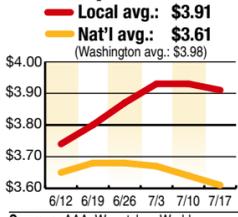


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**Gas prices**



Sources: AAA; Wenatchee World survey of 12 local gas stations each week

**People & Places**

**Congratulations**

**Kris Cameron** has been elected to a two-year term as president of the



Kris Cameron

Wenatchee Education Association. She has taught in the Wenatchee School District for 21 years. Fellow board members

include Vice President **Tamera Detwiler**, Secretary **Rachael Simmons**, Treasurer **Erin Coyle**, Elementary Representatives **Monika Christensen** and **Patty Cone**, Middle School Representative **Brenda Hargraves** and High School Representative **Neil Zobel**. The association represents 500 professional educators in the school district.



Kathy Z. Smithson



Randy Uhrich



Gaylen Willett



David Solomon



Joel Frank



Braden Draggoo

**The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)**—North Central Washington has new officers and board members for the upcoming fiscal year 2014-2015. The new president is **Kathy Z. Smithson** of Smithson Insurance Services, Wenatchee; treasurer is **Randy Uhrich** of Uhrich and Co., Wenatchee; secretary is **Gaylen Willett** of Gaylen Willett Insurance, Chelan; board members are **David A. Solomon** of Solomon Financial Group, Wenatchee, **Joel R. Frank** of Mass Mutual, Wenatchee and **Braden Draggoo** of New York Life, Wenatchee.

**CNC Financial Group LLC**, housed in the firm of Cordell, Neher & Company PLLC, was recognized for its outstanding achievements in wealth management at the 1st Global Eagles Executive Forum 2014, held May 5-7 in Napa, Calif. **Bradi Dahmen**, director of financial services; **Kristine Loomis**, CPA and **Jeffery R. Neher**, CPA, wealth management advisors, attended the event.

**Heather D. Webb**, a partner in the Graham Lundberg Peschel law firm, has been named a 2014 Super Lawyers "Rising Star."

**Russell J. Speidel** has been named in Washington Super Lawyers, 2014 edition, as one of the top attorneys in Washington.

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World photo/Don Seabrook

Ray and Carrie Carpenter set up a display case in their travel accessories store – Sagewood Bag Co. – inside Total Travel on Monday.

## Total Travel gears up with new store

BY MIKE IRWIN  
 World staff writer

WENATCHEE — Total Travel now really is totally travel. The local agency, now in its 28th year, joined last month with Wenatchee-based Sagewood Bag Co. to open an in-house travel store in a former waiting room at the center of Total Travel's offices.

"It's a good fit," said Scott Thompson, Total Travel's general manager. "It puts a great selection of travel items at our clients' fingertips and helps make us a one-stop travel shop."

Owned by Ray and Carrie Carpenter of Wenatchee, Sagewood

**Sagewood Bag Company at Total Travel**

**What:** A complete travel store located within the travel agency's main offices.

**Where:** 540 N. Mission St., Wenatchee

**When:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

**Info:** For Total Travel, call 663-8179 or visit totaltravelwen.com. For Sagewood, visit Amazon for the online store, the company's Facebook page or call 663-4065.

Bag Co.'s new retail space offers loads of excursion essentials: anti-theft suitcases and bags, backpacks, money belts, travel wallets, umbrellas, bags for toiletries and computers and lots of other on-the-go gear.

"We like to stock items that we've used and tested in our travels," said

Ray. "We think they can make travel easier, safer, more secure."

The Carpenters specialize in anti-theft suitcases and bags that include a steel-mesh lining — a web of steel cable — to prevent bad guys from slashing it open and grabbing its contents. Brands include Travelon and Pacsafe.

Many of Sagewood's bags and wallets also incorporate RFID-blocking materials to protect credit card and passport information from electronic theft. The Carpenters say such theft can be common in international destinations, where criminals lurk with electronic scanners to read info on computer chips embedded in ID and credit cards.

Sagewood got its start in 2006 when Carrie, then a registered nurse, began selling upscale handbags from an online store. That venture grew steadily for five years, said Carrie, until she retired in 2011 and, with

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## Art, excavators, Entiat tacos and clean windows

General contractor, heavy equipment operator and, yep, male model Lloyd Palm broke ground last week on an 8,000-square-foot building that'll house a huge machine repair shop, private museum and, yep again, art studio and gallery.

He probably described it best. "We just wanted a place where we could fix machines and display a little art."

Done in first-class fashion, the ground-breaking included Palm, girlfriend and author Judi Moreo, building erector Corey Davis of Western Ranch Buildings, a ceremonial golden shovel, a ceremonial golden Dodge Ram 2500 (Palm's pickup) and a giant 125-ton excavator. The machine is most likely one of the biggest of its kind in the region, Palm said.

Construction of the steel building began last week and should be finished in about three months. It's located on the site of Palm's Ram Ridge Gravel Sales in Olds Station and is the first industrial building on the property. Four more adjacent lots could be developed in the near future.

You're wondering, of course, if Palm really is a male model and why would he combine heavy equipment repair with art exhibitions under one roof.

Well, last year Palm was a top 10 finalist in AARP's "Faces of 50+" nationwide modeling search. He was encouraged to participate by girlfriend Moreo, a national motivational speaker,

author and artist. The new building will provide an upstairs art space where she can paint, show work and give lessons. Also upstairs: A production studio where Moreo can record podcasts for her online radio show — "Choices ... with Judi Moreo" — on blogtalkradio.com.

After decades as a general contractor, these days Palm specializes in buying, repairing and reselling used heavy equipment.

**Sauceda awash in info at window-cleaning event**

Wenatchee's AJ Saucedo, who's been cleaning up in the window washing business, last weekend had a close brush with, well, brushes — and hoses and squeegees and soaps — when he attended the 2nd Annual Pacific Northwest Networking Event for Window Cleaners in Seattle.

The event was loaded with demos, guest speakers and industry vendors who provided presentations on stuff like IPC Pulex window cleaning tools, enviro-bio cleaners and degreasers and the value of membership in the UAMCC (United Association of Mobile Contract Cleaners). We feel squeaky clean already.

"It was a great opportunity to connect with other professional window washers that serve the Northwest," said Saucedo, owner of Window Washing Wizards. He said he watched an interesting demon-

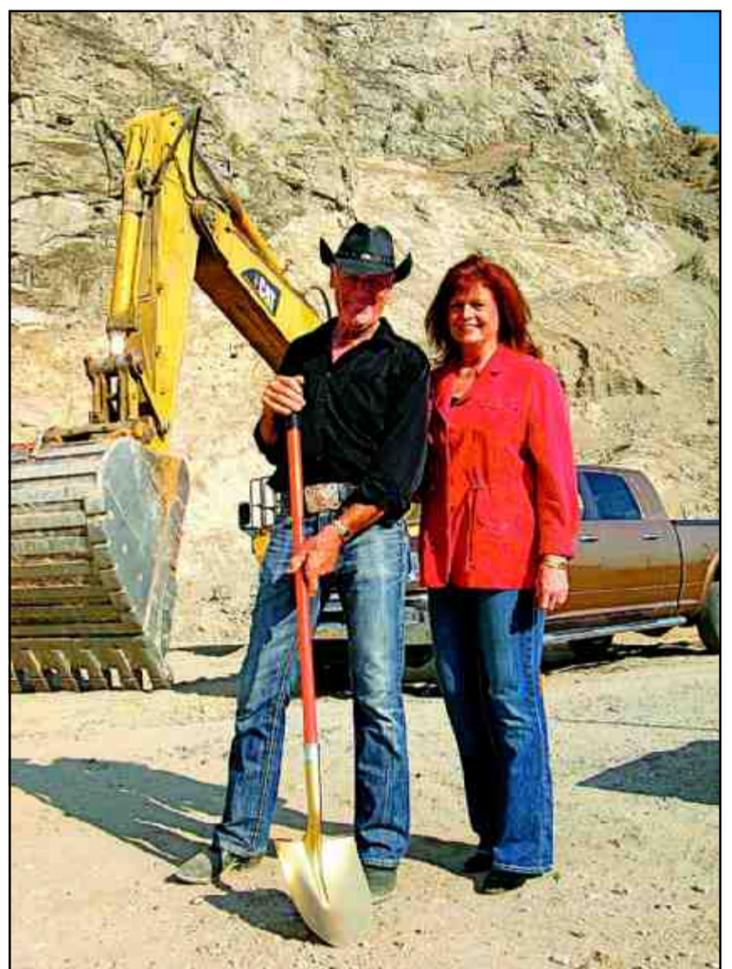
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Mike Irwin



AJ Saucedo  
 Owner of Window Washing Wizards



World photo/Mike Irwin

Lloyd Palm and Judi Moreo break ground for his new 8,000-square-foot building in Olds Station.