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**Wagon Days Commemorative Poster**

This year Wagon Days Poster features art from Michael Edminster. Edminster was selected as the poster artist in 2007, the year Wagon Days was cancelled due to the Castle Rock Fires.

“We were not able to feature Michael’s beautiful depiction of the ore wagons in the manner that we intended,” said Heather LaMonica Deckard, Wagon Days coordinator. “The Parade was cancelled and the Wagon Days team volunteered to help with the fires. We distributed the posters and t-shirts that we couldn’t use for Wagon Days to the firefighters who came to save our community. This year’s poster features the same photo as 2007, but with some notable graphic changes. Last year with fires looming and Wagon Days again being in jeopardy, we were reminded of Michael’s beautiful photo that wasn’t really seen by the public. We are thrilled to feature Michael’s art this year.”

Edminster first came to work and live in the Wood River Valley as a sheepherder. In 1981 he and his wife, Lynne, and their children trailed a band of sheep from Gooding to Lake Creek. In 1986, he returned to the valley and eventually became a tile setter. His studio is in Bellevue where he does photography and one-of-a-kind mosaic artwork.

The wagon photo was taken at 7 a.m. He tried to get some shots the afternoon the wagons were brought to the Sun Valley stables but there were too many people around. The next morning he arrived early, aimed his camera at the wagons and Baldy and started shooting with the sunrise.

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