

CHIEFTAIN NORTH OF PARIS

Enterprise resident John Reister displays a copy of the Chieftain as he stands in front of what he says is actually the city hall (despite the “Hotel de Ville” on the wall) of the small town of Verneuil-en-Halatte, located about half an hour north of Paris. This photo was taken back in fall. In addition to visiting his niece and her husband in Normandy, Reister also traveled to Germany during a two-week stay in Europe. In Germany he went to Zeiskam and to Stuttgart, where he visited the Porsche and Mercedes-Benz museums.



Courtesy photo

More funds raised for longhouse

ENTERPRISE — About 200 people braved slick roads to enjoy a festive benefit fundraiser Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the OK Theatre, in Enterprise. By night’s end, the event had raised about \$2,500 toward the construction of a new \$350,000 longhouse to be erected on the Tamkaliks grounds, in Wallowa.

Drinks and food were sold, raffles were held, and talented musicians entertained.

With large grants from the Homeland Project and Meyer Memorial Trust already secured, members of the nonprofit Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center (WBNPIC) are in the final stages of raising about \$18,000 locally that will trigger access to a \$125,000 grant to be awarded by the Ford Family Foundation.

Nancy Crenshaw, involved with the Tamkaliks project since it launched 25 years ago, says, once all funding is available, the groundbreaking for what’s expected to be a one-year construction effort will begin this spring.

Although the \$2,500 raised Feb. 3 did not push WBNPIC past its intended financial goal, the group’s office manager Mary Hawkins said the event was especially significant be-

cause of the amount of education provided to the public regarding the importance of the longhouse to Native American cultures. In addition to being a social hub, or community center, the longhouse provides additional roles as a church and locale for educational programs and classes.

The featured performers on that Tuesday night were a threesome of sisters from Portland who performed a style of folk music, played guitar, and synchronized their voices on each song. Named the Joseph Band, the sisters are the granddaughters of longtime Tamkaliks supporter Jo Hallam. Also entertaining on stage were Native American storyteller and drummer Fred Hill and two flute players from the Warm Springs Reservation, near Prineville.

The lead flute player was Foster Kalama, a man who said he’s taught well beyond 1,000 high school students and adults to play the flute. Kalama’s soothing music, which he mentioned in Native American culture is used to comfort children and promote healing, closed many eyes courtesy of its gentle, soothing melodies.

The emcee for the night was Joe McCormack.



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Erin Baynes (left) and Erica Houck of Arrowhead Chocolates display the company’s award-winning Espresso Truffles.

Arrowhead’s truffle wins national award

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Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Arrowhead Chocolates of Joseph just won the award in the confections category at the National Good Food Awards for their Espresso Truffle chocolates. The NGFA contest judges the products of small artisans from all over the country in a number of categories.

Arrowhead co-owner Erica Houck said the company started making the truffles when it opened in 2010, but constantly refines its products. “When we started out, it was good, but we keep making it better and better,” Houck said.

She also credited assistant chocolatier, Erin Baynes, with helping refine the recipe.

Arrowhead also used an ingredient from a local company in manufacturing

the truffle — Stein Distillery’s Dark Rum. “We take their Dark Rum and use it as a base for an infusion, which helps give it an extra depth of flavor. Their rum is phenomenal and being able to use something local as well as something delicious is good and something we do as much as possible,” Baynes said.

Experimenting with new recipes and looking for ways to improve old recipes is part of the mission at Arrowhead. “We don’t like to sit on our recipes too long. We’re very much inspired by not just the natural beauty around us, but also everyone who comes into our store. When they take that first bite, their expression of joy, that sense of ‘Wow, what did I just eat.’ Flavor is a never-ending adventure and we’d like to share that madness and joy with everyone,” Baynes said.

Firefighters raise \$3,000 at oyster/steak feed

WALLOWA — Members of the Wallowa Volunteer Fire Department earned about \$3,000 after expenses last Saturday, Feb. 7, during their annual oyster/steak feed, held again this year at the Wallowa Senior Center.

This compared with net earnings of about \$1,800

during the 2014 event.

Fire Chief Gary Hulse said about 185 persons attended the all-you-can-eat occasion last weekend. Fifty gallons of fresh oysters were sold, most of them breaded and deep-fried, and 85 rib steaks were cooked and served as ordered.

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