

# WAGON WHEEL

July/August 2016

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## July/August Events

**August 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Novelty Cemetery Tour**

Visitors strolled through the Novelty Cemetery on this twilight evening tour. They heard the story of the cemetery's origins, and watched re-enactments of the lives of the prominent Duvall residents who now reside there.

## Upcoming Events

### **Sundays, May through September Dougherty Farmstead Open House**

Stop by from 1pm to 4pm every Sunday through September 30<sup>th</sup> for a tour of the Dougherty Farmstead. Walk through the Dougherty House and visit the bunkhouse, milk barn, and pioneer cemetery nearby. The Dougherty House is located at 26526 NE Cherry Valley Road in Duvall.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **How a River Defined a Valley; A Natural History of Duvall**

Join us for this presentation by the Wilderness Awareness School. Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm at the Duvall Visitor Center.



*We are grateful to 4culture, the King County Cultural Services Agency, for their support in the preservation of our heritage.*

## A Trip Back in Time at the Novelty Hill Cemetery



On the late summer evening of Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, more than 100 onlookers watched as stories of Novelty Hill Cemetery's residents came to life. Gathered in the grass surrounding the tombstones, visitors observed historic Duvall residents - portrayed by members of the Cascade Community Theatre - share tales from their lives.

Duvall Historical Society member, Larry Trim, stood by the headstone of his late grandfather, Eddie Averill Trim, and portrayed Eddie's life. Other participants included actor Michael Martinez who re-enacted former Judge Ward Roney's life story, Gary Farner who portrayed Bill Trulson, actress Kara Ottewell who re-enacted resident Helen Diane Harder's story,



and Emma Ottewell who re-enacted aspects from the life of Maria Kihn.



It was a magical and informative evening that concluded with a beautiful hymn led by the LDS Duvall Ward choir members, as the light of the sunset glowed brightly.

Many thanks to Diane Baker who coordinated the event, the wonderful actors, the LDS Duvall Ward choir, and 4Culture for their funding.



## A Sign of the Times: City Dedicates Street to Ray and Tove Burhen

Written by Lisa Allen, Editor of the Woodinville Weekly

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DUVALL-If you haven't noticed yet, take a look at the corner of NE Stephens Street and Main Street.

For those who haven't seen it yet, there has been a change in signage. Northeast Stephens Street, which used to continue down the hill to McCormick Park and police station parking lots and Depot, now ends at Main. The newly named street that starts from Main and goes down the hill to the Depot area is now Northeast Burhen Way.



Most people don't have streets named after them until they are long gone. The mayor of Duvall wanted to make sure that didn't happen for longtime residents Ray and Tove Burhen, who were both present at the Aug. 2 City Council meeting for the city's dedication of Northeast Burhen Way. Standing behind the Burhens are, from left, Councilmembers Jason Walker, Scott Thomas, Becky Nixon and Amy Ockerlander and Mayor Will Ibershof. (Photo by Lisa Allen)

The change was recently made in recognition of the significant contributions to the community by the area's longtime residents, Ray and Tove Burhen. The new name will serve as a permanent reminder of all that the Burhens have contributed to the town over the decades, including the donation of the Depot building.

At a dedication last week just before the regular City Council meeting, Mayor Will Ibershof recalled the time when he first met the couple.

"I met Ray and Tove fifteen years ago at a council meeting," he said. "They attended all the meetings and both had a favorite chair in the front row."

He said it was amazing to him that they had the perspective of seeing Duvall of the past and now the current city. "I called them my 'adopted grandparents,'" he said. "I often visited them at their house and Tove always baked her wonderful cinnamon rolls."

During the 2013 centennial year, we did temporarily name some streets after a few notable historic figures in the community," he said. "But because Ray and Tove have done so much for Duvall, including the gift of the Depot, which spruced up the entire entrance to the park and made it much more inviting, we wanted to make the new sign a permanent piece of the community, which I think is best when people are still alive and kicking so they can enjoy it."

The mayor noted that Ray had told him some time ago that he thought the city should have a comfort station (at the entrance to the park). "I had to admit I didn't know what that was, so I Googled it, learned what it was (a restroom), the Burhens donated it, and then that was followed by a shower and a water fountain."

"It has added so much value to the community and we are excited that Ray and Tove could be here (for the dedication)." He added that Ray's tales of when he was young and driving around with a car

full of dynamite (for blowing up stumps) were worth remembering. “You sure can’t do that anymore,” he laughed.

“We want to say thank you on a personal basis,” he concluded.

Tove, who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at a community party at the Depot on Dec. 26, thanked the council by saying, “I feel it’s a great honor. We are so happy to be here. This is great. And we are so happy that the kids can swim in the river now.”

Ray also wanted to express his appreciation for the honor. “Thanks for all the kind words,” he said. “We didn’t think we did anything special, that everything just came along, but now we do have quite an entrance to the park. We hope it brings visitors to town to maybe do some shopping and see what the rest of the city has to offer.”



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### Historical Society Happenings

The Duvall Historical Society is delighted to share news of two recent grants from 4Culture:

- 1) The Duvall Historical Society has received a 4Culture grant to digitize the “Duvall Citizen” and “Carnavall Reporter” newspapers so they will be accessible online.
- 2) The City of Duvall has received a 4Culture grant to renovate the Dougherty farmstead’s milk shed.

At the Historical Society we give thanks for both of these grants.

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### Be Part of Historic Preservation, Volunteer!

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