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but we prefer for them to sign up," she said.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the parade winners.

After the parade, people are welcome to buy corn dogs, tacos, hamburgers or barbecued meat at one of the numerous food vendors that will be set up on Pine Street. Then they can gather at the Wallowa Fire Hall where they can eat while listening to music. Gary and Terri Moffit of Wallowa are to perform, Harshfield said.

There is no entry fee for the parade or for vendors' booths, but vendors are asked to check with City Hall to reserve a space. In addition to food booths, Harshfield said the city is hoping to have vendors selling crafts, jewelry and "flea-market" items.

Shake the Lake

Later on the Fourth, at the other end of the county, the rockets' redness will glare over Wallowa Lake for the annual Shake the Lake fireworks display.

As usual, a raft will be towed out in the middle of the northern end of the lake from which a pyrotechnician will shoot off about 22 minutes of fireworks for the revolutionary thrills of viewers along the shoreline and throughout the area who can see the display.

Jude Graham, of the Joseph Chamber of Commerce, which is one of the chief organizers of the event, said it is expected to begin at "9-9:30-ish."



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The annual Shake the Lake Independence Day fireworks display will begin at dark Monday, July 4, 2022. The pyrotechnics will be fired from a raft anchored in the north end of Wallowa Lake.

"It depends on if we have clouds or not, but it's always at dark," she said.

She encourages anyone planning to attend at the lake to come early and get a parking space and somewhere to lay out a blanket.

"There's thousands of people there," she said.

The pyrotechnics don't come cheap, Graham said, adding that it costs about \$1,000 a minute.

She said the county has been overwhelmingly generous with donations for the fireworks. Businesses, local

governments and people around town dropping their cash in collection baskets have shown their support.

Graham said the chamber is still collecting money for the event, but "it's going to happen."

That wasn't so sure in 2020 when, like Wallowa's parade, government wasn't going to allow the event because of concerns over the close proximity viewers would be during the pandemic.

But a groundswell of grass-roots support arose,

and that fierce, independent spirit in Wallowa County made it happen, even when it wasn't supposed to.

"The Joseph Chamber with the help of Gary Betschneider at the Stubborn Mule pulled it off," Graham said.

Well before the fireworks, there will be music at the north end of the lake, she said. The musical group Shanks Pony will start playing about 4 p.m.

"Come and enjoy music, family and friends and make it a memory," Graham said.

Ranch Rodeo



Photos by Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

Future rodeo stars — and some assisting parents — gallop toward the finish line Saturday, June 25, 2022, during the stick horse competition of the Chief Joseph Days Ranch Rodeo in Joseph.



A contestant plants a brand on the right rib as required while his teammate holds the calf taut Saturday, June 25, 2022, during the team branding event in the Chief Joseph Days Ranch Rodeo in Joseph.



A calf is successfully headed and heeled during the pasture roping competition Saturday, June 25, 2022, in the Chief Joseph Days Ranch Rodeo in Joseph.

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said the states would guard medical records, protect against "adverse actions" by insurers and defend medical practitioners.

"Oregon doesn't turn away anyone seeking health care. Period," Gov. Kate Brown said in a statement. "Let me be clear: You cannot ban abortion, you can only ban safe abortions — and this disgraceful Supreme Court decision will undoubtedly put many people's lives at risk, in addition to stripping away a constitutional right that disproportionately affects women and has been settled law for most of our lifetimes."

She said Oregon will remain a sanctuary, adding "the fight is not over."

And Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, the state's top lawyer, vowed after reviewing the opinion to "continue fighting with every bone in my body to keep abortion safe and accessible to all."

"I will not accept that going forward, young women in Oregon will come of age with fewer rights than their mothers and grandmothers," Rosenblum said. "We are working

ABORTION RIGHTS IN OREGON

Oregon is one of the few states without gestational limits on abortions but late term abortions are almost exclusively performed to protect the patient's health or because of serious complications. Nearly 99% of abortions happen before 21 weeks and two-thirds occur up to eight weeks, according to Anne Udall, executive director of Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette.

hard to ensure our state's laws continue to protect and expand, not diminish, the freedoms we have relied upon for half a century."

Not everyone shared their views. U.S. Rep. Cliff Bentz of Ontario, the state's only Republican congressional member, called the decision "momentous" in a retweet of a Fox News story. And state Rep. Duane Stark, R-Grants Pass, said in a statement his heart was "filled with joy" following the decision but that he was "saddened" by Oregon's protections.

Abortions rights advocates said they at a news conference after the ruling that they were devastated.

"Abortion is still legal in Oregon," said An Do, executive director of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon. "If you have an appointment — keep it. If you need an appointment, go to abortionsfinder.org to find care."

Se-ah-dom Edmo, executive director of Seeding

Justice, a nonprofit which supports equity and justice rights, announced that the group was awarding \$1 million to the Northwest Abortion Access Fund, which helps low-income people obtain an abortion.

"We know the consequences of this decision will be swift and devastating, including for Oregonians who's closest abortion provider was in Idaho and for communities nationwide," Edmo said in a statement. "Our first investment will reflect our belief that we must prioritize the needs of those most impacted by

barriers to essential abortion care immediately."

The money comes from \$15 million awarded by the Legislature in February to bolster abortion access in Oregon. The rest of the money is expected to be distributed later this year. A steering committee is in charge of awarding grants from the state fund.

The abortion fund, one of several across the country, pays for travel, hotel stays, time off work and care for patients in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

"We are here to make sure we can support people who need it but can't afford it," said Megan Kovacs, one of the fund's board members. "Access is not access if you cannot afford it or get to your appointment."

Other participants in the news conference — Christel Allen, executive director of Pro-Choice Oregon, and

Sandy Chung, executive director of American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon — said the Supreme Court decision will hurt people of color, those with low incomes, young people and rural residents the most.

"People with money and power will be able to continue accessing abortion care for themselves and their spouses, children and significant others," Chung said. "This decision will most harm communities with the least access to financial and

other resources." She said that already people have trouble accessing abortions, especially those in rural areas who have to travel miles to access care.

"We know that it is already going to get worse in Oregon," Chung said.

Dozens of other leaders in the state reacted quickly Friday, with candidates for governor and Democratic candidates for Congress saying that abortion rights will be on the ballot in November.

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