

# Rat Race held in a wet place

By Rochelle Danielson  
For the Chieftain

The Rat Race Golf Tournament has passed. Saturday, on the first day of play, the headlines should have read, “canceled because of rain,” but no, all 42 couples (I think I’d call them much tougher than those toughies who wear pink) showed up ready to play — the majority in rain gear, some toting umbrellas, others huddled in luxurious closed-in carts, and a small minority, who’d failed to read a weather report, took shelter under trees shivering in their shorts. “Abysmal,” lamented one sodden-looking character, “there’s no bet-



ter word.” Because of open-air golf carts, ink-blurred scorecards, cold hands and slick golf club handles, the game conjured up several strange scenarios. One gal, in her tee shot to the #4 green, watched as her iron slipped out of her hands and whipped like a boomerang through the air, clearing the nearby 12-foot safety net. On the putting green, golf balls rooster-tailed to the cup. One golfer, who misjudged her ap-

proach shot to #8 green, cringed as her ball zinged toward Trout Creek, but then took a crazy bounce, and stopped short in a water puddle on the green. The steady morning drizzle took its toll on all three flights making for a lot of drowned rats, cats and cheeses, but again this rare species of golfer came through completing 18 holes. Ten couples — with low gross scores ranging from 77 to 84 — qualified to compete in the Sole Survivor. The event included locals, Marvin Gibbs and partner, Vicki Edmundson from Baker, Bill and Judy Ables, and Lance and Michelle Homan. La Grande couple, Keith and Stephanie Williams, won the event. Azure blue skies greeted golfers

for Sunday play. There were many winners in each flight. The following is a selective list from hometown Alpine Meadows: Women’s KP — Pam Garrett. Men’s Long Drive — Cats, Lance Homan. Rats, Dean Duquette. Women’s Long Drive, Rats, Sherri Currie. Saturday and Sunday Chapman 1st Low Gross, Rats, Marvin Gibbs/Vicki Edmundson. Rats, Bill and Judy Ables in a tie. Third Low Net — Cheese, Chuck Haines/Ruby Zollman. 2nd Low Gross — Rats, Gary and Carol Marr in a tie. AMGC will host its Crab Feed/final seasonal tournament this coming Saturday, Sept. 19. Hope for nice weather.

# Day of Peace Sept. 20

Wallowa County’s 3rd annual International Day of Peace celebration will be Sunday, September 20, 3 to 7:30 p.m., at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, Joseph. The theme, “Education’s Power for Peace,” will be addressed by very short videos and talks by Wallowa County residents who have experienced education projects in Third World and developing countries and locally. Small discussion groups will explore learning that applies to world and local understanding and harmony.

Art activities for children, youth and adults will explore visual representations of thoughts and feelings that participants gather from the experience. The art tables will be led by Melica McIntire, sculpture; Jennifer Klimzsa, colored pencils; Margaret Grace, watercolor and Aimee Jungmann, abstract art.

Following a potluck dinner, “Music for Peace” will be enjoyed under the leadership of Bob Webb. Please bring a potluck dish to share, and international dish if you can.

The brief theme introductions of educational experiences will be given by Amy Hansford, Latin America; Seth Kinzie, Asia and Ed Pitts, Africa.

Admission is free, with some of the costs sponsored by Bank of Eastern Oregon, Community Bank, Umpqua Bank and the Rotary Club of Wallowa County. Donations are welcome at the event.

# Singers welcome to join WV Chorale

The Wallowa Valley Chorale is gearing up for its fall season of rehearsals with a performance in November. The Chorale is interested in drawing new people, especially tenors, baritones and basses, to share in the fun and enjoyment of singing. This season will include a diverse repertoire of music and opportunities to sing with the Wallowa Valley Orchestra.

Rehearsals, which began Sept. 13, are held on Sundays at 2 p.m. The rehearsals will be held at Lostine Presbyterian Church through September, Joseph Methodist Church in October, and Enterprise Community Church up to the performance Nov. 15.

WVC, a part of the area’s musical offerings for over 50 years, is led by Randy Morgan, who recently retired as band and choral director at Enterprise High School.

So warm up your voices, and even if you do not read music, consider joining this merry band of singers. For more information contact Morgan at 541-426-3593, or Betty Cosgrove, 432-8181, bettycosofjoseph@gmail.com.

# Community Calendar: *Barn dance; Day of Peace*

**Wednesday, Sept. 16**  
AARP Smart Driver, senior course, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Community Connection in Enterprise. \$15 for AARP members, \$20 non-members. To register, call Community Connection at 541-426-3840.  
Wallowa County Blood Drive, noon to 6 p.m., Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. Appointments: Cindi Aschenbrenner, 541-426-2039; Julie Todd, 541-263-0101.

**Thursday, Sept. 17**  
Ring Praise concert, 7 p.m. at Lostine Presbyterian Church. Featuring handbell soloist Phyllis Tinch and pianist Sean Rogers. Includes hymn history and scripture. Free admission.

**Friday, Sept. 18**  
Wallowa County Blood Drive, noon to 6 p.m., Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. Appointments: Cindi Aschenbrenner, 541-426-2039; Julie Todd, 541-263-0101.

**Saturday, Sept. 19**  
Old-Time Community Barn Dance, 7 to 10 p.m. in the big blue barn, 63327 Tenderfoot Valley Road, Joseph. \$5 per person, under 12 free. Beginners welcome, no partner of special clothing required, all dances taught and called. Info: Laura, 541-398-0800.

**Sunday, Sept. 20**  
Wallowa County’s 3rd annual International Day of Peace celebration, 3 to 7:30 p.m., Josephy Center in Joseph. Free. Art activities for adults and kids begin at 4:30, potluck dinner at 5:30, music at 6:30. Info: Judy Allen, 541-263-2502.  
Wallowa Valley Chorale rehearsal, 2 p.m. at Lostine Presbyterian Church. New singers

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**Piano man Brady Goss returned to Wallowa County to play rock 'n' roll music show to a packed OK Theatre on Sept. 10. Goss wowed the cheering crowd with his band and high-energy performance.**

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welcome. Rehearsals continue every Sunday until Nov. 15 performance. October rehearsals are at Joseph Methodist Church, November rehearsals at Enterprise Community Church. More info: Randy Morgan, 541-426-3593; Betty Cosgrove, bettycosofjoseph@gmail.com.

**Wednesday, Sept. 23**  
Town Hall with Sen. Bill Hansell and Rep. Greg Barreto, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Tomas Conference Room at the Wallowa County Chamber office, 309 S. River St., Enterprise. Hansell and Barreto will talk about 2015 legislative session — the “good, bad, and ugly” of what was proposed, and field questions from constituents.


**Saturday, Sept. 26**  
Enterprise Cemetery Fall Cleanup Day, 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to participate. Info: Sondra Lozier, 541-426-3229.  
Evening Under the Stars Dinner and Auction, at Tamkaliks grounds in Wallowa. Annual fundraiser organized by Friends of the Wallowa School

District. Social hour at 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., auction 7 p.m. Music students provide entertainment. Tickets at Blonde Strawberry and Wallowa Library. More info: 541-886-4501. Note: In event of inclement weather, gathering moves indoors to Beth Johnson Room at the school.

**Saturday, Oct. 3**  
Open House at Wallowa County Humane Society Information Center, 104 N. River St., Enterprise. Including an adoption day for foster animals, and a celebration recognizing humane society volunteers, among other activities. Center to operate for extended hours this day, further details to come. Info: 541-432-1630.

**Saturday, Oct. 10**  
Founders Day in Lostine. Details to be provided in the coming weeks.  
*The Community Calendar lists fundraisers, free local events and those with a nominal fee organized by nonprofit organizations. Submit information to calendar@wallowa.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. To promote for-profit events, contact sales representative Brooke Pace at bpace@wallowa.com.*

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