



# 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. Due to a computer crash, there was no April newsletter so this issue has news from the last two months, plus a look ahead to summer. If you have something for the June issue, email [Janet Feiler](mailto:Janet.Feiler).

**Remembering...** Thursday, May 2, is the day to honor and remember those who lost their lives in the Sunshine Mine Fire. The annual Sunshine Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at the monument.

## WELCOME NOWA, HOPE YOU ENJOY WALLACE!

### Wallace attractions prepare for summer

The calendar may say summer is seven weeks away, but in Wallace "summer" starts this Wednesday with the opening of our three museums, the mine tour, zipline and other attractions in the area.

The **Sierra Silver Mine Tour** reopens Wednesday with trolleys leaving daily every 30 minutes starting at 10 a.m. May through September. The Ghost Town Trolley will start rolling in July.

The **Mining Museum** is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in May and June; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July and August.

The **Northern Pacific Depot Museum** is open 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. daily May to October. Shauna Hillman is the new director of the depot museum.

The **Oasis Borello Museum** reopens May 1, offering guided

tours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays.

**Silver Streak Zipline** will open May 1, offering two courses this year. The zipline has already received numerous reservations for its summer season. Its headquarters are located at 516 Pine Street.



**Route of the Hiawatha** is tentatively scheduled to open on May 25.

The summer's first big event is **Depot Days** May 10-11, featuring a dinner and dance on Friday night at the Elks Lodge and the classic car show and vendor booths on Saturday. Info: [www.npdepot.org](http://www.npdepot.org).

## A big "Thank You" to the Frank A. Morbeck Foundation

The Historic Wallace Chamber of Commerce, along with many other organizations and students, once again was a beneficiary of the generosity of the Frank A. Morbeck Foundation.

The Foundation gave out \$83,950 in grants in April, assisting a wide variety of community events and youth projects.

The Chamber received a \$3,319 grant to purchase an event tent (details in the June issue), \$1,800 for the 3rd annual Accordion Festival, and \$250 for banners and signs. Other major community recipients included the Blues Festival, \$4,000, the Historic Stairs Project, \$3,000, and Wallace District Mining Museum, \$2421. Awards of \$2,000 each went to the downtown holiday lighting project, Sierra Silver Mine Tour, Northern Pacific Depot Foundation, Nine Mile Cemetery Association, Wallace Baseball, Wallace Senior Center, and

Historic Wallace Preservation Society. Youth projects that were funded included \$4,000 to bring the Missoula Children's Theater to Silver Hills Elementary School, and \$2,000 each to youth golf, basketball, wrestling, football and TSA programs. Smaller gift were given to many other school and youth activities.

The Foundation also gives numerous student scholarships each year.

Over the years, the Foundation has distributed more than \$1.6 million, with approximately half that amount to community projects and organizations and half to student scholarships.

**The Wallace community is fortunate to have the Frank A. Morbeck Foundation.**

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Ribbon cuttings were held March 1 at Valerie's Flowers which recently relocated to 412 5th Street; Silver Pine Trade Post at 524 Bank Street, and ACES Community Services, which recently relocated to 416 6th Street.

**BUSINESS NEWS**

**New business on Bank Street**

Joe and Patricia Wolford will soon open a consignment shop - "Echo" - at 506 Bank St. Individuals who donate clothing, household items, furniture, etc. can designate the non-profit organization they would like to assist. When an item is sold, the organization will receive 50% of the sale. The nonprofit must pre-register to benefit. Info:208 682-5364

**Nursery opens for season**

Living Gardens Nursery will reopen for the season on May 7. The nursery, located at 55421 Silver Valley Road, one mile east of the Sunshine Miner Memorial, has regionally grown plants, shrubs and trees, plus yard art. Hours: 9-5, Tuesday-Saturday.

**New RV Park**

Crystal Gold Mine now offers an RV Park with paved spaces and full-service hookups.

**"Olympian" clears hurdles**

All planning milestones were completed last month for the Route of the Olympian, which gives the green light for the 30-mile bike trail to be developed between Taft and St. Regis. No exact timeline has been announced.

**Labor discussion**

The Idaho Department of Labor will sponsor a discussion on workshop challenges, economic impacts and other concerns of local businesses. The session will be May 14, 3:30-5 p.m., at the IDL office in Kellogg.

**WELCOME!!**

The Chamber welcomes the following new members:

**The Boat Doc**  
Dan Perkins  
Wallace

**Lanae Tatman**  
Scentsy Consultant  
Wallace

**Kellogg Plastics**  
Kellogg

**Ryan Hotel (C5, LLC)**  
Dan Clark  
Wallace



## More than 50 outdoor writers gathering here this week

A town couldn't design a more perfect beginning to its summer season: A cadre of writers and photographers on a mission to unearth nuggets of information and scenery to turn into great stories and award-winning photos.

Thank you, Northwest Outdoor Writers Association, for choosing Wallace for your 40th annual conference! We welcome each and every one of you and hope your stay is educational, interesting, worthwhile,

and, most of all, fun!

In between your skills sessions and workshops, Photo Shootout and social events, we hope you check out our unique shops, visit our museums, fly through the air on the zipline, take a trolley to a mine tour, and walk through our residential areas. In doing so, we know you will come to love Wallace as much as those of us who call it home. Thank you for coming here, and please, return again soon!

### ~ ~ Ribbon Cutting Event in Osburn ~ ~



The Chamber held a ribbon cutting ceremony March 20 for the new Osburn location of D & G Bakery and Restaurant.

### Wallace Flower Potting Party

Get your hands dirty, meet some new friends and help make our town beautiful!

The annual Wallace Flower Potting Party will be Saturday, May 18, starting at 9 a.m. at the vacant lot next to the Bordello Museum on Cedar Street.

Food provided for volunteers.

Come help plant the flower baskets that will grace our town throughout summer and fall.

Information: Art Fleming, 208 755-0334

### Hospital CEO will speak to Chamber

Gary Moore of Shoshone Medical Center will be the featured speaker at the May 15 Chamber meeting at noon at the Brooks. He will give an update of local and national health care issues.

Please call Diane, 208 753-7151 to reserve for lunch.

A big Thank You to our March and April speakers: Mike Dexter and Ed Sutich from Hecla, Jeff Colburn of Silver Mountain Resort, Vince Rinaldi of Silver Valley Economic Development Corp, and Kellie Lavigne of the Shoshone County Women's Resource Center.

### May is big month for Chamber marketing efforts

Many of the efforts of the Chamber's Marketing Committee are coming to fruition this month.

The Wallace Book is being printed this week and should be ready for distribution by Depot Days. The book is on high-quality newsprint with many colored ads and several photographs. The book has information on attractions, recreation, events and history. It continues to feature a walking tour of the business district.

A new brochure has been developed for visitors who are interested in learning more about the historic homes of Wallace. The Residential Walking Tour brochure will be available within the week at the Visitors Center and other locations.

A new Wallace rack card has been designed and will be going to the printer soon.

The updated downtown map will be finished soon and distributed to various businesses.

The best marketing tool is always personal contact. With that in mind, a delegation from our Chamber will participate in the Sam Steele Days Parade in Cranbrook, B. C. next month, handing out information about Wallace and our summer events.

The Wallace and Kellogg chambers are exploring ways to work together to stretch their marketing dollars. The two marketing committees will meet Wednesday to begin that dialog.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Shoshone Medical Center Foundation's 4th annual Women's Health Fair & Conference is May 10 at the H&E building in Smelterville. Event includes a 5K run at 9 a.m., the free fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the conference from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Conference admission of \$25 includes lunch.			<b>1</b> 2-chamber mkt mtg, Good Sam; Wallace P&Z, 6 pm	<b>2</b> Sunshine Memorial, 11 am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Loyalty Day Parade 1 pm Osburn; Art of Fun, 10 am
				NOWA Conference here		
<b>5</b> Cinco de Mayo, Silver Mtn.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> City Council mtg, 6 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Womens Health Fair & Conference; 5K Fun Run, Kellogg	<b>11</b> Depot Day
<b>12</b> Mother's Day 	<b>13</b> Wallace School Bd., 6 pm	<b>14</b> Chamber Bd. Mtg, 7 am, Red Light	<b>15</b> Chamber mtg., noon, Brooks	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Wallace Flower Project; Armed Forces Day
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> WHS all-sports banquet, 6 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Opening of Hiawatha (projected)
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Memorial Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> WHS Graduation, 7pm	

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