CELEBRATE THE CITIZEN AWARDS
WALLOWA COUNTY CHAMBER BANQUET

4:00 - 7:30 pm, Sunday, February 23, 2020

Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise

Theme: Wallowa County—There's No Place Like Home!

TICKETS ON SALE, $39.50
PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CONTACTING THE CHAMBER, 541 426-4622

Kellee Sheehy, Emcee for the Evening
Recognition of the Citizen Awards

—MENU—

Butch Tucker Catering, TNT
Choice of Prime Rib or Lemon-Crusted Chicken and includes all of the trimmings. (Vegetarian Dish upon request)

—ENTERTAINMENT—

Social Hour and Tradeshow
Dinner Entertainment by Meredith Brann
Table Gifts, Raffle Baskets, and Center Piece Drawings
Come spend time with your Friends & Neighbors as you enjoy the Citizen Awards

Early Birds: Buy your dinner tickets between December 18th—January 5th
And receive 2 free raffle tickets for great prizes!

WALLOWA COUNTY CHAMBER GOAL SETTING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th
The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance presents another edition of Tunesmith Night, a monthly showcase of original music. The Saturday, January 11 show features songwriters Casey Kiser, Eric Sinclair and Brian Buck. Venue is Sugar Time Bakery, located in the Burnaugh Building on North River Street and will provide the perfect atmosphere for our listening audience.

Casey Kiser, a Wallowa County Native, is equal parts psychedelic rocker as tradition blues player. His band “The Jakwalk Saints” just finished recording their debut album at the OK Theater. Comprised mostly of original music, the record will be ready for release later this spring. Casey’s songwriting is influenced by many bands of the early 70s and late 60s, such as Derek and the Dominoes, Led Zeppelin, and Peter Green’s Fleetwood Mac.

Wallowa County folks may know Eric Sinclair as one of the “tree guys” but he is also a talented songwriter and musician. He was part of the band, Saigon County, performing around the region for a few years. Sinclair has an accessible style, quick wit and knows his way around a guitar.

Brian Buck lives in Wallowa county with his wife and three kids and can only seem to write songs in the key of “C”.

Tunesmith Night is presented in a round-robin format, with each musician playing a song, then the next taking a turn, creating an interesting and varied performance. Admission is $10 at the door or by season pass. Doors open at 6pm (SEATING IS LIMITED), music at 7pm, all ages welcome. Sugar Time will have the kitchen open for soups and sandwiches, and adult beverages, in addition to their usual yummy sweet treats.

Are You Interested in Being a Dinner Table Sponsor or Tradeshow Table
Citizen Awards Banquet—Wallowa County, There’s No Place Like Home!
Wallowa County Chamber’s 40 Anniversary Year

One great way to participate in the fun at the Citizen Awards Banquet is to sponsor a dinner table or a tradeshow table. This is an easy thing to do if you want to showcase your business or organization or just do some networking within the community. The cost of a tradeshow table is $10 and we provide a table and table cloth. There is no fee for sponsoring a dinner table. The only cost to you is the decorations you provide on the table.

If you are interested in a tradeshow table (click here for flyer) contact the WC Chamber office 541 426-4622, the coordinator is Darlene Johnson or if you would like to become a table sponsor (click here for flyer) contact Cammie Hale (541) 432-9050 or chale@communitybanknet.com or . These opportunities are “first come — first serve”.

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There are many individuals that could be recognized for their roles in the remodeling of the Elk Lodge (#1829). We hope our apology is accepted for picking out a few. These are individuals that many of the Elks wanted recognized. The renovations are beautiful. The floor in the large room looks like an incredible dance floor! Everyone had a great New Year’s Eve celebration and it looks like the Elks have their home back. If you have an interest in becoming an Elk member please notify the Elks Lodge — bpoel1829@gmail.com or (541) 426-1829. New members are sponsored by current members.
Wallowa County Chamber Board of Directors Announces Annual Goal Date January 14.

January is the month when the Chamber Board of Directors meet to review the activities and accomplishments of the previous year. The Board reviews the mission of the Chamber, followed by a goal setting session for the upcoming year. We invite new ideas from our members.

The date will be January 14, 2020

If you have an idea you would like to share with the Board please contact the office:
vicki@wallowacounty.org or phone 541 426-4622 and ask for Vicki Searles

ExplOREGON is Coming Back to Wallowa County January 21-22, This Time to Showcase Winter Recreation on the Hells Canyon Scenic Byway!

ExplOREGON. Telling the Back Stories of Oregon with Rick & Kathy Dancer of Explore Oregon invites travelers from across this great state of Oregon and beyond to visit Wallowa County! No stone has been left unturned as they visit small towns of Oregon’s — scenic vistas, unique small businesses and attractions, beautiful mountains, destinations and much more. Back Stories is more than a travel log it’s a chance to showcase rural towns of Oregon at their best—like beautiful Joseph Oregon.

The Hells Canyon Scenic Byway Committee is reconvening again to energize winter activity along the Byway. Many of us believe that our peak tourism months of June through September have enough activity and that we need to look at winter recreation. This is where the Dancers come into the picture, they will showcase the Wallowas as a unique winter retreat on their social media platforms and draw attention to the great snow we typically have and have them experience first-hand our backcountry winter wonderland.

Day one (Tuesday, January 21), Rick and Kathy join Jerry Hustafa to visit the Ferguson Ridge Ski Area—followed by snow shoeing up at Salt Creek Summit Sno-Park. Jerry will take them for a tour in the warming hut and see the lay of the activities that happen at the park. A big thank you to Jerry for being the guide.

Day two (Wednesday, January 22), they will spend time with the mushers and dogs participating in the ECX Sled Dog Race. Randy Greenshields will coordinate behind the scene to provide Rick and Kathy a first hand experience with sled dog activities. This is a very busy time for everyone involved in the race and we are thankful for all efforts made to share this events with the Dancers.

We would like to thank partners such as the A Cowboy Riverfront Retreat and the Wallowa Lake Lodge for hosting their lodging. A gift package is being put together now to give as part of their campaign. A report is forth coming on the results.
Government Contracting Basics and Registrations

Are you interested in doing business with state and federal agencies? Do you need a refresher on state and federal certifications?

This training will provide an overview on doing business with state and federal agencies. The registrations required and the state and federal certifications you may be qualified for. Presentations will be provided by Oregon GCAP, SBA, COBID, ORPIN, and US Army Corps of Engineers, ODOT.

January 22, 2020 — Tomas Conference Room
All are welcome!
REGISTER HERE

FREE but registration is required:
• Click on link above
  or
• Go to GCAP’s event calendar to register today!

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Winter Fishtrap

Fishtrap
Josephy Center for Arts and Culture
403 N Main Street, Joseph, Oregon

Full Weekend Registration — $165; $100 for Wallowa and Union County Residents.
Individual Day Registration — Friday $30/$35; Saturday $75/$90; Sunday $35/$45.

Thanks to our Sponsors:

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Hosted by Wallowa County Gamblers—https://www.facebook.com/WCGSC

There will be beginner to advanced guided rides Tuesday through Saturday. The Wallowa County Gamblers have promised us lots of snow! Questions call Outlaw Motor Sports 541-426-3491.
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Supports Free and Confidential Business Counseling and Services through Blue Mountain Community College

**Wallowa County Small Business Development Center**

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**Success Story**

**D.Lind, PhotoArtisan**

*Debbie Lind, owner*

"Kristy Athens has given me the confidence to pursue art as a business. She made me think about focusing on transactions rather than simply talking about my work."

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