

## ART WALK Shawnee Street

Take a stroll along Shawnee Street in Downtown Leavenworth and discover public art from murals to sculpture to green spaces.



### WHAT IS LEAVENWORTH MAIN STREET?

The program is a team of merchants, residents, property owners, volunteers and other interested citizens who believe that downtown Leavenworth, Kansas, is a special place to visit, live, work, shop, dine, play, stay & experience.

The program is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides in-depth guidance on preserving, rehabilitating and re-using historic structures. Focusing on economic development, health and revitalization of our community, this volunteer driven, business investment organization serves as a major mechanism to preserve Leavenworth's heritage.

Since 1995 LMS has been a partner with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Main Street Center utilizing proven principles for revitalization of historic downtown Leavenworth. Through passion, a vibrant downtown has emerged, filled with savvy and creative merchants, building owners, loft dwellers and investors that help keep downtown alive and fun.

A full service, 28 block historic downtown that is the heart and soul of the community. Trendy, yet traditional. The First City of Kansas!

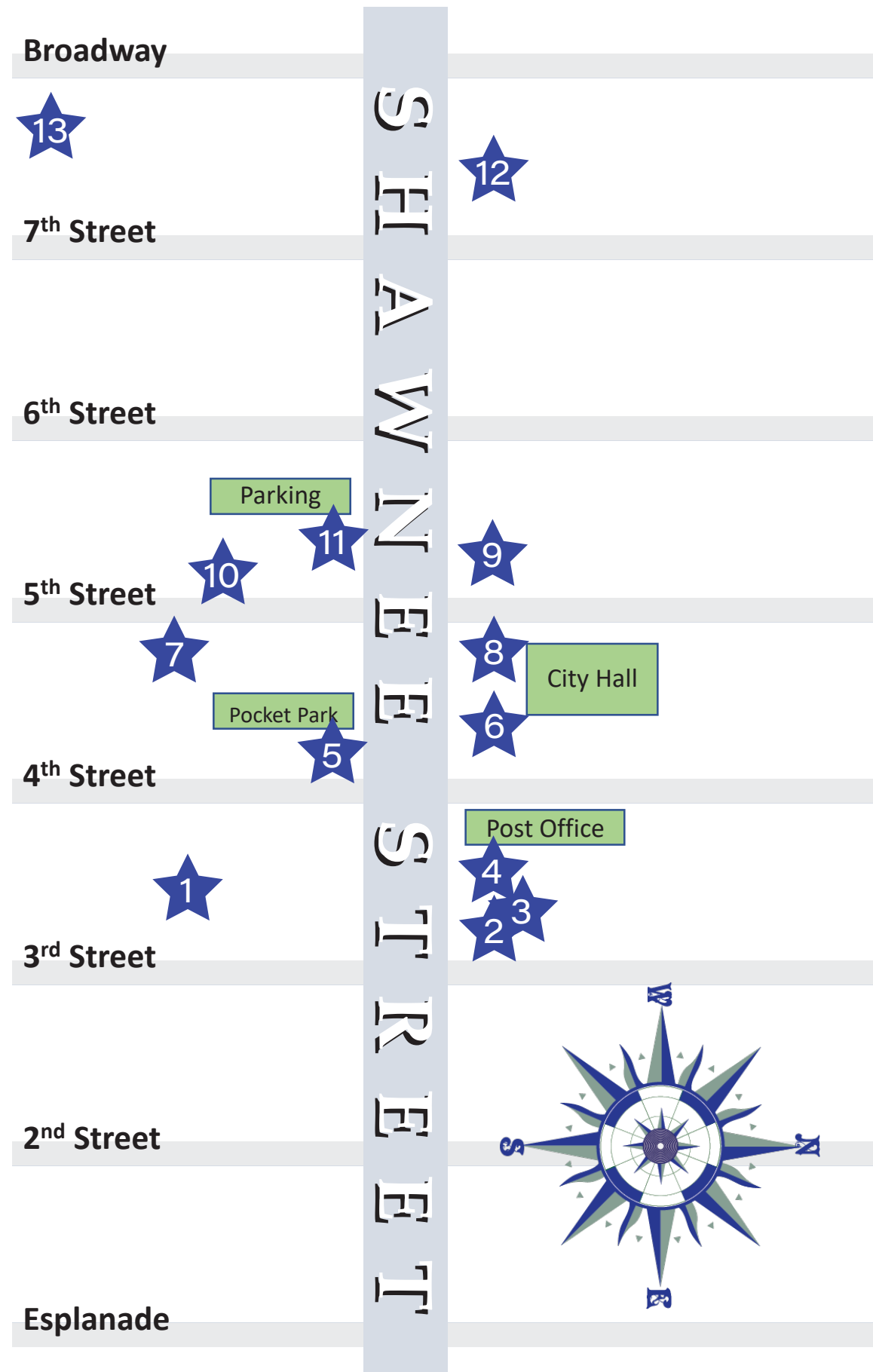
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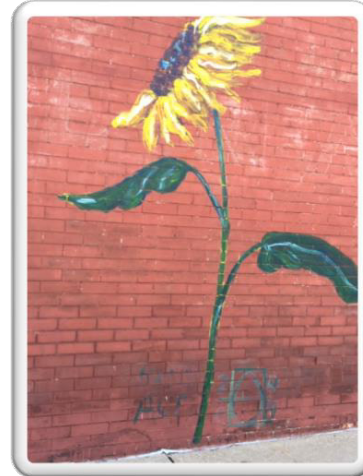
## 1 C.W. Parker Carousel Mural



The carousel horse is copied from a C.W. Parker horse named Rose, located inside the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum at 320 S Esplanade. Nancy Bauder designed and painted the mural in collaboration with Anna Johnson in 2002.

## 2 Sunflower Mural

This whimsical sunflower was left behind by a traveling painter. The tall, empty rows of brick must have beckoned him, as he had no permission to paint the flower.



## 3 Founders Mural



Painted in 2015, the Crow building mural is called Leavenworth's History. The figures depicted in the mural are Abraham Lincoln, Sister Xavier Ross (founder of Saint Mary), a Plains Indian, a Buffalo Soldier, and Henry Leavenworth. Artist: Nancy Bauder

## 4 Ghost Sign



Unique ghost sign. What do you see?

## 5 Celebration of the Midwest Family



This welded bronze sculpture was created by artist Jim Bass, Topeka, KS. Created in 1981

## 6 Buffalo Bill, First City Mural

The "First City" mural was painted by nationally recognized muralist, Michael Young, in July 2003. Recently Young completed the "Brown v Board of Education" which hangs in the Kansas State Capital.

Young used 10 images from the Mary Everhard collection of photographs to create this mural of street scenes and people of Leavenworth. Young used his own interpretation on a few things that may or may not have been there at this time. See if you can find them.

The center figure, William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody called Leavenworth his home and grew up here until frontier adventures lead him away. He met James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok (man on the left) while working for the Pony Express.

Planters Hotel, left, was built in 1856 at the corner of Shawnee and Main Streets and served as a pro-slavery gathering place (the bar). The guest register would show Abraham Lincoln, General Grant, Horace Greeley, General William T. Sherman, Wild Bill Hickok, Buffalo Bill Cody, and Sarah Bernhardt. The Leavenworth Depot, far right, was the first depot west of the Missouri River and served several different railroads that passed through Leavenworth.

Geraldine Jones, on the right, was an African-American who devoted her life to teaching in the Leavenworth Public Schools, more specifically, Lincoln School in North Leavenworth.



The street scene represents the 400 block of Shawnee in 1869. On the South side is the Delmonico Hotel where you would get your last shower and hot meal before heading further West. The Star of the West Saloon was a favored hang-out by many. On the North side shows city hall, and further down the street is the Wohlfrom Groceries and Provisions where this mural now hangs on the West side of the building.

## 7 Past Your Eyes

"The passageway is my idea of what one might have encountered before the downtown area was developed. The area may have been a pasture with cows wondering who these people are that are looking at them." "Past Your Eyes" was created by Alan Collins, First City Passageways 2020.



## 8 Statue of Liberty

There are over 200 of these replicas in 39 states in the U.S. and several of its possessions and territories.

The project was the brainchild of J.P. Whitaker, then Scout Commissioner of the Kansas City Area Council.

The copper statues were manufactured by Friedley-Voshardt Co. (Chicago, IL) and purchased through the Kansas City Boy Scout office

by those wanting one. All were erected in the early 1950s by Boy Scout troops and others to celebrate Scouting's 40th anniversary theme, "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty."



## Statue of Abraham Lincoln



This Abraham Lincoln statue depicts his visit to Leavenworth, KS on Dec 3, 1859 where he delivered the first speech of his presidential campaign at then Stockton Hall.

Sculptor: Martin Leo Pyle  
Unveiled Dec 3, 2009  
(150-year anniversary of the speech)

## 9 Sparkle and Shine Mural



The Sparkle and Shine mural is done in spray chalk. It was created originally for the "Queen's 5K Romp." Colorful Butterfly Wings are painted next to Sparkle and Shine; an Angel Wings "photo op" image is on the north side of building. Artist: Katlynn Spain

## 10 City of Leavenworth Seal Mural



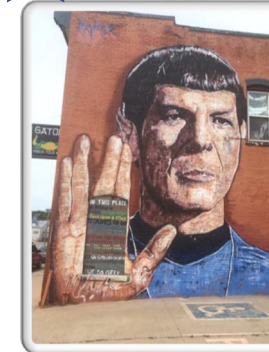
This mural is located on the East side of the Hollywood Theater, a historical Art Deco building on the National Register of Historic Places. The photos to the right of the mural image are from the Kansas Historical Society. The top photo was taken circa 1940; the bottom, 1990. The large mural of the City Seal on the left was painted by famed local artist, Michael Young in 1978 and renovated in 1985 and 2005 by him.

## 11 DeCoursey's Ghost Sign



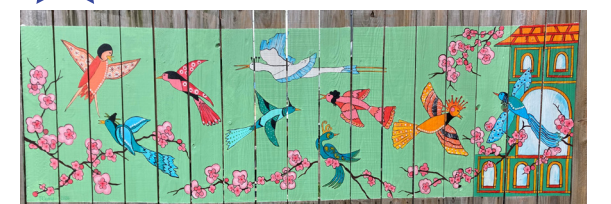
The creamery company bearing the DeCoursey name was started in 1906 by James H. DeCoursey. One year before World War II, the Leavenworth Dairy had a contract to furnish milk to Ft. Riley near Junction City, KS. The DeCoursey Creamery remained in business for 43 years. This DeCoursey ghost sign says: "WE SERVE DECOURSEY'S ICE CREAM. HONK HORN SERVICE."

## 12 Spock Mural



A portrait of Leonard Nimoy as Mr. Spock of "Star Trek" fame adorns the side of Gators, a gaming establishment. "Live Long and Prosper" –2019 Artist: Jeremy M. Raymer, Pittsburgh, PA.

## 13 Birds on the Fence



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"My concept for pathways was to have bright, beautiful birds escaping from a cage and flying off to freedom. Once I found out I would be painting the fence between an upscale hair salon and an Asian market, I added some fun extras to tie the mural to the setting - unusual hair styles on all the birds and a border of cherry blossom branches. Don't all women start a new path with a new hair style? Enjoy!" Theresa Cleaves, First City Passageway Project 2020