



CHAMBER INSIDER

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CHAMBER INSIDER is a benefit of your Chamber Membership and reflects the Board's commitment to keep members informed. Email news to [Janet Feiler](mailto:Janet.Feiler@wallacechamber.com).

Buy your trip ticket soon

Tickets are still available for a chance to win a Las Vegas package that includes airfare for two on Southwest Airlines, five nights at the MGM Grand Hotel, plus two tickets to a Celine Dion concert and a day trip to the Grand Canyon.

Tickets are \$20 each and only 400 will be sold. The raffle is a fundraiser for the Wallace and Kellogg lighting festivals. Sandy's Travel is handling arrangements. Tickets available in Wallace at the Chamber office, 1313 Club and Metals Bar. Winner will be drawn January 1.

Yuletide festivities begin this Saturday

Chamber members and friends decorated the Visitors Center Saturday as other volunteers decked out downtown locations, all in preparation for a Silver Lined Yuletide Lighting Festival. All Chamber members are invited to enjoy the many fun events scheduled over the next three weekends. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Check the flyer you received at your business, or visit the Chamber website for a complete list of activities.

Here are some highlights of events that will be held or will begin at Reindeer Stables, 412 5th Street:

December 1

Little Mister/Miss Snowflake Contest, 10 a.m.
Visits with Santa, cookies with Mrs. Claus, 12-3:30
Crafts, 12-4 p.m.

December 7

Lights On, 4:30 p.m.
Chamber Social, 5-7 p.m.
Lighted Parade, 7 p.m.
Winter Walk, 8 p.m.

December 8

Visits with Santa, cookies with Mrs. Claus, 12-3:30
Carriage Float Rides with Santa, 3-5 p.m.

Hayrides, 5:30 p.m., ending in Chili Feed at Senior Center (Proceeds benefit Senior Center)

December 15

Paw (pet) Parade, 11 a.m.
Visits with Santa, cookies with Mrs. Claus, 12-3:30
Hayrides, 5:30 p.m., ending at City Limits Pub for bonfire and refreshments.



Chamber members and friends give the Visitors Center a festive look inside and out. Shown, Judy Bertoch and Laurel Vester hanging lights on the pine trees near the mine "portal".

Transit system will be subject of next chamber meeting

Clif Warren, District 1 mobility manager for the Community Transportation Association of Idaho, will be the speaker at the Chamber's December 5 meeting, scheduled at 7:45 a.m. at D & G Bakery.

He will give an overview of public transit in the state, and also talk specifically about the Silver Valley Express service. Cost of breakfast is \$8; please RSVP to Diane if

you are planning to attend.

There will not be a second membership meeting in December, however all Chamber members are invited to the Chamber Social on Friday, December 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Reindeer Stables.

**Float Decorating is Thursday, Dec. 6
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Renew your membership by January 15 and save money

As the year comes to a close, we thank you for your support of the Historic Wallace Chamber and its commitment to preserve, promote and protect the historic, recreational, economic and environmental interests of our town and our Valley.

We hope you will renew your membership so the Chamber can continue to market our area, welcome visitors, sponsor festivals and provide services to the business community. **If you renew your membership by January 15, the cost is the same as 2012.**

After that time a slight increase goes into effect.

Your dues do the following: keep the Visitors Center open and the restrooms stocked; finance the chamber coordinator position; enable mailings of visitor packets and relocation information; provide a personal pres-

ence at trade shows; make possible such promotional materials as the Wallace Book and Downtown Maps. Benefits of membership include a free business listing on a user-friendly and dynamic website, ribbon-cutting celebrations for new businesses, Chamber meetings where informative speakers address timely topics, regular emails on business and community events, recognition from ads in publications, and a place to have business cards and brochures available to visitors and local residents. This past year your Chamber added a monthly newsletter, sponsored a webinar on marketing, developed a PowerPoint for member use, and sponsored community events such as Accordion Festival, Huckleberry Festival and the Yuletide Festival. Hope you will renew your membership soon!

CHAMBER NEWS



A scene from the 2011 float decorating party.

Help decorate float on December 6

The Historic Wallace Chamber and the Historic Silver Valley Chamber will again join together to create a float for the Wallace and Kellogg Yuletide parades. Please join us at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, December 6, to decorate the float. We will meet at F & H Mine Supply in Osburn where Forest VanDorn has generously offered space to assemble the float, along with a truck and trailer and generator for lights. Tomi Lyle and Living Gardens will furnish an antique sleigh for Santa.

Please bring your ideas, any decorations you can spare and a snack or beverage to share. Mark your name on any supply or decoration that you want to have returned.

New board member

The Chamber Board welcomes Art Fleming to the Board of Directors. Art was elected as a new board member during the Chamber's annual election meeting on November 7. Art is chaplain of Good Samaritan Silver Wood Village and, with his wife Doris, runs REST, a ministry of Rural Shepherds Network. Re-elected to the Board were: Anne Alexander, Bonnie DeRoos, Janet Feiler, Mike Feiler, Jackie Hayes, Heather Litz, James McMillan, Anita Price, Dr. Bob Ranells and Mitzi Scheel.

The 2012 and 2013 boards will meet December 11. The 2012 Board will conduct business to finish the year. Then the new Board will convene to elect officers for 2013. The meetings will be held at 7 a.m. at the Red Light Garage.

Installation Banquet date

Mark your calendar to reserve January 11 as the date of the Joint Chamber Installation Banquet. The Kellogg chamber will be the host this year. Location and other details will be announced soon.

Visitor numbers

A total of 166 guests signed in at the Visitors Center in October. Volunteers logged 147 hours.

WELCOME!!

The Chamber welcomes the following new member:

Carolyn Kuns
Wallace

The Chamber is finishing the year with 150 members!

Joe Peak was a friend, supporter of Wallace and Chamber



Joe, when honored by the two chambers in May.

Joe Peak will always be known as the Man of the North Fork. But he was so much more than that. He was a man for family, for friends, church, for faith, outdoor recreation, a unified Silver Valley but especially the kids. Taking a bike ride with Joe anywhere in the valley was like traveling with a live telephone book. He knew who lived where, their kids, what their kids are doing and how many kids they have as well as what kind of basketball player they are. His knowledge of outfitters, fishermen, hunters, bikers, seniors and kids was endless.

The Snakepit doors were always open to those who needed everything from a cup of coffee, prime rib dinner or just a place to find a warm seat and friendly con-

versation. This occurred because of Joe Peak and his desire to serve the community that he called home. Joe worked harder than most to provide for his family going into the community to purchase the goods for the Enaville Resort. He could just as easily bought from a food distributor over the hill but he stayed connected to the people that he loved and served by being visible and an active player in our community.

Joe worked too hard and too much but it was the life he grew to love and saw it as a service to his faith and as means to provide for his family.

Even in declining health, Joe stayed in the know as to the who's, what's and why's of the Silver Valley.

There will be one like him.

- Rick Shaffer

A vigil service is scheduled Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Rita's Church in Kellogg; funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Pius Catholic Church in

VIP tour group impressed by Wallace; wanted to see more

The National Trust for Historic Preservation held its national conference in Spokane recently. One of the field trips was a tour titled "Silver Valley and the Big Burn." At the end of the tour, participants were asked to fill out an evaluation. The tour received very favorable reviews, but of special interest to Wallace are answers to the question "How would you improve this session?" Here are some of the typical comments:

"More time in Wallace would be wonderful."

"Wouldn't change a thing except would have loved more time in Wallace."

"Too much time at Mission, too little time in Wallace, need at least one stop at mining site..."

"Not so much time at Cataldo, more free time in Wallace."

"Time to get at and photograph mining sites..."

"More time to wander Wallace; help Burke."

"Perhaps stop bus for photo ops; allow more time for shopping, exploring Wallace."

If you wish to read all the comment sheets, please contact Rick Shaffer.

TIDBITS

Award

Congratulations to the Wallace Blues Festival for being selected as the Best Blues Event by the Inland Empire Blues Society, beating out eight other blues festivals.

Winner

Congratulations to Tami Votendahl for winning the \$128 in Wallace script as the grand prize for the Merchants Open House on November 13.

Movie for kids

North Idaho College will sponsor the children's movie "Arthur's Christmas" December 8 at 2 p.m. in the Silver Valley Center near Kellogg. Kids should bring a blanket or pillow to sit on.

Support our neighbors

This is a great time to not only support Wallace businesses and activities, but to check out those in our neighboring towns throughout the Silver Valley.

New Town in Town

A miniature Victorian Village is set up inside Reindeer Stables at 412 5th St. Enjoy the pastoral scene for free or donate \$1 for a chance to guess the number of people in town. Winner will get half of cash collected, with remainder benefiting Lighting Festival.



Scenes from December 2011

Plans and schedules can change. Always confirm dates, places.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Yuletide Festival kickoff; see pg 1
2 Nutcracker Ballet, 2 pm, WHS	3	4 Blood drive at Kellogg Elks; Pinehurst Lighting	5 Chamber breakfast, 7:45, D&G	6 Float decorating, 5:15, F&H, Osburn	7 Wallace Chamber Social, Parade, Winter Walk	8 Wallace Bake-off, Hayrides, Chili Feed
9	10	11 Chamber Bd mtg. 7 am, Red Light	12 City council, 6 pm	13	14 Silver Rapids Community Day	15 Paw Parade, hayrides, bonfire
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28	29
30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	Neighboring Celebrations: Mullan park decorating Dec. 2; Pinehurst Lighting, Dec. 4; Smeltonville Celebration, Dec. 7; Kellogg Parade, Lighting and Fireworks Dec. 8				