

# Party at the Tram continues to gain altitude



By Kathleen Ellyn  
Wallowa County Chieftain

The fifth annual Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce "Party at the Tram" welcomed approximately 136 attendees for food, networking and spectacular sun-drenched views June 21.

Local business people rode the gondolas up to the Summit Grill on Mount Howard for what is arguably the social event of the year.

The event is an opportunity for business owners and their employees to enjoy themselves, visit and hear some great music — supplied again this year by the Janis Carper and Carolyn Lochert duo "Jezebel's Mother."

The money raised through ticket sales is used for marketing the county in the Tri-Cities area of Washington and other locations outside the county.

Wallowa Lake Tramway owners Mike Lockhart and Bill Whittemore host the extravaganza with Terminal Gravity supplying the brews.

After thanking everyone who helped make the event possible, Lockhart, who is also president of the Wallowa Lake Tourism Committee, introduced his new facilities manager and returning "home boy" Perry Batten.

Lockhart also provided an update on extensive plans to refresh and upgrade the mechanics of the tram this year.

"Nobody realizes more than Bill Whittemore and I what impact this tramway has on tourism," Lockhart said. "We know if we had to replace this tram, the cost would be in the range of \$10 million."

Lockhart also bragged a bit about of how the 7 Wonders Cup Dragon Boat Race and the Dragons in the

Wallowas team came about and provided an update.

The late August race was conceived as an opportunity to both stretch the tourist season and develop a new event to attract visitors.

"I originally pitched this idea just to see what the interest was," Lockhart said.

"Within a few weeks, we had such a response, and so many people interested in being on the team, I knew both the race and a team were going to be possible."

The paddling team placed fifth in its division at the Portland Rose Festival races this month, helping put the county on the map for residents of western Oregon, Washington and Vancouver, B.C.

Team members additionally used the event to distribute Wallowa County Visitors Guides (with a dragon boat on Wallowa Lake on the

cover) and invited other teams to the Wallowa County race.

Nine visiting teams came to the race in 2016 and more have indicated they will come to the Aug. 26-27 event this year, according to Lockhart.

Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce Director Vicki Searles passed the can to raise funds for the "Shake the Lake" fireworks event. Revelers donated \$200 toward the \$12,000 goal — roughly \$5,000 remains to be raised.

Donations can be sent to the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 427, Enterprise, OR 97828 or dropped at the office in the Tomas building, 309 S. River St.

Contributors of \$25 or more are entered into a drawing for a one-hour flight over Hells Canyon or the Wallowas with Bill Ables of the Wallowa County Pilots Association.

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## Hospital completes its accreditation process

Wallowa Memorial Hospital has successfully completed the new accreditation process from DNV GL Healthcare, a world leader in certifications for quality, patient safety and clinical processes.

By earning accreditation, the facility has shown it meets or exceeds patient safety standards (Conditions of Participation) set forth by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

"We made the decision to invest in DNV GL's program because it is consistent with our long-term commitment to quality, patient safety, and improvement in all clinical and financial processes," said Wallowa Memorial Hospital CEO Larry Davy.

"We're proud of the work and effort our physicians, leadership team and staff invested to make our first DNV survey a successful one."

The DNV GL's hospital accreditation program, Integrated Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, involves annual hospital surveys — instead of every three years.

It encourages openly sharing information to uncover where more improvements can be made in all departments and functions of the hospital, including safety protocols to workflows.

### IN BRIEF

#### Soroptimists earn top honor

Soroptimist International of Wallowa County recently received the 2017 Northwestern Region Club Cham-

pion Award. The Northwestern Region is comprised of 86 clubs in Washington, Oregon, Western Montana, Alaska and Northern Idaho.

The award-winning essay was written by Wallowa County Soroptimist member Dolores Bridges. Carolyn Gilbert accepted the award at the regional April Conference in

Vancouver, Wash., on behalf of Wallowa County Soroptimist.

#### Loop road open for business

Snow on the Wallowa Mountain Loop Road, also called Forest Road 39, has melted sufficiently to allow it to open, but it is not completely maintained, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

The road connects Joseph to Halfway and was slow to pen this year due to heavy winter snow and a wet spring. Drivers are urged to use caution as debris and rocks along with mud may remain on portions of the roadway.

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#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Plays
7. Hymn
13. Larval frog
14. A member of the British order
16. Stomach muscle
17. Helper
19. East of NYC
20. Influential Norwegian playwright
22. School for healing
23. Of the cheekbone
25. Disco rockers The Bee \_\_\_
26. Gorged
28. Khoikhoi people
29. Payroll firm
30. A hiding place
31. Georgia rockers
33. Spanish soldier El \_\_\_
34. Deerlike water buffalo
36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period
38. Frocks
40. Nostrils
41. Spoke
43. Information
44. Where wrestlers work
45. Dash
47. Cool!
48. Tiny child
51. People of northern Assam
53. Austrian spa town
55. Written reminder
56. Italian monetary units
58. Tell on
59. More object
60. Farm state
61. Cleveland's hoopsters
64. Famed NY Giant's nickname
65. Los \_\_, big city
67. Rechristens
69. Shopping trips
70. Values self-interest

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Pressed against lightly
2. Rural delivery
3. Semicircular recesses
4. Groan
5. Donation
6. Mariner
7. One who accepts
8. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
9. Streetcar
10. Silk fabric
11. \_\_\_ route
12. Used to make plastics
13. Swampy coniferous forest
15. Angry speeches
18. A way to soak
21. One who divides
24. Deeply cuts
26. A very large body of water
27. "Raisin in the Sun" actress Ruby
30. Medicated
32. Single unit
35. Parasitic insect's egg
37. House pet
38. African nation
39. Saddle horses
42. Press lightly
43. One of 12 sons of Jacob
46. Cause to suffer
47. Hang 'em up
49. Breakfast dish
50. Wrongful acts
52. NASCAR driver
54. Indian dish
55. Type of giraffe
57. Selling at specially reduced prices
59. Czech city
62. "Orange is the New Black" character
63. Records electric currents
66. Country doctor
68. Chronic, progressive disease (abbr.)

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Pastor Mark Garland  
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Pastor Cherie Dearth  
Phone: 541-432-3102

**Sunday Worship Service**  
10:00 am

JosephUMC.org

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