FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

2020 Board of Directors Elections Open October 1st

Nominations for the 2020 Board of Directors will open October 1 and will close 5:00 pm October 31. The positions open for nomination will be announced October 1. If you have an interest in serving on the Wallowa County Chamber Board please don’t hesitate to call the chamber office.

Nominees must be a member of the Chamber in good standing. A form will be available in the October newsletter and may also be obtained from the WC Chamber office. Please include the full name, phone number, by the board position of your nomination. Nominators must be a member of the Wallowa County Chamber in good standing.

After October 1st you may submit nominations by mail, email, or directly to the chamber office. For questions about Board positions contact the Wallowa County Chamber office and speak with Vicki Searles, 541 426-4622.

2019 Citizen Awards

Planning for the Citizen Awards Banquet starts in September for the 2018 awards. If you would like to join the Chamber in planning for the banquet contact us at 541-426-4622. All comments and suggestions are welcomed.

Nominations for the citizen awards are open throughout the year. If you are ready to work on a nomination for the 2019 awards or if you have questions or need a form right away contact Vicki Searles 541 426-4622 or email vicki@wallowacounty.org.

A Citizen Awards Application will be in the October Newsletter.

The purpose of this program is to recognize those special individuals in our community that have given of themselves above and beyond the norm to improve life in Wallowa County. Attributes of nominees may include: passion, energy; community dedication, selfless giving, longevity of service, volunteerism, leadership, or visionary qualities.

AWARD CATAGORIES:

- Business Leader
- Employee of the Year
- Leader in the Arts
- Leader of Education
- Natural Resources, Timber and Agricultural Leader
- Leader in Nonprofits/Events
- Unsung Hero
Want to learn about a unique savings-match program?

IDA ORIENTATION

- Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. at Enterprise Public Library, 101 NE 1st St.
- Sept. 11 at 12 noon at IGNITE, 104 Depot St. in La Grande
- Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at LaunchPad Baker, 2019 Main St.

What is the Individual Development Account?

The Individual Development Account, or IDA, is a special savings account to help individuals with modest income save money to invest in post-secondary education, business, specialized employment training or equipment, or vehicle.

The IDA program is a 3:1 matched savings program. This means that for every $1 you save, the program will match it with $3. If you save a maximum of $3,000 and fulfill the program requirements, you will earn a match of $9,000—for a total of $12,000.

Read the information on the NEOEDD website and then attend this 1-hour orientation to learn more about the requirements of enrolling in the IDA program. Bring questions!

New! Why do Visitors Come to Wallowa County

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Chamber Visitor Report for August

Walkins: Visitors/Business
Information & Relocation Packets Mailed Out
Phone Calls, Website Requests & Emails
Total Contacts
Website Visits
Membership Referrals

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In Front of the Eyes of Tourism

ExplOregon. Back Stories with Rick & Kathy Dancer of Explore Oregon invited travelers from across the 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.

This is the year of social media for the Chamber. We have turned the corner in our marketing strategy to more social media opportunities with Instagram, videos, and other media types. EXPLORegion was in Wallowa County August 13—18 shooting videos, engaging in interviews with a variety of businesses, posting Wallowa County on Instagram and Facebook, and just promoting Wallowa County to our tourism industry and visitors.

The Wallowa County Chamber would like to thank the many businesses willing to host Kathy and Rick as they worked through rigorous itinerary: Valley Bronze of Oregon, Wallowa Lake Tramway, JO Paddle, Stein Distillery, Josephy Center for Arts & Culture, Railrider Cycling—Joseph Branch, Moonshine Glass Art, Terminal Gravity, OK Theatre, Main Street Show & Shine, Sunrise Iron Museum, M.Crow Store, and the Minam Lodge.

A special thank you to lodging businesses that provided for Rick and Kathy Dancer: A Cowboy Riverfront Retreat, KoKanee Inn B&B, Wilderness Inn, and the Minam Lodge.

Our appreciation for your incredible support of the Wallowa County Chamber!

Wallowa Lake featured in the Country—the land and life we love

June/July 2019

Story & Photos

By David Jensen

Beautifully written with Jensen’s stunning photography

“Dramatic mountains soar into the sky and stand abruptly over a picturesque valley. Sculpted into classic alpine shapes by massive glaciers during the last ice age, these peaks gleam with snow late into the summer. Then it gets better. A four mile long lake lies precisely where the Wallowa Mountains meet the valley, a ribbon of crystal clear water impounded by spectacular glacial moraines.”

Wow! I’m amazed each time I hear about the beauty of the Wallowas and Wallowa Lake. Few can tell the story better than David. Thank you for sharing this beautiful county. You are a true artist.

This magazine is worth buying for the story of Wallowa Lake.
Salt Creek Summit Sno Park
The park is located adjacent to the Hells Canyon Scenic Byway (Forest Road 39) at the top of Salt Creek Summit. Popular with snowmobilers, snowshoers and Nordic skiers, the facility has a vault toilet, large parking area and a winter maintenance facility. As a multi-use site, the snowmobile trails and cross country ski trails are maintained in partnership with the local clubs, the winter maintenance building is operated by Wallowa County, and the Sno-Park is plowed under an agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation. A State Sno-Park permit is required to use this day-use facility in the winter season.

Ferguson Ridge Ski Area (aka Fergi)
One of Oregon’s most scenic skiing locations. It’s a fun family place that is community owned and run by volunteers. The ski area is generally open on weekends and holidays (snow conditions permitting) during the winter season. One T-Bar and a rope-tow service 8 main trails with new trails being forged each season.

The base elevation is 5,200 feet and the vertical elevation gain is approximately 640 feet (top to bottom). Both downhill and Nordic ski trails are available at the area. Ski and snowboard rentals are available at the mountain. Snowshoes and Nordic ski gear are available for rental at Joseph Hardware (541 434-2271) in Joseph.

Winter Recreation Will Be Here Before Long!
Because we are reaching the end of the active visitor season —
We want to kick off winter Outdoor Recreation in the Wallowas for this Chamber newsletter

Wallowa Alpine Huts A Unique Backcountry Skiing Experience!
Connelly Brown, operator of the Wallowa Alpine Huts, offers four day long-weekend trips or five day mid-week trips. You will have large cozy yurts, delicious food, a sauna, and dry Wallowa powder all to yourself. Our McCully Basin camp at 7500ft elevation sits 1.5 miles inside the northeastern Eagle Cap Wilderness Area. Wing Ridge sits at 7300ft an easy climb from our highest trailhead, Salt Creek Summit 6400ft. Big Sheep is behind Wing Ridge. Our Norway camp sits at 7000 ft on the southwestern edge of the Wilderness Area.

So if you would like to join us for some great wilderness area skiing, and for more information: info@wallowahuts.com or text us at: (541)-398-1980.

http://www.wallowahuts.com/

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Significantly More Money is Re-circulating In Wallowa County because of the Buckskin Bucks. When we shop at locally owned, independent businesses more money is kept in the community. Local businesses often purchase from other local businesses, service providers and farms. Buying locally helps grow other businesses as well as our region’s tax base.
OK Theatre and Hells Canyon Mule Days Present
From Texas, Western singer...

Kristyn Harris
Live in Concert

Saturday September 7th
Doors 6 PM
Showtime 7PM.

$15 IN ADVANCE
$20 DOS

Tickets available at Joseph Hardware, Dollar Stitcher, The Book loft, Favorite Finds on Main and online at Kwestrite.com

Alicia Baker, accordion artiste

Bratwurst, beer and a rousing good time
Sept. 26-29, 2019
Enterprise • Joseph • Wallowa Lake
oregonalpenfest.com

Lets All
Promote the
Barn Tour
During September & October as
Fall Colors Start to
Change in the
Beautiful
Wallowas!
Celebrate our Season of Art Amid the Wonder of the Wallowas
...in beautiful Joseph, OR

September
10-15, 2019

En Plein Air Competition
Opening Night Reception – Silent Auction
Local musicians “Live” all day Saturday
Afternoon Quick Draw Challenge
Classical Finale Concert
Stroll Our Spectacular Joseph Art Galleries

www.wallowavalleyarts.org
www.josephy.org

JOSEPHY CENTER FOR ARTS AND CULTURE PRESENTS
2019 WVFA En Plein Air Competition

OPENING RECEPTION
Thursday, September 12 from 6-8 p.m.

En Plein Air Show: Sept. 13-15 at Walloweology Natural History Discovery Center
WVFA Quick Draw: Saturday, Sept. 14th 2-4:30 p.m. at Mt. Joseph Lodge
Gardens. Music by Homemade Jam!

www.josephy.org | (541)432-0505
405 N. Main St | PO Box 949 | Joseph, OR 97846

Suggested $10 Donation for Adults
Center for Nonprofit Stewardship and Four Rivers Healthy Community present

Eastern Oregon Nonprofit Conference

Join other local nonprofit boards, staff, and volunteers to increase your skills, network with peers, and advance your nonprofit's impact.

Thursday, September 26th, 2019
with networking reception Wednesday evening

Four Rivers Cultural Center
Ontario, OR

About the Eastern Oregon Nonprofit Conference
EONC 2019 will include a variety of sessions that cover practical and relevant topics such as fund development, financial accountability, organizational and board development, and collective impact. Seasoned and emerging nonprofit leaders alike are invited for a day of skill-building and networking.

Conference Schedule
- 8:30am: Check-in
- 9:30am: Welcome and Keynote Address
- 10:15am: Breakout Session 1
- 11:45am: Networking Lunch
- 1:00pm: Breakout Session 2
- 2:45pm: Breakout Session 3
- 4:15pm: Close

Registration open now!
Event details available at:
www.nonprofitsteward.org

About the Center for Nonprofit Stewardship
CNS is a 501(c)(3) organization with programs and services that develop more high-quality nonprofit leaders, improve organizational effectiveness, and increase accountability. Relevant and quality support is essential to helping nonprofits thrive—and when nonprofits thrive, communities thrive!

We are proud to present EONC in partnership with 4RHC!

Contact CNS:
Office: 541-230-1036
thecenter@nonprofitsteward.org
www.nonprofitsteward.org
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Corporate Gift Program
Employee Incentives and Partner Thank-yous

Contact Kristy Athens at genuinewallowacounty@gmail.com or 541-406-0831 with questions or for custom orders. Kristy is happy to work with you to find the perfect gift box that fits your budget! All orders exceeding $100 have free shipping.

- Unlimited number of ship-to addresses with one order
- Free gift card message for each package (optional)

20 or More Existing Gift Boxes
- Contact Kristy
- 10% discount off the regular retail price
- Additional 10% discount if the boxes are shipped to one location (e.g. your headquarters for in-house distribution, rather than shipped directly to each recipient)
- Invoice terms: 1/2 total cost deposit; 1/2 upon delivery

Curate Your Own Collection
- Contact Kristy
- Two options—
  - Send a list of desired items from the website, and we will calculate the price
  - Send a budget, and we will provide options of possible box combinations
  - 10% curation charge

Organization Branding
We are happy to insert branded items from your organization, including letters, cards, or brochures.
If you would like to brand the box itself, you can supply stickers.

Sample: Meet Your Makers
Stirling Webb is a glass artist who lives in Joseph. He opened a glass-blowing studio and gallery in Enterprise called Moonshine Glass Art in February 2019. He and his team of artists offer one-of-a-kind glass-blowing classes and demonstrations. Stirling takes pride in making glass art that he can showcase in his gallery, and hopes to blow and teach glass in Wallowa County for the rest of his days.

Wild Carrot Herbals’ Jody Berry, a fifth generation Oregonian, first came to Wallowa County in 1985 as a river guide. The beauty and abundance of wild plants have inspired many of her botanical skin care products that are all made from scratch in Enterprise. If not at the shop, she might be out on the prairie with her daughter, gazing at the clouds with a flower in her hair and joy in her heart.

GenuineWallowaCounty.com
Northeast Oregon Economic Development

NEOEDD Newsletter

SUMMER FUN FISHING BONANZA!

Creating Memories for Disabled Children
in partnership with
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Catch a pink tagged trout in Wallowa Lake and win a free ice cream @ Eagle Cap Chalet!

Catch a white tagged kokanee & win a prize @ Sports Corral!

STARTING DATE FOR THE KOKANEE IS APRIL 15TH

STARTING DATE FOR THE TROUT IS MAY 20TH

BOTH END AT 4PM ON SEPTEMBER 8TH

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Joseph Fly Shoppe
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Our mission is to lift spirits and change lives!