

St. Andrew's Signpost

Tony Green—Vicar
Linda Cox—Bishop's Warden
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October 2023

Annual Diocesan Convention for the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane Registration

This year's convention will be held in Wenatchee. If you are interested in attending, mark your calendar and watch for upcoming registration information.

Join us for the 59th Convention, "Branches On The Vine" this October. The convention will be held in-person on Friday, October 20, 2023 to Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the Wenatchee Convention Center, Wenatchee, Washington.



Graduation Congratulations!



Terry LaBrue traveled to San Antonio for a special graduation. His daughter, Annique Noel LaBrue, graduated with honors from Capella University, Dallas Texas, with a Master of Science degree in Human Resources Management.

October

Birthdays

Marci Hale—1
Donna Bagby—5
Cyrus Bowthorpe—13
Randy Farris—14
Lacy Higgenbotham—20
Madi Reynolds—25

Anniversaries

David and Tamara Larson—14



Dave and Betty Pettit

Betty Ashmun Pettit's roots are in Manson. Betty was born in an upside-down boat converted into a house on Terrace Ave. in Lakeside. That is where the midwife lived. The house still stands. Betty has an 83-year history with St. Andrew's where she was baptized and confirmed. Dave Pettit was born in Bellingham, Washington and raised in Ferndale. They met in 1960 as Washington State College seniors in the basement of the Manson United Methodist Church playing "Spin the Bottle." They soon learned that they shared a birthday. You can't make these things up.



Dave's career as a mechanical/quality engineer overseeing the safety of nuclear weapons for the U.S. Navy took them to Lualualei Valley, Hawai'i for several years and eventually to Seal Beach, California. Betty was an elementary school teacher who also taught adults and preschoolers in Washington, California and Hawai'i. When she became the director of the preschool at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Anaheim, California she led the teachers and parents at the facility to become the first National Association for the Education of Young Children accredited preschool in Anaheim. There were more than 50 preschools in Anaheim at the time. It could not have happened without Dave's masterful construction and remodeling skills to bring the physical plant up to the strict standards of the NAEYC.

Betty was the first woman to serve as Junior Warden at St. Michael's. Again, she could not have managed without Dave's expertise. Their first challenge there was to "unplug the piscina drain." Neither of them knew what a piscina was. Do you?

Since 1996, Dave and Betty have divided their church membership time equally between St. Andrew's and Episcopal churches in warmer winter climes. In their 59-year marriage, they have belonged to Episcopal churches in four California cities; Wai'anae and Ewa, Hawai'i and Sun City West, Arizona, as well as Chelan. Before their marriage, Betty was a member of St. James' Episcopal Church in Pullman and Christ Episcopal Church in Puyallup.

Dave and Betty are very proud parents of a son Mark and daughter-in-law Lisa and a daughter Sue and son-in-law Dale. Mark and Lisa live in San Francisco, and Sue and Dale live in Manson. The Pettit's have two adult grandchildren, five step grandchildren and ten step great grandchildren.


Dave and Betty both look forward to spending more time at Lake Chelan in the near future. Beginning in 2024, they plan to make Manson their permanent home.

Nature's Window, Museum of Wildlife, Natural History and Art

CHELAN - When local businessman Shannon Kollmeyer began planning to donate his extensive taxidermy collection, he and his wife Cris considered several alternatives. They evaluated numerous museums, colleges, and universities as potential recipients. The Kollmeyers soon discovered these options were unavailable because regional museums and academia are out of space and are, therefore, not accepting further donations of wildlife specimens.

The solution for the Chelan-based retirees was to establish Nature's Window, Museum of Wildlife, Natural History & Art in their local community. "The mission of Nature's Window is to serve as an education center for wildlife conservation and to increase knowledge and appreciation for the diverse wildlife of the world," Kollmeyer remarked. "We want to inform the public about the role art and wildlife management play in conserving these valuable resources."

"What's more, our artistic dioramas are accurate reflections of actual animal habitats that are also teaching tools of conservation, science, and art. Viewers can learn about wildlife management and the role artists and hunters play in preserving wild places and animals for future generations."

 "Preserving our wilderness and natural world is more critical than ever and is a responsibility of all citizens," Kollmeyer said.

The new museum brings nature indoors, providing a sensory journey with unique sounds and sights stimulating visceral responses. Whether it is the howl of an Arctic wolf, the bitter cold wind of central Alaska, or the honk of a Canada goose, nature is recreated using the latest museum technology. Observers are immediately immersed in nature, perhaps rekindling memories of their own adventures in the natural world.

Kollmeyer brought together an exceptional group of specialists to help fulfill his mission to offer an exceptional, world-class museum facility for the Chelan community and the wider region to enjoy. The Kollmeyer's and other donors from Washington and Arizona provided the initial collection of taxidermy species in Nature's Window.

Nature's Window will be open to the public during the tourist season from April through October, as well as for private functions and special events for community organizations as a meeting place, reception site, and venue for fundraising events. As an education center, projections indicate that Nature's Window shall be used for hunter safety lessons, scout meetings, sportsmen's clubs, school field trips, art classes, and archery at the facility's range.

For more information, contact Nature's Window Museum at 509-670-8081 or email info@natureswindowmuseum.com.

Excerpt by Terry LaBrue, APR, Press Release

From St. Andrew's Archives:

During April 1996, while excavating to make the brick walkway in the Annex courtyard at St. Andrew's, a headstone, approximately 14 inches square with the engraved name of HESS was found under six inches of dirt. Where did it come from? How did it find its way to the Annex yard? Who was Hess? Did he have a family? When did he live? How and when did he die? All these questions and more led to a few hours of scrambling through old records, microfilm, and newspapers.



Cemetery records showed Cornelius Hess died July 14, 1896. The headstone was typical of the period and Cornelius was the only Hess to appear in the early records. It seemed reasonable that he was the one whose headstone had been found.

“It becomes the sad duty of the LEADER to chronicle the sudden death by accident of Cornelius Hess, one of Lake Chelan's well known and highly respected citizens. It seems that he and Charlie Culver were hauling hay on the latter's place and when coming down a steep hill with a heavy load the rough lock broke and the team ran wildly down the hill. Mr. Hess, who was driving, was thrown under the wheels which passed diagonally over his chest... “

So reported the CHELAN LEADER on July 17, 1896, concerning the death of 29-year-old Cornelius Hess who had been born in Wisconsin and left a wife Julia, and a six year old daughter, Fay, and was buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mt. Olivet, the oldest organized cemetery in the Chelan area, was established in 1894 in answer to the need for a burial place for Chelan citizens. It was located north of town on what is now Highway 97, behind the Naumes orchard cabins. It wasn't officially a part of the Episcopal church but many of the cemetery committee members were also founding members of St. Andrew's at about the same time. This early committee was composed of W.M. Gibson, J.W. Budd, A.H. Murdock, C.C. Campbell, and Mrs. Rosa Whaley,

When legal title to the property was obtained in 1901, and Mt. Olivet Cemetery Assn. was formed, its members were Clara Budd, Carrie Campbell, Sadie Berrier, Minnie Carlisle, Rosa Whaley, J.W. Budd, Willard Roots, (the Rev.), C.C. Campbell, C.E. Whaley, William Gibson, and A. H. Murdock – all associated with the Episcopal Church.

The last known burial at Mt. Olivet was in 1928. Over the years the wooden grave markers disappeared, and the cemetery grounds neglected. The current Fraternal Cemetery had been opened in 1903 and began to be more widely used. During the 1930's, while the Rev. Riley Johnson was serving at St. Andrew's reinterments were made from Mt. Olivet to Fraternal in preparation to finally close Mt. Olivet.

It was the cemetery trend at that time toward flat headstones for ease of maintenance, therefore many of the old stone and marble markers of Mt. Olivet were declared obsolete and thrown away. The Hess stone was one of those designated to be landfill. Mary Kay Addis, of the Whaley Mansion, thought they deserved better and rescued several of the discarded headstones and placed them in the rear garden of her art gallery and gift shop on Woodin Ave., which is now the Episcopal Church Annex Building.

Most of the markers were moved when she sold the building to the church. Our found stone, which had been left behind, is the bottom of a two-part headstone. Mary Kay has the other part in her garden and perhaps someday the two could be reunited to be complete as it was in 1897.

Another mystery for the Chelan Genealogy Society, who compiled a census of the Chelan cemeteries, has been a picture of the HESS stone in its original two parts and showing the name of Lucius Morton with a death date of August 1897. How was he connected to the Hess family? Why was he buried in the same area? The CHELAN LEADER, on Sept. 3, 1897, announced the death of Lucius Morton, father of Mrs. Julia Hess at age 96 – mystery solved!

After the death of her husband and father within a year of each other, Julia, who had been born in Minnesota in 1867, married Albert Hayley of Chelan in 1898.

One hundred years after the tragic death of a young husband and father of Chelan, his life is remembered through the accidental finding of his grave marker in the garden of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in the Spring of 1996.



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October Calendar

October 5, 12, 19, 26 Ladies AA—12:00 p.m.

October 1— Holy Eucharist—10:00 a.m.

Fall Bible study after coffee hour

October 8— Holy Eucharist—10:00 a.m.

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October 10—AA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 15— Holy Eucharist—10:00 a.m.

October 19—Bishop's Committee—3:00 p.m.

October 20-22—Diocesan Convention

October 22— Morning Prayer—10:00 a.m.

October 29— Holy Eucharist—10:00 a.m.

Mon-Sat—AA—6:30-7:30 a.m.

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