



City of Ketchum

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Stars Align for Ketchum Photographer's Winning Wagon Days Image

KETCHUM, IDAHO — When Travis Amick took photographs of the wagons lined up outside of the Ore Wagon Museum in August of 2016, he knew he was looking at something special. What he didn't know, however, was that the pictures he was about to take would become an iconic image for the 60th anniversary of Ketchum's Wagon Days one year later.

This year's Wagon Days events, taking place over Labor Day weekend, are particularly noteworthy. They come less than two weeks after the Great American Eclipse crosses directly over the City of Ketchum. Additionally, Ketchum is in the process of applying to be designated a "Dark Sky Community" and 2017 Wagon Days Grand Marshal Dr. Stephen Pauley has been instrumental in working to create the Central Idaho Dark Skies Reserve.

"Travis's photograph was compelling because it brought so many elements of our 2017 Wagon Days celebration together, all in one gorgeously composed image," said Ketchum Mayor Nina Jonas. "It grounds us in our history while also pulling us into the natural beauty that surrounds our community."

Amick, 28, grew up in Ketchum and attended Wood River High School. He then enrolled in Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he studied history and political science. His desire to travel took him to Brazil, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Arizona, where he further developed and refined an interest in photography.

"It's just an honor for me," said Amick about having his work chosen. "I didn't even know there was a competition for art for the Wagon Days poster. I was just doing what I enjoy and trying different things, and it just worked out."

Amick worked for several days to create the shot he wanted. Light from nearby streetlamps blocked out the Milky Way in the sky, as did clouds in the area. "I took two images," Amick notes, "one of the sky and the other of the wagons, and then blended those together to compensate for the lighting."

To see Amick's winning image and find a schedule of 2017 Wagon Days events, please visit www.wagondays.net.

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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, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, 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.