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2019 Good Food awards winner: "We received our award while attending the Good Food Awards Ceremony Jan. 11, 2019 in San Francisco at the Herbst Theatre."

Judy Goodman and BGood Bars win prestigious Good Foods Foundation national award

By Ellen Morris Bishop
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It's a perfect example that hard work, vision, and a little good luck pay off. On January 11, Judy Goodman and her Cranberry Hemp BGood Bar won the Good Foods Foundation national award for best snack bar in America. Stars of the Slow Foods movement, including Alice Waters and Slow Foods founder Carlo Petrini hosted the awards ceremony in San Francisco.

The awards recognize foods made of ingredients produced by socially and environmentally responsible practices, resulting in foods of craftsmanship and flavor. They also

emphasize the principals of the Slow Foods movement: defending regional traditions, promoting good food, and encouraging a slower pace of life.

Judy Goodman's BGood Bars check all the boxes.

"I use locally sourced foods," Goodman said, "including local Oregon honey as the only sweetener in the bars, cherries and organic heirloom blueberries from Washington, and Oregon hazelnuts. The coffee for the Espresso bars is roasted right here in Joseph by Red Horse."

Goodman's bars competed with more than 2,000 entries in 16 categories for the Good Foods Awards. She almost didn't enter her prize-winning Cranberry Hemp bars in the compe-

tion. "It cost \$75 to enter one item, and I'd entered two other bars," she said. "But when I renewed my membership in Good Foods, it came with a free entry into the competition. I don't know why I entered the Cranberry Hemp. It seems to sell fewer than the other varieties. But I'm glad I did. It was my wild card."

BGood Bars is a truly local business. Goodman learned the craft of a chocolatier when working for Arrowhead Chocolates from 2011 to 2012. There, she also made Arrowhead's now extinct "Summit Bars" which came in Espresso, Blueberry, Peanut Ginger and Pistachio Cherry varieties.

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Wallowa Lake moraine property saved for grazing

By KATY NESBITT
For the Capital Press

JOSEPH — The unspoiled view of Wallowa Lake's east moraine and its traditional uses will be retained when it becomes community-owned in the coming year.

When the sale of the Ronald C. Yanke Family Trust's 1,800 acres — half the landmass of the moraine — is finalized in January 2020, Wallowa County will manage the picturesque landscape, as it was under private ownership, for cattle grazing and timber harvest while providing public access for recreation.

Responding to the public's desire to keep the view shed from being developed into home sites and a conference center, as the land is zoned, the county commissioners helped form the Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership in 2011.

"We listened to the community and responded to the desire that this ground be kept as a working landscape, undeveloped and open for the recreation," Susan Roberts, Wallowa County Board of Commissioners chairman, said.

The moraines got a lot of attention in 2008 when a forum showcasing their fragility and scenic value was held in Joseph. At the time, the threat of a housing development had recently been quashed when Oregon State Parks and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla purchased a 63-acre ranch at the foot of the lake, turning it into Iwetemlaken State Park. Protecting the view and the land around Wallowa Lake became hot topic.

"The best part about this work is being able to do it in collaboration with the diversity of partners in our community," Kathleen Ackley, executive director of the Land Trust, said. "The Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership is a perfect example of how four different entities can come together to achieve a common goal that otherwise would be exceedingly difficult to do alone."

Over the past eight years, with an eye on purchasing the land and placing it in county ownership, the Partnership contracted wildlife and plant surveys, drafted forest, range and recreation plans and secured \$3.9 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, financed with royalties from energy companies drilling for oil and gas on the Outer Continental Shelf. The fund pays for conservation of natural areas, especially adjacent to national parks and forests.

In the coming 12 months the Partnership will focus on raising the remaining money necessary to close the deal with the Yanke Family Trust by January 2020.

"We need approximately \$6.6 million dollars and we have already raised 60 percent of that," Ackley said. "With the help of foundations and gifts from individuals who care about the fate of the Wallowa Lake Moraines, together we can conserve a true natural wonder."

All three of eastern Oregon's congressional representatives said in separate statements they support the Partnership's work.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore, a long-time supporter of the project said, "The natural beauty of the world-renowned and locally treasured Wallowa Lake moraines will gain significant

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County comes up big in support of integrated health care

By Christian Ambrosio
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An aggressive goal, an elegant evening, and a generous community — the Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness hosted a successful fundraiser Saturday Feb. 2, at the Wallowa Lake Lodge.

The sold out event, themed Hearts for Health: a vision for transforming health-care in Wallowa County, wined and dined 84 potential donors, offering free beer and wine donated by local establishments.

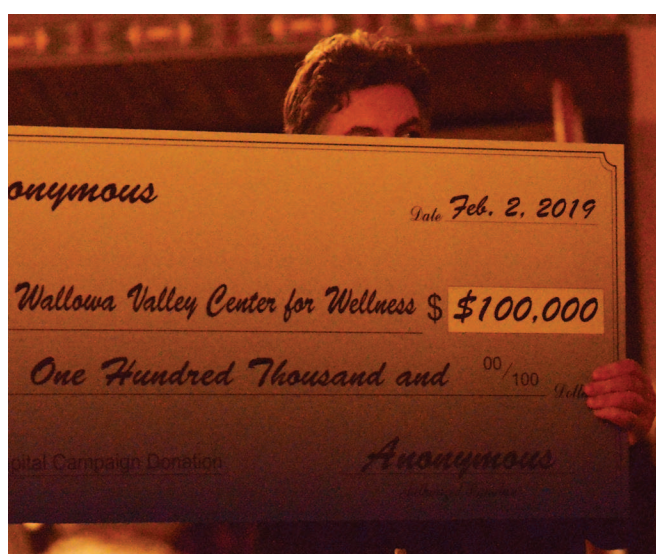
The evening's co-emcees were Chantay Jett, the Center for Wellness's executive director, and Mike Wilson of Westby Associates, Inc., a nonprofit fundraising company. Early in the evening, Wilson outlined the ambitious goal to raise over \$200,000. Let it be known: they surpassed this goal, raising over \$219,000 in local money for their cause.

While it was a Center for Wellness fundraiser, it really was a collaborative event with Winding Waters health care clinic. Board members from each nonprofit greeted guests warmly at the door.

Its purpose? A fundraising effort to meet a \$6.8 million goal to build an integrated health care facility for Wallowa County. The building would help de-stigmatize mental health, and allow providers to communicate and collaborate with physical health providers to better treat the entire person.

In her early remarks, Jett said about the importance of an integrated mental and physical health building, "my dream is that you can come in and no one will know why you're here." Whether a patient comes in for a common cold or to address mild depression, he or she should come in with the same experience without the fear of judgement.

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Mike Wilson of Westby Associates, Inc., holding a matching check of \$100,000, setting an ambitious tone for the evening fundraiser.

