

Ruby Peak Realty opens in Joseph location

Ruby Peak Realty opened its doors in the Daggett building at 83365 Joseph Highway Feb. 12. The new firm combines agents from Wallowa County Brokers and Wallowa Mountain Properties.

Kirk Makin and Kent Sands of Wallowa County Brokers and Michele Baird, Anette Christoffersen and Diane Daggett, former brokers with Wallowa Mountain Properties make up the team of brokers.

Lindsey Chrisman is the office manager and is also working on obtaining her real estate license. The team has a total of 67 combined years of experience in real estate.

"I was looking to create an office with a team of top producing brokers, with broad expertise and experience to serve our clients with ranch, residential and commercial

properties," said Makin, who is the owner of the firm. "Because we are committed to providing strong fiduciary and ethical representation, we will provide the best service for our buyers and sellers. This is a great group of brokers that will work well together while having a positive and fun office atmosphere."

Makin has been the owner of Wallowa County Brokers since 2004 and is planning to close that office in the near future and conduct all business from Ruby Peak Realty.

Ruby Peak will be completely rebranded with new logo, signs, a website and advertising. The office is in a prime location with a large parking lot for easy access.

The company can be reached at 541-432-5000 or rubypeakrealty@gmail.com. The website is RubyPeakRealty.com.



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Members of the newly formed Ruby Peak Realty Inc. in Joseph include, from left, Lindsey Chrisman, Anette Christoffersen, Diane Daggett, Kirk Makin, Kent Sands and Michele Baird.

Yoga retreat focuses on 'heart-centered' approach

World-renowned yoga instructor Tiffany Wood will lead a yoga retreat Aug. 10-12 at the Blue Barn, 63327 Tenderfoot Valley Rd., Joseph.

The retreat offers an opportunity for local yoga practitioners to deepen their practice as well as connect with others.

Wood, who is based in Park City, Utah, has taught yoga throughout the U.S. and abroad for more than 20 years. She specializes in Anusara Yoga, which focuses on a positive, "heart-centered" approach.

Nancy Knoble, who hosts the retreat, first met Wood when she and longtime Wallowa County instructor Clare Bronec along with fellow retreat organizer, Ann Powers, went to a weeklong session in

Mexico five years ago.

They were so impressed with Wood that they put their heads together to find a way to get her to come to Wallowa County.

Knoble has regularly hosted an annual Blue Barn Yoga Retreat each August. Many participants say that the Barn's atmosphere adds a magical component to the retreat.

"A retreat is a good time to explore a pose or concept that we have only touched on in a class," said Bronec. "It is also a time to connect with other peo-



Wood

ple who value what yoga can teach us about ourselves. Tiffany is great at teaching many different levels, making us feel good about our abilities but showing us new possibilities."

Wood is known for weaving yogic philosophy and life lessons into the practice.

"The quality of instruction Tiffany offers is some of the best you will find anywhere in the world," said Esther Petrocine, another yoga instructor in the county. "Her way of safely guiding participants into poses is empowering."

The barn setting offers the sweet smell of Wallowa County summer, a quiet chorus of life that inhabits the barn, including the bleating of goats, the greeting of a rooster,

and the sweet lullaby of owls, "creates a loving container in which to open our hearts and minds to the fullness of life that a weekend filled with yoga provides," Petrocine added.

The retreat sells out fast and is usually attended by both locals and nonlocals, some of whom regularly study with Wood. It is an all-levels retreat.

Early Bird Registration opens online March 1. To register go to TiffanyWoodYoga.com. The cost goes up May 1.

The weekend begins Friday evening and includes sessions Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday morning. A catered picnic lunch on Saturday is included. Bring your mat. All other props are provided.



Shelby Aeppli Imholt

Oregon's Alpenfest names new yodeler

Shelby Aeppli Imholt of Hillsboro, Ore., a widely known Swiss singer, is the new official yodeler for Oregon's Alpenfest.

She was chosen to succeed Arthur Brogli, who recently decided after four years of singing at the event that age now prevents him from traveling outside California.

"We can't do justice to Swiss culture without a great Swiss yodeler," said Chuck Anderson, the festival's president and alpenmeister. "Shelby is a beautiful fit. She'll sing at 'Accordions at Alpenfest' on Thursday and at each of our main shows Friday and Saturday."

Imholt learned to yodel from her father, a native of

Zurich, Switzerland. She has sung at major Swiss gatherings on the West Coast for many years and performed in Switzerland in 2010.

She is also a member of the Helvetia-Alpenglühn Swiss Singing Society of Portland.

Other headliners at the 2018 Alpenfest will be The Polkatones dance band, the Tirolean Dancers folk dance troupe, alphornist Bruce Coutant and accordion virtuoso Alicia Baker.

Free polka and waltz lessons will be taught by competitive polka dancers Randy and Ashley Thull from Wisconsin.

The festival runs Sept. 27-30. Details and advance tickets are available at oregonalpenfest.com.

IN BRIEF

Fundraiser set for Republicans

The Republican Lincoln/Reagan Dinner will be 5 p.m. Satur-

day, March 10, at the VFW Hall in Enterprise.

The fundraiser event features a steak dinner and pie auction. Tickets are \$20 and available in advance by calling 541-263-0385.

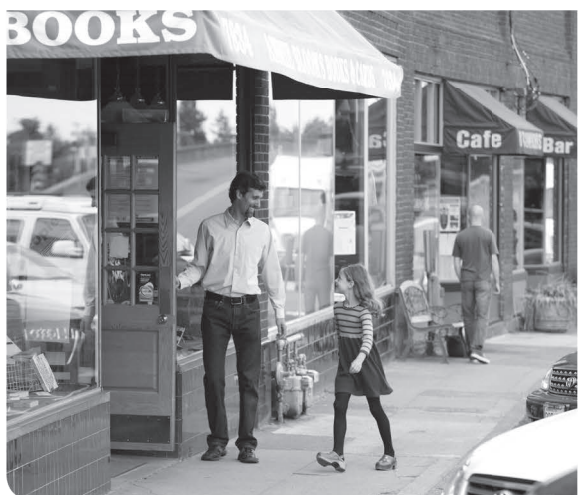
Keynote speaker will be Oregon Republican Party Vice Chair Chris Barreto. This is also an

opportunity to meet with state representatives and state and local candidates.

Barreto is married to State Rep. Greg Barreto, who represents Wallowa County. The couple served as delegates at the Republican National Convention in July 2016.



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
Tyler Homan




This week's athlete of the week is Joseph Charter School point guard Tyler Homan. During the Eagles' continuing run at the state playoffs, Homan, a junior, has come into his own, playing a major role in his team's last two victories, over Condon/Wheeler 64-59, and a 55-43 trouncing of Damascus Christian, the third-ranked team in the state.

In the former, Homan scored 13, taking the leadership helm and steering the team to victory.

In the latter game, facing an intensely hostile crowd, Homan was up for the fight, scoring 21 points, 14 in the second quarter alone. He sank four from outside the paint in the second quarter alone. He sank four from outside the paint in the second quarter and added a crucial, fifth, three-pointer that helped break Damascus' backs.

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