



City of Ketchum

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## **Wagon Days Poster to Feature Howard Lacina Drawing** *Poster Depicts 'Big Hitch'*

KETCHUM, Idaho -- A drawing by Howard Lacina, an artist who moved to the Wood River Valley two years ago to be closer to his daughter, has been selected for the 2015 Wagon Days poster.

The drawing of the "Big Hitch," the ore wagons drawn by a 10-mule team that always are the finale in the Wagon Days parade, show Lacina's eye for detail and perspective.

Born in 1930 in Berwyn, Illinois, Lacina illustrated boxes for the plastic model hobby kits that were popular in the 60s and 70s. His talent with water color, gouache, acrylic, airbrush and even hand-lettering was put into good use for renderings of planes, ships, cars and military vehicles. His work can be found on hundreds of vintage model boxes.

After retiring in the late '90s, he began painting still lifes, portraits, lighthouses and landscapes. He and his wife, Marlene, moved from Chicago to Hailey two years ago to be near their daughter, Judy. The couple met when both were art students at the Ray-Vogue College of Design in Chicago.

Copies of the poster will be for sale for \$25 at the Ore Wagon Museum, East Avenue and Fifth Street, starting Aug. 24. He also will sign posters at the museum at an open house on Wednesday, Aug. 26, from 5-7 p.m.

Wagon Days is a series of festivities over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-7. The Big Hitch Parade travels through town on Sun Valley Road and Main Street on Saturday, Sept. 5

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### **About the City of Ketchum**

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit [www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org).

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