



New Office

Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce

WALLOWA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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On January 3rd the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce office opened their doors for business at our new location. The address is Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, 309 South River Street, Suite B, Enterprise, OR 97828. This is the Wallowa Mountain Business Center, for many of us this is the old Tomas Restaurant in Enterprise. All phone numbers, emails, and the website will remain the same. We invite the public to drop in and see the new office.

The Chamber asks that businesses of the Buy Local Campaign that need to redeem Buckskin Bucks come to the new office. For questions please contact the chamber office 541 426-4622.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Doris Woempner, President
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John Williams, Director
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Nancy Rudger, Director
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Tickets available for the 2010 Citizen Awards Banquet

Tickets for the Citizen Awards Banquet are on sale. Tickets are \$27.50 and may be purchased at the Chamber office located in the Wallowa Mountain Business Center 309 South River Street, Suite B, Enterprise. You may reserve your tickets by phone 541 426-4622 and get your check to the office prior to January 30th.

The banquet is Sunday, January 30th, 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Cloverleaf Hall. To select seating, and to keep family and friends at the same table, it is recommended that you arrive at 4:00 pm. Tables selected go very fast.

“Party with the Stars” is the theme for this year’s banquet. In addition to the awards, highlights of the evening include hometown star Jessie Borgerding who tried out in the 2010 American Idol Competition and Craig Nichols who will accompany Jessie for the evening. Pianist, Gail Swart, will play for the social hour.

Prime Rib with all of the trimmings will be served to the table. The award categories for the evening include: business leader, employee of the year, education leader, leader in arts, events leader, leader in forestry/agriculture, and unsung hero. The Awards Banquet allows us all an opportunity to honor those special citizens in our community who have given of themselves beyond the ordinary.

The banquet committee has selected the Wallowa County Fairgrounds as this year’s community project. A donation will be made to the fairgrounds.

Be sure to get your tickets early. We always sell out and we don’t want to miss you this year. Contact the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce for further questions, 541 426-4622 or visit our new office at the Wallowa County Business Center, 309 South River Street, Suite B, Enterprise.

CHAMBER STAFF

Vicki Searles, Executive Director
Admin. Assistant. Bridget Brown

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Introduction to Life Coaching—Get A Fresh Start!

Are you wondering how to jump start your life in the New Year? **Judy Allen, Integral Life Coach** and a WC Chamber member, will be offering an **Introduction to Life Coaching** workshop on **Saturday, February 5th, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** at no charge to the public. It will be held at the Wallowa Mountain Conference Center next door to the new Wallowa County Chamber office (old Toma's building). Learn about ways to assess and manage your balance, work on important conversations, take steps toward needed changes. This is a great opportunity to learn about the benefits of life coaching and how it can make a difference in you, your work and your relationships. Come and check it out!

2011 Goal Setting Session for the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce! January 11th, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Please contact the Chamber if you have ideas that you would like the Board of Directors to consider in our 2011 goal setting session. Must RSVP to participate. Chamber office 426-4622

Bridget Brown takes a New Position with Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness!

Starting January 12th, I will start a new position as a Case Manager/Skills Trainer for the Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness. This new opportunity will allow me to draw on my previous work experience in the fields of special education and mental health.

I truly enjoyed my time at the Wallowa County Chamber; it has provided a "re-introduction" to this wonderful land and community. In the process of trying to serve our members and visitors, I have received a great deal in return. I feel lucky to live and work in this special and supportive community.

The family of the Chamber will miss Bridget and we wish her the very best. We are thankful for the time Bridget spent with Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce.



Visitor Report



Where did visitors get info:

Other/Friend	19
Sunset	0
Triple A Via Magazine	5
Oregon Travel Guide	13
Oregonian	1
NW Travel	4
Brochures	2
EOVA	24
Travel Articles	5
Telephone Directory	29
Internet (30) Letters 0)	31
Conference/Reunion/wed	8
Other Chambers	14
Oregon Business	0
Other	9

CENTRALIZED COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Do you want a calendar where you can check on local dates for meetings & events? The Chamber has started such a calendar. The more local information we receive; the more useful this calendar becomes for everyone. Check it out!

Info. Requests	December 2010	November 2010	YTD	December 2009
Walk-In's Visitors/Bus.	112	784	4901	184
Visitor Packets Sent	905	41	3585	87
Incoming phone/email contacts	211	253	4615	374
Relocation packets	0	3	29	4
Total Contacts	1223	1081	13,130	649
Website Visits (not hits)	9238	6787	101,951	6447
Member Referrals Made	1490	802	13,706	1568
JOSEPH BOOTH	N/A	N/A	8647	N/A

**Myron Kirkpatrick has recently resigned from the Wallowa County Business Facilitation Program to take a position with Wallowa Resources CSI. Myron was with WCBF for ten years and did a wonderful job working with small business and entrepreneurs of Wallowa County. The following is the Business Facilitation job announcement.*

Wallowa County Enterprise Facilitator

Wallowa County Business Facilitation, a non-profit organization, is seeking an Enterprise Facilitator to work with local entrepreneurs within the framework of Enterprise Facilitation™. The successful applicant will provide one-on-one business coaching to new and expanding businesses in Wallowa County, located in rural northeast Oregon.

Candidates must demonstrate excellent communication, problem-solving, and networking skills, varied life and small-business experience, a willingness to learn, empathy, and community mindedness. A successful Facilitator supports the concept that intelligence, creativity, passion and skill exist within our community. A local working board supports the position with networking and fundraising.

This is a part-time contract position with hours that vary from 10 to 20 per week. The contracted hourly rate may range from \$20 to \$30 per hour depending on experience.

For additional information on Enterprise Facilitation see www.sirolli.com or www.WallowaCountyBusiness.org. Send detailed cover letter and resume to: info@WallowaCountyBusiness.org. Applications must be received by noon on Monday, January 24, 2011.

Creating a Strong Economy Together Please Welcome New Members to the Chamber

Arrowhead Chocolates

Owner: Wendy, Bruce, and Eriza Reininger

PO Box 429/100 North Main Street
Joseph, OR 97846
(541) 432-2871
www.arrowheadchocolates.com

Description: Arrowhead, a family business, makes artisan chocolates and serve Stumptown Coffee, Foxfire Teas, and other good stuff at our café in Joseph, Oregon. WiFi available at the café.

Prairie Creek Groomers

Owner: Teresa Clough

85455 Turner Lane
Joseph, OR 97846
(541) 432-3101
prairiecreekgroomers@rocketmail.com,
www.prairiecreekgroomers.com

Description: Full service pet groomer and doggie daycare.

NE Oregon Area Health Education Center

Contact: Heather Chandler

One University Blvd.
La Grande, OR 97850 (541) 962-3423
neoahec@eou.edu
www.eou.edu/neoahec

Description: The mission of NEOAHEC is to attract and retain health care professionals by providing regional educational opportunities. NEOAHEC is a nonprofit governed by a board of health professionals, private business people and elected officials serving 10 counties of northeast and Eastern Oregon. NEOAHEC works in partnership with Oregon Health Sciences University, four other AHEC center and other health training institutions to achieve its mission.

Nicole Slater Photography

Owner: Nicole Slater

83126 Russell Lane
Joseph, OR 97846
(541) 398-1735
nicoleslaterphotography@dishmail.net,
www.nicoleslaterphotography.com

Description: Nicole talents are in artistic portraits, specializing in "on location", natural light portraiture. Her market includes: engagements, weddings, boudoir portraits, senior portraits, pregnancy and children, and pets.

New 2010 memberships totaled: 31

Total Membership: 385



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Get your banquet tickets early for the
Citizen Awards Banquet.

After Business Hours
Social Networking Meeting
Report on the Economy
January 26th

**Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce,
After Business Hours Meeting Social Networking
Reporting on the Local Economy
January 26, 2011
Open to the public!**

Program: **The Economy and Wallowa County**
Speakers: Jason Yohannan & , EO Regional Economists
John Williams, Wallowa County Extension Service
Location: TBA—Location forth coming.
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2011
Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Nationally, the economy continues to be a hot topic. How is Wallowa County's economy? The Chamber holds its annual meeting to report on the 2010 economy and present current information on the county, region, and state. This is an annual event the chamber hosts for the business community, organizations, and local governments.

This meeting is **open to all citizens of Wallowa County**. The chamber will provide refreshments. This is a great opportunity to network with other business owners. We invite all citizens to attend this event.

Bring your questions on the local economy and meet new friends!

Area Directors

Enterprise

Kathy Casper,
Alpine Insurance

Joseph

Ruby Lathrop,
Sterling Savings Bank

Wallowa/Lostine

Jim Soares,
Wallowa Mtn. Properties

Education

John Williams,
WC Extension Office

Health Care

(At Large)
David Harman,
WC Health Care Dist.

Rural/Outlying

Cynthia Warnock,
WC Soil & Water CD

Farm/Ranch

Rod & Linda Childers,
RL Cattle

Timber

Jim Zacharias,
Public Relations
(At-Large)

Shannon Novakovich,

Small Business

(At-Large)
Marc Stauffer,
Stauffer's Refinishing

Tourism

Nancy Ruder,
Wallowa Mountain
Visitor Center