

WALLOWA COUNTY CHIEFTAIN

SHAKE THE LAKE!

WALLOWA LAKE FIREWORKS 4TH OF JULY 2019

Before darkness set in, a number of people who brought their own fireworks kept the big Shake the Lake crowd entertained with some very nice displays.

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Finishing touches get applied to the OK Theatre in preparation for the 100th anniversary celebration July 12th.

OK Theatre to Celebrate 100th Anniversary in Style

By Steve Tool
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The OK Theatre is a community landmark and known as one of the finest small musical venues in eastern Oregon, if not the entire state. Thanks to the efforts of owner Darrell Brann and his family, who bought the theater five years ago, the theater has hosted a number of landmark concerts in Wallowa County. However, the theater's biggest landmark is coming up on the weekend of July 12-13. Brann is putting on a 100th anniversary gala at the theater in order to celebrate its century in business.

This isn't just any run-of-the-mill celebration. National musical acts, a play and a bonanza of food will take place over the weekend. The event is described as a Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras.

The Friday, July 12 opening celebration starts at 5 p.m. and features a virtual smorgasbord of culinary delights that include wares from a number of vendors, capped

with an evening play, "How the West was Dun," featuring players from the Mid-Valley Theater Company and directed by Lisa Closner, who is mother to the nationally known all-female musical trio, Joseph, who has performed at the theater. Closner did a theater camp at the OK last year. While there she mentioned to Brann that she likes to do western melodrama.

"I told her that would be a perfect way to kick off our centennial, to do something like a vaudeville-esque kind of thing with a western theme," Brann said. "She decided to do 'How the West was Dun,' and we decided it would be fun to do a dinner, which I'd been thinking about for a long time."

The dinner is an all-catered affair that requires a wristband, but patrons will receive a multi-course meal with food provided by such local culinary luminaries as the Carmen Ranch, Backyard Gardens, Vanilla Stag, Mark and Denise Michnick, Jera and

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HACKBARTH BEGINS THEATER BUILDING

Modern structure in West Main Street Also To Have Storerooms.

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Modern structure in West Main Street Also To Have Storerooms.

Work on the construction of A. Hackbarth's new building on Main Street between the Enterprise State bank and the J.C. Penny company store began yesterday. The basement was excavated in the early spring.

The building will have a front of 60 feet and a depth of 110 feet going thru to the alley. The walls will be of reinforced concrete, with a front elevation of 32 feet, of ornamental concrete. There will be two stores on the street and a barber shop equipped with baths and thoroly modern in all respects.

The main part of the structure will be devoted to a theater which will take up a space of 42 feet wide by 110 feet long and will seat upwards of 500 persons. The

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floor will be sloping, running up over the stores at the front. This is a new idea in theater construction just brought from the east. The street entrance will lead up an incline, taking patrons to the middle of the room. Turning backward, they ascend another incline, taking them to the highest part

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Campaign for East Moraine moves forward

By Ellen Morris Bishop
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If you want to hike the East Moraine, and you start at the "green gate"—a double set of metal stock gates about 2/3 of the way from the County Park to Wallowa Lake Lodge, you'll find a polite, laminated, chartreuse-green sign posted there that says "Would you like to continue to have access to this beautiful landscape and prevent it from becoming a housing development? Learn more, get involved, and donate: www.morainecampaign.org or call 541-426-2042."



Wallowa Land Trust Conservation Program Manager Eric Greenwell (red shirt) talks about the challenges of funding the Campaign for the East Moraine with a group of hikers Saturday, July 6.

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