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**LEAVENWORTH MAIN STREET PROGRAM INVITES YOU TO
SIDEWALK SALES, JULY 22, 23 & 24, 9 AM – 6 PM
HISTORIC LOFT TOUR, SATURDAY, JULY 24, 10:30 AM – 4 PM
FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT, JULY 24, 7 – 10 PM**

The downtown and sidewalks will be buzzing with activity as many downtown merchants participate in the annual Sidewalk Sales. From Broadway to the River, Cherokee, Delaware & Shawnee and all streets in-between, shopping awaits. "If you haven't been downtown lately, this is the perfect opportunity to sample all our fantastic shops and pick up some great merchandise", states Wendy Scheidt, Executive Director of Leavenworth Main Street. Sue Peterson, owner of Soul Supply & Hardware, chairs the Sidewalk Sale and has been working diligently so that every merchant has a chance to participate, everyone has fun and gets excited about this event. From 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. merchants will be open, some remaining open later. "Growing up I remember I loved going to the summer sidewalk sale with my mother. There is just something about buying something off the street that's exciting and I still love a bargain!" states Sue Peterson.

The Historic Loft Tour is hosted by LMS's Design Committee and will feature 6 lofts plus a glimpse of Underground Leavenworth. Featured lofts are located at 200 Seneca, 518 ½ Delaware, 510 ½ Delaware, 505 ½ Cherokee, 316 S. 5th Street & 305 Cherokee. All lofts are renovated and occupied except for 1, which is in the renovation process and will feature artwork from the Leavenworth County Artists Association. The lofts are new to the tour this year and offer outstanding ideas within fantastic space. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 are free and must be accompanied by a parent at all times. Due to the nature of the lofts they are not handicapped accessible. Tickets are available *now* at Stitch by Stich Custom Embroidery, 305 Cherokee; Reunions Antiques, 418 Delaware; Quilters Quarters, 200 S. 5th Street; Past to Present Home Decor, 518 Delaware; The Pot Rack, 626 Cherokee; Sally's Choices, 412 Delaware and the Leavenworth Main Street office, 416 Cherokee, 913-682-3924. Tickets will be available at each loft on the day of the tour and attendees may start at any loft, proceeding at their leisure to the other lofts.

After the Sidewalk Sales & the Historic Loft Tour wind down on Saturday, enjoy our downtown restaurants & pubs and then settle into our free Outdoor Concert at Landing Park from 7 – 10 pm. The KC Aces will knock your socks off and get you dancin' to their beat! When the Aces take the stage, it's like hearing the classics all over again – in a fresh new way. The fluid, time-tested sounds of Rod Stewart, Joe Cocker, Van Morrison, Bob Dylan and Mitch Ryder come alive. Roots Rock & Blue Eyed Soul – check out their website, www.kcaces.com. "This is our 3rd free concert of the season and attendees have been excited at what great music we're bringing to the concerts. Last month the 51% Blue Band was a tremendous hit," states Scheidt. "We continue to grow the attendance at the concerts and with our sponsors, the Young Professionals of Leavenworth County, www.yplc.info and the Leavenworth Rotary Club, you'll be assured to be among a fun & energetic crowd!" Beer, soda, water & great BBQ will be on hand for purchase and the Rotary Club will have their "wheel" on site.

Take this 3 day opportunity to bring along your friends, neighbors and relatives to re-discover historic, downtown Leavenworth. You will be in for a real treat - "First City Style" - Midwestern hospitality at its best! The downtown merchants are part of a renaissance, offering creative, unusual merchandise through the many specialty shops, plus tried and true necessities. Downtown merchants offer the community so much, from hardware, grocery & drug store items, pet & tack supplies; furniture, kitchenware, antiques & collectibles, gift items, books, art, framing & home accessories. A myriad of specialty shops offer unique products including leather goods, Christian products, candles, jewelry, designer & embroidered clothing & accessories, meal preparation and bisque ware for personalization. Many merchants offer fun "day camps" for kids, so pick up their schedule while shopping. Downtown restaurants offer a great respite during your shopping frenzy, so make time to sample several. Theatres downtown offer movies, a summer film series plus live performances.

For more information, visit our website, www.leavenworthmainstreet.com or contact us at 913-682-3924.

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