Esprit earns top printing industry honor

By Wallowa County Chieftain

Skip and Shannon Novakovich, owners of Esprit Communications Graphic with offices in Enterprise and Kennewick, Wash., were honored at the 2018 Pacific Printing Industries PrintRocks Award celebrating excellence in print.

Esprit received a best of category award for a full-color and gold-foiled poster produced for St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton. The company also received a second-place award for their production of the Chief Joseph Days poster for the event held annually in Joseph.

More than 180 people from throughout the Northwest attended the event at the Melody Ballroom and Event Center in Portland, paying honor to the finest printing produced in the Northwest.

"Esprit, and Skip and Shannon, have been a consistent award winner at the Annual Print Rocks event year after year," said Jules Van Sant, PPI Executive Director. "Their extreme attention to excellence in all they produce is as sterling as is their reputation in the



Submitted photo

Skip and Shannon Novakovich were recently honored by Pacific Printing Industries.

Northwest printing industry." Shannon Novakovich said they were honored to be recognized by their peers, adding "Esprit's philosophy has always been to provide our cli-

ents with the highest value they can receive for the dollars they spend on printing," she said.

Pacific Printing Industries is a Northwest Printing Trade organization affiliated with

Printing Industries of America, the world's largest graphic arts trade association serving Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Utah.

Joseph Branch Railriders becomes Railrider Cycling

Joseph Branch Railriders, along with the Oregon Coast Railriders and Vance Creek Railriders, will soon change their company to name to Railrider Cycling.

Each of the locations henceforth will be referred to as a branch. The concession opened to the public in May 2014, offering guided tours along the railroad tracks five days a week from the Saturday before Memorial Day in May to the first week of October.

The Joseph Branch is located at 501 W. Alder, Joseph. Other branches are in Bay City, Ore., and Shelton, Wash.

Railrider Cycling is owned and operated by Kim and Anita Metlen of Imbler. The business has enjoyed a rapid evolution from the first railrider protype that Kim constructed from an Internet idea to the current design. Kim continues to improve the two and four seated designs.

A new use and unique activity on formerly unused historic rails in Wallowa and Tillamook counties in Oregon as well as Mason County in Washington have given new life to old rails.

The next season for Railrider Cycling opens May 18.

Lottery shines spotlight on Wallowa River

The Oregon Lottery will be highlighting watershed restoration work done in Wallowa County as part of a new fall campaign that will feature ways in which lottery funds are spent.

Throughout this fall, a series of segments airing on television and within social

ular Fishtrap Fireside program,

which costs approximately

\$7,000 per year. Fishtrap cov-

ers \$4,961 of the amount

through general operating

funds, sponsorships, donations

Fishtrap House in Enterprise

the first Friday of every month

from October through April

and provides platform for local

writers to share their work. The event draws approximately 50

to 60 people every first Friday.

Fireside is hosted at the

and in-kind support.

media channels will highlight watershed restoration.

Complementing the television and social media segments, Lottery is featuring more in-depth videos and written stories online https://www.oregonat lottery.org/beneficiaries/ watershed-enhancement

Four tourism projects secure funds from transit lodging tax receipts

By Kathleen Ellyn Wallowa County Chieftain

Enterprise City Council approved all four requests for Transient Lodging Tax grants to promote tourism within city limits at the regular city council meeting Monday, Oct. 8.

Applicants for this round of awards were Wallowa County

Athletic Network, GEMS Winterfest Celebration, Fishtrap Fireside Program and the Wallowa Valley Community Ice Rink. All applicants were awarded the full \$2,000 grant. The Wallowa County

Athletic Network is raising money for a variety of recreational projects around the county, including the pro-

posed \$450,000 indoor facility at Jensen Field in Enterprise. This grant money is earmarked for repositioning the left field fence in order to begin construction of the facility while still allowing for baseball games outdoors when the facility is complete.

GEMS (Greater Enterprise Main Streets group) approached the city for assistance in meeting their budget of \$3,800 for the annual Winterfest Celebration. The all-volunteer, merchant-supported event drew approximately 350 people to the downtown area last year. Primary costs include lights for 15 trees and the gazebo on the courthouse lawn, as well as the cost of installation, insurance and advertising.

Fishtrap, Inc. requested the grant to support their pop-

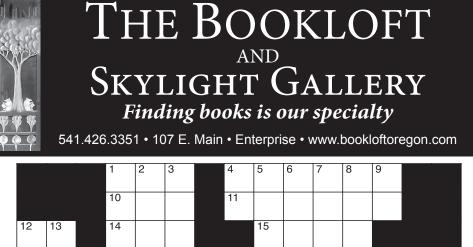


Pastor Jonathan DeWeber

The Wallowa Valley Community Ice Rink is gearing up for another winter season, from mid-December through February, and continues to make small improvements every year. The group plans to spend the grant money on a shed to house rental skates. The plan is to rent a shed from DJ Jannuzzi for three months. In addition, the group intends to improve the fencing around the rink. The chain link fencing borrowed from the fairgrounds is very difficult to erect and tear down. They now want to have their own fence of a different design that is eas-

The ice rink draws 40 to 50 people per day on Saturdays and Sundays. The group estimates that on any given weekend day, 15 of those visitors are from out of town. They estimate the rink is used by 30

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