

PARADES, FOOD & FIREWORKS

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Skies across Eastern Oregon will light up on the Fourth of July, and many communities have daytime events as well.

WALLOWA COUNTY

JOSEPH — Wallowa County is gearing up to celebrate Independence Day with a fireworks show at Wallowa Lake.

The annual “Shake the Lake” starts at dark and can be seen from much of the upper Wallowa Valley and Joseph. Plan your viewing site early, as this is one of the most popular events of the year.

Bringing the light show to holiday revelers are the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, the Joseph Chamber of Commerce and the Stubborn Mule Saloon and Steakhouse. To contribute, mail checks to Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, 309 S. River St., Enterprise 97828.

WALLOWA — Independence Day celebrations in Wallowa begin at 9 a.m. with a street fair downtown in front of city hall, 104 N. Pine St.

For more information call 541-886-2422. Vendor sites for food, drinks and crafts are available for free.

The parade that runs from the Wallowa High School football field and up Main Street through downtown begins at 2 p.m.

This year the city is not requiring pre-parade registration. For those interested in joining the parade, show up with your entry at 1:15 p.m. to receive an entry number. Parade entries should be well marked as to what the business, organization or group represents to help the announcers relay who is coming down the street.

Prize winners will be posted on Facebook Tuesday, July 6. Cash prizes, varying from \$30 up to \$200, will be awarded.



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BAKER COUNTY

HAINES — The town of Haines celebrates the Fourth of July with two days of rodeo action, community events and fireworks.

Slack starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 3, at the Haines Stampede Rodeo grounds. Admission is free.

The rodeo is that night from 5-9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 for ages 5-12, and free for 4 and younger.

On Sunday, July 4, the town

wakes up with a cowboy breakfast from 7-10 a.m.

Vendors will be set up for the Haines Art Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the vacant lot south of the Sell-Rite store. Offerings will be handmade or homemade and feature more than 20 artisans from Baker County, Jordan Valley and Burns.

The Fourth of July parade starts at 10 a.m.

This year the barbecue lunch

that supports the Spc. Mabry James Anders Memorial Foundation returns. Serving begins right after the parade, and the cost is \$12. Lunch lasts until the food runs out — about 200 to 250 meals.

Rodeo action starts up again at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is the same as Saturday night's prices.

The day ends with a fireworks display courtesy of the Friends of Haines. The show starts at dusk.

HALFWAY — The celebration starts later in the day in Halfway, beginning with parade lineup at 5 p.m. at the elementary school.

The parade starts at 6 p.m. on Main Street.

The rest of the day's events will be centered at the fairgrounds.

The concession stand opens at 6:30 p.m. to serve hamburgers and hot dogs with summer salads. The VFW beer garden also opens at this time.

The Wasteland Kings will provide live music from 6:30-9 p.m.

And be sure to catch the annual pie auction with auctioneer Mib Dailey. Funds raised will support the 2022 fireworks display.

(Since the pie auction didn't happen in 2020, this year's show is funded by money raised during Seth Brown's concert in May.)

The day ends with fireworks at dusk.

The Fourth of July festivities are sponsored by the Pine Valley Fair Association, Hells Canyon Chamber of Commerce and the Pine Valley Rural Fire Protection District.

UNION COUNTY

IMBLER — The Fourth of July parade in Imbler begins at noon, running south along Ruckman Avenue (Highway 82).

After the parade the Imbler Christian Church, also on Ruckman Avenue, will provide free hot dogs, pop, chips and cotton candy. All are welcome.

UNION — A fireworks show will launch at dusk from Union's Buffalo Peak Golf Course for the first time. Because the golf course is situated on high ground, “Thunder at the Peak” will be easy to see throughout much of Union.

There won't be any additional public activities, but the full festivities will return in 2022.

For more information or to donate to the fireworks, go to thunderatthepeak.org. Donations can be mailed to the City of Union Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 76, Union 97883, or dropped off at Community Bank in La Grande.

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