

## **IT'S OUR 43rd Annual!!! Let the Games, Good Times and Family Fun Begin!!!**

This year's Mule Show will be three full days of events that include classes for every age group and skill level. It is a fun family weekend and youngsters enjoy competing and showing their mulemanship abilities as much as the older well honed contestants. The gates open at 8:00 am on Friday with a line-up of Halter & Showmanship. The afternoon events include the Log Pull for singles and teams, Timed Trail Class in the main arena followed with other fun events. Highlights of the weekend events include the Classic Jump-Off Challenge which is always a crowd pleaser, and fast action events include pole bending, barrel racing, and the Fast Ass Express. Don't miss the free mule clinic at 9:00 am Saturday and 10:00 am on Sunday for special tips on training your mule. Before the Grand Entry on Saturday, the popular Kids Stick Mule and Boot Scramble Races are scheduled. These two events are for kids (ages 4 - 9 years) who are spectators and everyone wins a blue ribbon and special awards to the winner of each heat. During the Saturday afternoon show there will also be a contest for the oldest spectator and the spectator who has traveled the most miles to attend the show.

The weekend is packed full of mule related happenings and there is always something to see and do for the whole family. Visitors can enjoy strolling The Green and visiting with vendors, exhibitors and western artists. Tennessee Mule Artist Bonnie Shields is the *Featured Artist* at the show. Shields is well known and her talents include drawing, painting, and sculpture. Shields is a longstanding member of the Cowboy Cartoonists Association, her "mule art" can be viewed at the show, as well as on her website at [www.bonnieshields.com](http://www.bonnieshields.com).

The Max Walker Memorial Cowboy Poetry Gathering will start at 7:00 pm Friday evening at the historic OK Theatre in downtown Enterprise. Come sit, enjoy some cowboy yarns and experience traditional country music from a great line-up of poets and musicians. The admission fee is a \$10.00 donation and will go to the Max Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund. Early arrival is advised as this quickly becomes a standing-room-only event.

Saturday events not to be missed include the non-motorized parade with this year's Grand Marshals, Jim and Holly Akenson, leading the precession of riders, teams, pack-strings, local horse clubs, and former Grand Marshals. During the Saturday evening Memorial Scholarship Pit B-B-Q Dinner there will be western music by the Panhandle Cowboys, Farmer Dave Fulfs and J B Barber, to entertain the dinner guests.

The Saturday night concert starts at 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:00, at the OK Theatre. Wylie and The Wild West Band will entertain you with their western songs for a night to remember. PRE - \$30.00 • ATD - \$35.00

Sunday morning starts with Cowboy Church at the outdoors stage on The Green, with *Soul Renovation* at 7:30 am and Jeff Barnhart will conduct the morning church service. Everyone is welcome...

The Dutch Oven Cook-Off is scheduled at 9:00 am on Sunday starting with some great local and visiting teams working their culinary magic. If you wish to enter the Adult or Youth categories the Dutch Oven Cook-off packet is on the Mule Days website. Each team will receive an extra special gift made by Mike Rowley, *Forged and Fire Champion*. Spectators are invited to visit team members and learn about traditional pioneer cooking. There will be a People's Choice category and the packet entitles samples of each team's dishes, a vote on the best dish in each category. People's Choice packets are limited and may be purchased during the Dutch Oven Cook-Off.

Your HCMD Souven-ears Admission Button is valid for return privileges all three days... \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors (60 & older) \$3.00 for kids (7 thru 12 yrs.) and kids 6 years and younger are free when accompanied by an adult.

Can only attend the show for one day? Daily admission, adults or seniors \$5.00, kids (7 thru 12 yrs.) \$2.00.

### **Handicap Accessible • Covered Seating • Free Parking**

Be sure to make HCMD part of your summer plans and come celebrate with us a Wallowa County Tradition of Mules and Muleskinners.

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