

JHS CLASS OF '68 GATHERS



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The Joseph High School class of 1968 held its 50-year reunion Sept. 8 at Alpine Meadows Golf Course. Those attending included, front row from left, Wayne Bronson, Hugo Zollman, Tim Polly, Sue (Macedo) Rynearson, Sharon (Kellermann) Castilleja and Dan DeBoie. Back, Bill Williams, Jim Brennan, Larry Sandlin, Bob Harritt, Ron Layton and Mike Lathrop.

CYCLE

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Rotary Club of Wallowa County received \$2,000 for serving lunch at Minam on Sept. 11. A like amount went to Joseph Center for throwing the Finish Line Festival at Wallowa Lake Park and to the chamber for serving as community manager.

Joseph FCCLA, which provided centerpieces for dining tables, and Wallowa Valley Photo Shop, which manned a community booth, both received \$1,300.

Thousand dollar donations went to Wallowa Mountain Hells Canyon Trail Association, Alpine Meadows Golf Club and Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland, all of whom staffed rest stops. Creative Memories for Disabled Children also received a \$1,000 donation for table and chair setup.

The Alpine Meadows crew also earned another \$750 for



Paul Wahl/Chieftain

Green Coleman tents were home for hundreds of Cycle Oregon participants who camped at Wallowa State Park Sept. 10.

staffing the beer garden. Similar awards went to Wallowa County Lions Club and Rooted Youth Ministry.

Fishtrap volunteers earned a \$1,500 donation for being the cleanup team after all the bicyclists had moved on.

Cycle Oregon's Classic began in Baker City with stops at Halfway, Wallowa Lake, Elgin, Pendleton and La Grande — roughly 400 miles of mountains and valleys. Each participant paid \$999 for the adventure.

For their money, cyclists received as many amenities as possible, including shower trail-

ers, baggage handling, meals and in some cases tents to sleep in.

The tour's visit to Wallowa County went off without major incident. A number of drivers reported slowdowns and congestion on Hwy. 82 as bikers made their way out of Enterprise.

Cycle Oregon was previously scheduled to visit Wallowa County in 2015; however, the Dry Gulch Fire near Richland prevented riders from making the trip. They were rerouted into Idaho, safely out of the reach of the fire.

Lost hiker found after intensive search

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

It took two helicopters, 45-50 ground searchers and two-and-a-half days of searching, but search and rescue teams, including the National Guard, located a missing hiker in the Eagle Cap Wilderness.

The 69-year-old hiker from Portland had been in the Red's Horse Ranch area when she began her hike. She was last seen at about 11 a.m. Sept. 20. The call to alert officials of her disappearance came the following day.

Mike Hansen, Wallowa County Search and Rescue team leader during the latter half of the search, said the hiker had taken a day hike from the horse ranch, traveling the trail toward Moss Springs. She then took a side trail she didn't know that led to the Minam River and went off-trail to examine rocks.

"She got off the trail to explore something, and when she couldn't find the trail anymore, she got turned around and didn't know which way to go and ended up wandering the wrong way," Hansen said.

Hansen said the hiker was found about 3.5 miles down

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Wallowa County Search and Rescue

the Minam River spotted by the helicopter around 3 p.m. Sept. 23.

Resources used to find the hiker included several horse teams that rode 40-50 miles of trails in the area. Ground teams, including 10 on Sunday, made grid searches near the area where the hiker was last seen. Other teams walked trails in the area. The National Guard helicopter flew in from Salem and searched open areas on both Saturday and Sunday.

Hansen said the hiker was cold and hungry but otherwise in good condition considering the ordeal. He strongly suggests hikers use a GPS or even download a GPS app for their phone before going on a hike.

"There's a lot of them out there now, and they'll pretty much tell you where you are," he said. "For navigation, it's the very best thing."

He also suggested hikers remain aware of surroundings and keep track of where they've been.

"One thing I do," he said, "especially if I'm off trail, I'll walk a little ways and I'll look back at the direction from which I came. I try to remember rocks, trees or landmarks. A tree may look like every other tree, but your brain looks at a set of trees, and if you've seen it before, it looks familiar, and it will usually get you back in the right direction."

He also advised to take a friend whenever possible.

Hansen said the length of the search as well as the combination of resources made it one of the more extensive searches in which he has participated.

"It was a hard search," he said. "It was a big effort, and in the end, it all turned out and it was a good result."

Teams from Wheeler County, Union County, Baker County, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Guard participated in the search.

Elect

Dan DeBoie



Wallowa County Commissioner



Balance

- ◆ Supports the sustainable use of all natural resources
- ◆ Supports economic development for a vibrant local economy while protecting Wallowa County values and lifestyles

Experience

- ◆ Wallowa County Commissioner for eight years and participant in various local and statewide committees for economic development, governance and social services
- ◆ Farmer, rancher, small business owner, technical support and customer service agent

Integrity

- ◆ Participates with and encourages open dialogue and transparency
- ◆ Follows established procedure and rule of law

Balance - Experience - Integrity

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BRATWURST, BEER AND A ROUSING GOOD TIME

Oregon's Alpenfest

Thursday, Sept. 27

Enterprise

3:45 p.m. — Join our Main Street procession from Depot Street to the Opening Ceremony at the Wallowa County Courthouse Gazebo including a musical preview. Free

5 p.m. — Ceremonial tapping of the first keg of Terminal Gravity's Alpenfest beer followed by *Accordions at Alpenfest* at Terminal Gravity Brewery. Accordion virtuoso Alicia Baker plus others. \$5 donation suggested. Food and beer available.

Friday, Sept. 28

Edelweiss Inn, Wallowa Lake

Noon-sunset — Alpine Fair. Arts, crafts, food, beer. Free (see box)

5-6 p.m. — Learn to polka with Randy and Ashley Thull. Free

6-10:30 p.m. — Performance: The Polkatones

Browse the Alpine Fair

It's free! Discover:

Mini-doughnuts	Sun catchers
Carvings	Blown glass
Sheepskin products	Beaded jewelry and gifts
Soap	Fused glass art
Silver jewelry	Pillows
Rugs	Up-cycled clothing
Quilts	Seafood quesadillas
Fire-starter sticks	Walking sticks
Photography	Bratwurst
Pine needle baskets	Beer

dance band, Swiss yodeler Shelby Imholt, Tirolean Dancers, accordionist Alicia Baker, alphorns.

Bratwurst meal, beer and wine available.

Adults/teens \$15 including free commemorative beer mug. Kids 4-12 \$8

Joseph

Noon-5 p.m. — *Accordions at Alpenfest* at the Joseph Visitor Center on Main Street. Free

Saturday, Sept. 29

Edelweiss Inn, Wallowa Lake

8 a.m.-noon — Alpenfest Breakfast with *Accordions at Alpenfest*.

10 a.m.-6 p.m. — Alpine Fair. Arts, crafts, food, beer. Free (see box)

11 a.m.-noon — Learn to polka with Randy and Ashley Thull. Free

Noon-4:30 p.m. — Performance: The Polkatones dance band, Swiss yodeler Shelby Imholt, Tirolean Dancers, accordionist Alicia Baker, alphorns. Bratwurst meal, beer and wine available. Adults/teens \$15 including free commemorative beer mug. Kids 4-12 \$8

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Adults/teens \$18 including free commemorative beer mug. Kids 4-12 \$9

Joseph

10 a.m.-4 p.m. — *Accordions at Alpenfest* at the Joseph Visitor Center and Farmers Market. Free

Sunday, Sept. 30

Edelweiss Inn, Wallowa Lake

10 a.m.-3 p.m. — Alpine Fair. Arts and crafts. Free

8 a.m.-noon — Alpenfest Breakfast with *Accordions at Alpenfest*.

Learn more: oregonalpenfest.com