

# Minam River Lodge adds CEO

Patricia Lee has been named CEO of the Minam River Lodge, as the revamped wilderness lodge readies for its second season. Lee is the former manager and partner of the Steamboat Inn on the North Umpqua River, where she worked for more than 30 years. She will now oversee strategic and business operations of the Minam River Lodge, which is located in the Eagle Cap Wilderness.

“Pat has a wonderful history of accomplishment, not just in hospitality management but also in creating very special places that help people experience Oregon’s natural treasures,” said Barnes Ellis, owner of Minam River Lodge. The lodge reopened in May 2017 after a six-year restoration project. It is accessible only by 8.5-mile hike, horseback ride or charter flight to its private grass airstrip.



**Nathan Dan Thompson and Dan Thompson demonstrated blacksmith during the Maxville Gathering and Watershed Festival at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in June 2017.**

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# Combined festival planned in 2018

Building on the success of a merged celebration in 2017, the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center and Wallowa Resources will once again combine the Maxville Gathering and the Watershed Festival at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds on June 29, 2018. The two events are natural complements. Wallowa Resources’ Watershed Festival has been a community celebration of natural and cultural resources for 14 years. It’s a chance

for the community to connect with local organizations and learn about their stewardship work in a fun way, and celebrate the county’s mountains, canyons, forests, rivers, lakes, animals, grasslands and people. The Maxville Gathering — now in its 10th year — celebrates the rich and diverse cultural history of logging in Wallowa County and similar isolated communities across the Pacific Northwest. Together they honor the connection of people to place

and each other and to recognize the skill, passion and sweat required to make a living from the land. This celebration is family friendly and fun for all ages with logging demonstrations, scavenger hunts, fishing, stories, lumberjack games, a silent auction, drawings and award-winning music by the Darrell Brann family of Enterprise and other musicians. Local foods are available plus free hot dogs are served for children 15 and younger.



Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain

**Brandon Casper, left, owner of Trouble Tree Service and Construction of Wallowa and his right-hand man, Max Tovar of Joseph, in the midst of working on a house in Enterprise.**

# Tree service branches out

It’s great to watch a business develop. We’ve been watching Rose and Brandon Casper’s “Trouble Tree Service” shop go up at 606 Wynema Street and Highway 84 in Wallowa for the last three years and it’s nearly complete.



Kathleen Ellyn

Of course Brandon has been working all that time, taking down troublesome trees throughout the county. He likes hazardous tree removal especially and collaborates with Eric Sinclair of Sinclair Brothers Tree Service of Enterprise often. “I like working with Brandon,” Sinclair said. “He’s a good guy and does a good job. He takes pride in his work, no matter what kind of work it is.” A third generation Wallowa Countian, Brandon, is the son of Don and Kathy Casper of Wallowa. His wife, Rose, is a Montana girl who moved to Wallowa County for a job at Sterling Bank (now Umpqua Bank, in Enterprise). She was embarking on a career, but then she met a good looking, serious young bank customer named Brandon Casper and decided

to fulfill another goal and make a lateral move career-wise — using her banking experience in a more specific field. Brandon has a Construction Contractors Board (CCB) license with a tree service specialty, but he’s now branching out more into construction work. He’s worked on construction projects with Enterprise-based homebuilder Donnie Rynearson, and local electricians Kenny and Ernie Knifong of Knifong Electric. The plan is to do tree service in the spring and fall and general construction year round, said Rose. Right now Brandon and his right hand man, Max Tovar of Joseph, are working on a patio and covered porch at Linda and Steve Testerman’s rental on Golf Course Road in Enterprise. “They’ve done a great job,” said Steve Testerman. “It’s a

small, but very testing job. I’m really pleased. I knew Brandon was a smart young man but I didn’t realize he was as talented as he was. He takes it personal and wants every detail perfect.” The new “Trouble Tree Service” shop space in Wallowa will eventually provide a storefront for customers and the large repair bays already facilitate keeping the bucket truck, log loader and other equipment in tiptop shape. Rose, who has been busy lately with little Jacob Casper, 2, and Isabelle, 9 months, plans to keep office hours sometime in the future. In the meantime, you can call or text Brandon for a construction job or tree work at 541-398-8212. In other tree related news, I just want to remind people that Butch Tanzey owner of Tanzey Forest Improvement has a lot full of wood out behind Back-Achers off the Truck Route Road in Wallowa that he’s harvested off the wood lots he manages. It’s mostly Douglas fir and other pulp logs and he has about 250 cords left to cut, he said. The “come and get it” price is \$180 per cord and delivery around Wallowa goes for \$200 a cord. You can call Tanzey at (541) 398-0352.

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  - Certified public accountant
  - Residue
  - Sayings attributed to Christ
  - The products of human creativity
  - Listen to
  - Longed
  - No (Scottish)
  - Descriptor
  - Yankees’ sensation Judge
  - Zero
  - Comics legend Lee
  - Honorary title holder
  - “Uncle Joey”
  - Graceful and stylish
  - Pitching term
  - Former Mets outfielder Jones
  - One who avoids animal products
  - Quick to learn
  - Mechanism in an organ
  - Redo with new materials
  - Epics
  - Wings
  - Extrasensory perception
  - Cavalry sword
  - Bangladeshi monetary unit
  - Not the bottom
  - Afflicted
  - Bound
  - One who is highly skilled
  - Jewish spiritual leader
  - Tall, rounded vase
  - Liturgical language of Hinduism (abbr.)
  - Cheek

- CLUES DOWN**
- Pie \_\_\_ mode
  - Portuguese cape
  - Ottoman military title
  - Movable frame used in burials
  - Type of coal
  - A treeless grassy plain
  - Artist’s workroom
  - Assists
  - Protein-rich liquids
  - A song of praise to God
  - Much \_\_\_ about nothing
  - Japanese city
  - Atomic number 10
  - Egyptian goddess
  - Go places
  - Having ten
  - Complete
  - Automotive belt
  - Psyche
  - Melodious bird
  - Medical personnel
  - Acquired
  - Type of beverage
  - Neither
  - Spanish monetary units
  - Small area of grass
  - Your
  - Diana \_\_, singer
  - Salt’s partner
  - Made of wood
  - No longer alive
  - Alaskan island
  - Wild animal’s resting place
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