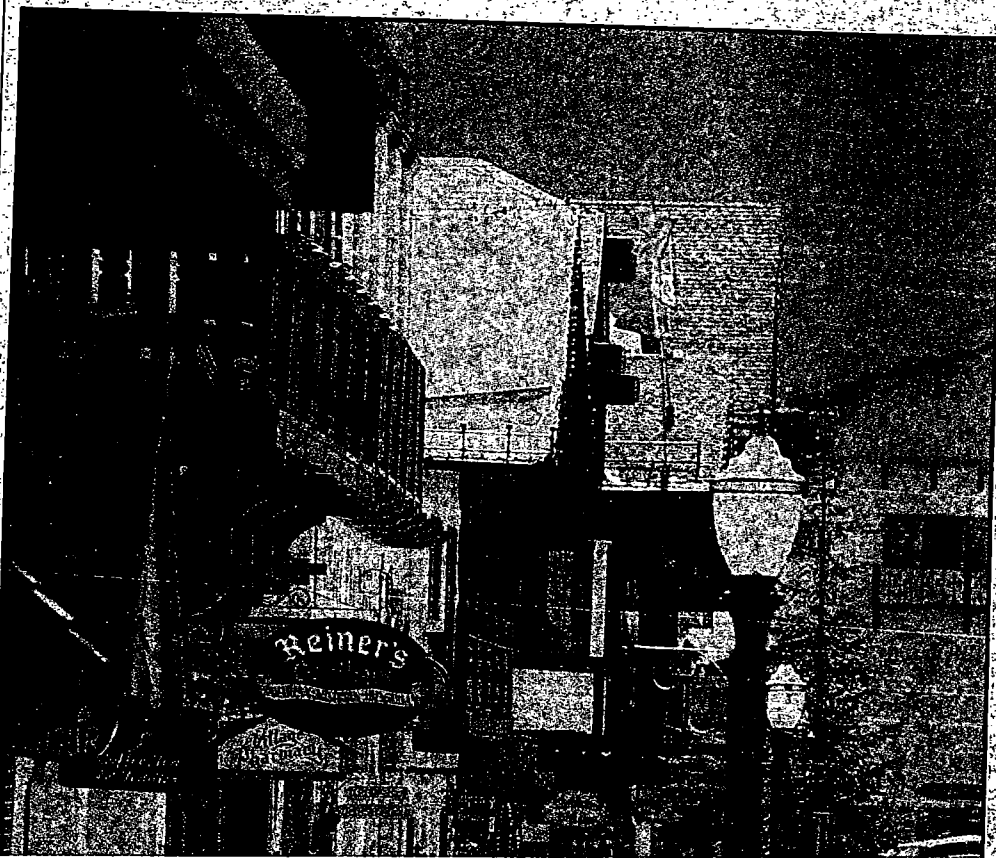
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A visitor's publication for the Bavarian Village of Leavenworth, Washington 1993

See what's here



Leavenworth's citizens joined forces to rejuvenate dying town

By Kent McCleary

Leavenworth has not always been the vibrant Bavarian Village it is today, but it has always been at least as colorful as it is now. The alpine setting hasn't changed, but the town has changed to fit its surroundings.

"Our community's history is one of people pulling together. The transformation from a dying mill town to today's activity is perhaps the greatest example."

Leavenworth grew up as a rowdy lumber settlement. The original town, called Icicle, was built in the Icicle Flats in the 1890s. Leavenworth was originally laid out in 1893, shortly after a post office was granted. In 1904, a major sawmill was built just south of town, near the present site of

Enchantment Park.

The mill was operated by the Lamb-Davis Lumber Co. and gave Leavenworth's economy a boost. A ready supply of logs was floated down the Icicle and Wenatchee rivers from logging camps.

Railroading was another major industry for the new town. Great Northern Railway crews began laying track up the Wenatchee Valley in late 1892 and continued up the Tumwater Canyon. Highway 2 now follows that rail line. Where the highway runs through Leavenworth was a large switchyard. Its roundhouse was just west of the current city limits.

Early in the new century, fruit trees were planted in the Upper Valley, and the Icicle Irrigation Ditch was built to

water them. Fruit helped sustain Leavenworth after the mill closed in the mid-1920s and the rail line was rerouted to a safer passage through the Chumstick Valley.

But Leavenworth had begun a gradual decline in population and commerce. Major employers were the U.S. Forest Service, the National Fish Hatchery, a handful of gyppo logging outfits and orchards.

By 1960, more than 20 storefronts on Front Street were empty. Remaining residents were searching for ways to rejuvenate their beautiful town.

"We, the business people, knew people were going past Leavenworth but not stopping," said LaVerne Pe-

--See Bavarianization, page 5A

Get a taste of the Upper Valley

By David Goehner

Fruit stands along Highway 2 east of Leavenworth allow travelers a close-up view of Washington's pear and apple orcharding community.

Six stands showcasing the state's best fruits, and

Bob Spanjer of Bob's Apple Barrel says the local fruit stand trade ballooned after the famous Tiny's fruit stand in Cashmere closed more than a decade ago. Operators found that the Highway 2 corridor provides a natural stopping

Marson becomes media star

Housing industry leader hopeful timber summit will bring answers

By Dick Landis

PORTLAND -- Ken Marson, the Leavenworth lumber yard owner who served as a panelist at the Northwest Timber Conference last week, came away feeling positive about it.

"I had no doubt that President Clinton understood the real magnitude of the problems facing the Northwest timber industry," Marson said. "You could tell by the questions that he, the vice president and the cabinet members asked that they were looking for ways to maintain a viable and stable lumber supply, while at the same time they are obviously committed to protecting the environment.

"It was clear to me that the president saw both sides of the issue when he talked about his home state of Arkansas as a beautifully wooded state which also desperately needs the income from the timber industry."

The industry spokesman was also convinced that Clinton felt putting people to work building houses is vital to his economic plan "or he wouldn't have brought his staff all the way from Washington, D.C., to find a solution."

A healthy housing industry spins off so many jobs for plumbers, electricians, and furniture and appliance manufacturers that the president has to try and do something, Marson said.

"We're willing to compromise with the environmentalists," he said, "if we can get a stable lumber supply, so people can achieve the American dream of owning their own home."

Marson, who represented 9,000 lumber yards throughout the country, had plenty of opportunity to present his case.

After a few short remarks as a panelist, he was questioned by Vice President Al Gore, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Labor Secretary Robert Reich.

"Since I wasn't a presenter, I didn't really expect to get questions from the vice president right out of the box," Marson said. "And then to have two other cabinet officials ask me questions -- I was a little surprised."



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Gore asked Marson if the tariff on Canadian lumber was a major factor forcing up lumber prices.

"I explained that Canada only provides 30 percent of the lumber that we need in the U.S.," Marson said. "I also told him that eliminating the tariff might take the edge off the upward price spiral, but I didn't think it was a significant fac-

tor compared to the dwindling supply."

Labor Secretary Reich asked if log supply unpredictability was also a significant part of the problem. Marson emphatically said it was.

"We may not have to increase the harvest," he said, "but we do have to get the available timber out of gridlock so we can plan for the

future and know what the supply is going to be."

Marson appeared comfortable in his newsmaker role at a briefing for reporters after his session.

Marson, vice president of the Western Building Material Association and legislative affairs committee co-chair for the National Lumber and Building Materials Dealers Association, told a KIRO-TV reporter from Seattle that the idea of speaking before the president and vice president was a little intimidating at first.

"I woke up at four o'clock this morning and couldn't go back to sleep," he said. "Then when I got here and the president shook my hand and was so friendly, I realized he wasn't any bigger than I was and I relaxed."

Commenting on his hometown of Leavenworth as a model for other small communities hard hit by timber gridlock, Marson said, "It certainly shows there are ways to change communities, but you have to have the right setting.

"Leavenworth is unique because it lends itself to The Bavarian Village theme. However, that wouldn't work for all communities. Also, there are many families in our area that are still involved in the timber industry who don't have a very bright future."

When asked about the possibility of using alternative building materials by a KOMO broadcast reporter, Marson responded confidently,

"We're trying to use alternative building materials that utilize lumber more efficiently, but there is not enough manufacturing capacity for these products to cover the needs if housing starts picked up," he said. "Besides, lumber -- however you use it -- is the most efficient building material available because it can eventually be renewed."

Marson predicted that practical solutions would be coming within a few months.

"I realize that mistakes have been made on both sides of the issue, but I believe the president and vice president are committed to finding a way out of the gridlock," he said. "And I think it can be done."

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Listen to the president

First stop on the Western Legislative Forestry Task Force's field trip last weekend was the Longview Fibre Co.'s state-of-the-art lumber mill in Winton.

The facility, which opened last year, is designed to process small diameter logs that cover Longview's 80,000-acre Chelan Tree Farm in Chelan and eastern Snohomish and King counties.

When the company bought the property in 1981, it sold many of the logs to mills in the area. But times have changed. The closest mills, in Peshastin and Cashmere, closed years ago.

"We have a timber base here, but it's a long way to the closest mill," said Dave Bowden, Longview's senior vice president-timber. "The closest mill is 75 miles away in Omak. We had a choice of going there or building our own mill."

Longview chose the latter course -- at no small expense. This investment differentiates the mill from its predecessors in the area, which were antiquated dinosaurs because their owner didn't invest in new technology to upgrade efficiency.

The investment in Winton, on the other hand, appears to be paying off. The mill, which employed about 30 people at this time last year, added a second shift in June. Its work force now numbers 54 and is expected to reach 70 soon.

Those jobs don't fully make up for the roughly 200 that were lost in Peshastin and Cashmere, but they do provide a living for families whose prospects otherwise would be dismal. And many of those people were earning their keep on Saturday, when the field trip visited.

But the source of their livelihood could vanish if a group of environmental groups led by the Natural Resources Defense Council and including Leavenworth Audubon Adopt-a-Forest has its way.

These groups filed a petition last week with the U.S. Forest Service seeking an immediate halt to the logging of old-growth forests on the east side of the Cascade Mountains in eastern Washington and Oregon.

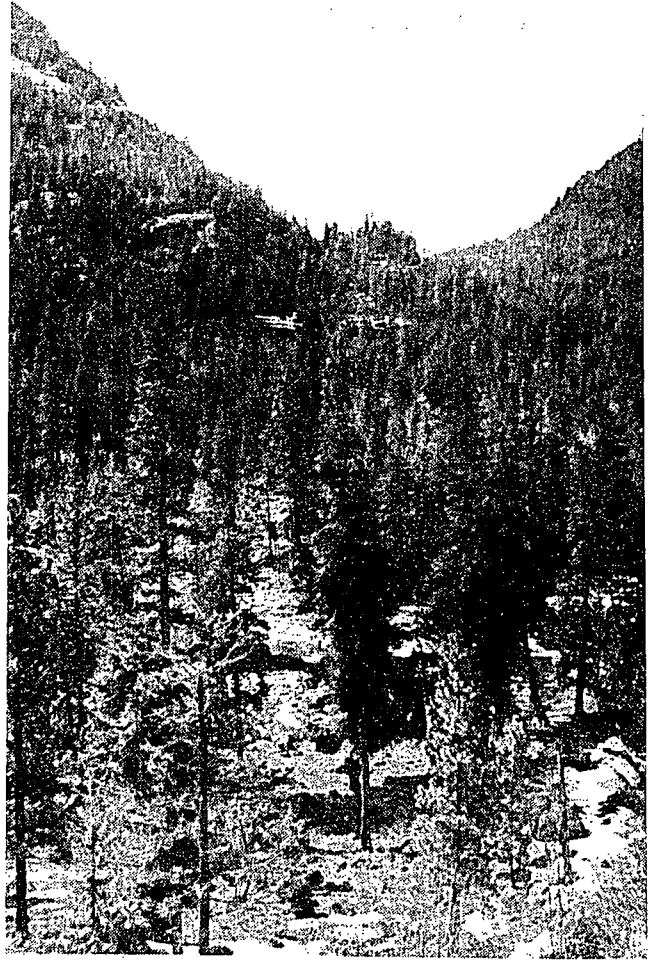
The east side faces an ecological crisis that rivals, if not exceeds the one threatening the northern spotted owl, the petition contends. It predicts that continued logging "will inevitably lead to an environmental and political train wreck requiring crisis management."

The petition calls for logging to be banned until the Forest Service revises and strengthens management standards to protect species that are scarce or imperiled, such as the American marten, pileated woodpecker and northern goshawk.

Before getting caught up in the tiresome debate about the primacy of jobs versus animals (which really wouldn't include northern spotted owls in this installment because they're doing reasonably well hereabouts), let's try a new tact. Listen to what President Clinton said at the forest conference in Portland last week:

"You don't have to fight in a court of law any more," Clinton told conference participants. "You can work with us."

In focus



The valleys up Icicle Canyon begin to embrace spring. Nathan Walters

LETTERS TO THE EDIT

Where's justice for Laura?

Editor:

This is justice!

After reading *The Wenatchee World* article Saturday on the Steve Beck trial, I am mad, sick and very sad. I am very sad for Laura's family and loved ones who were done such an injustice for losing such a loving and wonderful person in such a horrible way.

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