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## 2023 Hells Canyon Mule Days Grand Marshal Cal Henry

Written by Janie Tippet, 2005 Mule Days Grand Marshal

Cal Henry, the 2023 Mule Days Grand Marshal has lived a very full life, and is still living it.

At age 19, when Cal was employed as a packer for Boulder Park guiding service, several clients who had purchased a canyon ranch from Dick Blankenship, asked him if he wanted a job. This ranch, located in the rugged area known as Tryon Creek in the lower Imnaha Snake River country, was only accessible by horseback or plane.

John Houck, who was running the ranch for the owners, met Cal on the lower Imnaha River, near the confluence of Cow Creek at the old Litch place, and they made their way horseback, up the Fingerboard Trail, to the remote Double O Bar ranch at Tryon Creek. After two weeks, John announced he was going to town, saddled up his horse, rode down the trail and never returned... leaving the responsibility of running the ranch to 19 year old Cal.

"I didn't know the country...but the ranch horses did" remembers Cal. "Those canyon horses taught me," he said, and soon young Cal was familiar with the many trails that laced the ranch and surrounding steep country....

Cal and his wife, Mary Ann, spent 6 years there and their son, Jason, and daughter, Tammy were born while they lived at Tryon. Well-known bush pilot, Bud Stangel, from Enterprise, flew in, landed on the canyon side air strip to transport Mary Ann out several days prior to the births of their babies...

The ranch wintered cattle at Tryon and summered on Lord Flat. They ran 150 cow permits on Forest land. Cal remembers that their groceries as well as ranch supplies list was sent out on Dick Rivers' Snake River mail boat to Lewiston, Idaho, and on the weekly return run up the Snake...left in a pile on the bank...to be packed on mules and horses up the steep trail to Tryon.

The Spring drive to Dug Bar, Christmas Creek and Rawlin Bar on horseback, to drive the cattle down, took 8 days. In those early years, before H.C.N.R.A. (Hells Canyon National Recreation Area) before those Snake River ranches were condemned by the government, Double O Bar consisted of 2,000 privately owned acres... in addition to their Forest grazing permit.

When the ranch was taken over by the Government, Cal retained his hunting permits, as he had established his own guide service. This ended a way of life for those remote ranches. So, Cal moved his family on to the next chapter in his life...

To record of what young Cal did from then on would fill several books... During the following years Cal's guiding and hunting business expanded and grew into one of the Best in the West. To make a living, Cal also worked for many well-known ranches including McClarans and the Wolfe Hereford Ranch in Wallowa.

There isn't much Cal hasn't done... he flew to Australia and spent three months as a salesman selling probiotics to large cattle ranches in the area. He also brought the first portable saw mill into Wallowa County...

Cal had the hunting permit for

Red's Horse Ranch for 10 years, as well as Minam Lodge where he guided, and set up camps for elk and deer hunting, also the pack station at Wallowa Lake, and Lapover pack station up the south fork of the Lostine. He worked with former Hells Canyon Mule Days grand marshals, Benny Banks, and Merle Hawkins. He also packed and guided at an outfit in Idaho.

Due to the remote locations of these camps, Cal learned to fly, so he could transport all the supplies.

Cal says at one time he owned 80 head of pack mules and saddle horses, he set up camps all over the Wallawas... It was the heyday of the packing and guiding business...a job not for the faint of heart... This job required skills seen today by very few, and in the winter those animals had to be fed and cared for even though it was the off season... During these times he worked for Bud Stangle at his shop in Enterprise as well as other jobs to make a living...

Cal has many stories to tell... like the time he was working for a pack station in East Eagle Creek in Baker County and they watched the filming of the movie, PAINT YOUR WAGON... he remembers a humorous incident when the actors had to deal with an infestation of lice. And another story about packing the film crew up the East Fork of the Lostine for the Walt Disney Movie THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY. How Cal's crew fed 70 members of that film crew over an open fire, and packing in the animal actors, dogs and cats. He has stories of being bucked off in a wild place, breaking his foot and climbing back on his horse to ride for help... and many many more.

At age 77, Cal just keeps going... runs a few cows... lives with his wife, Lucy, in Josph, and is presently manager of the Wallowa Valley Improvement District, comprised of 5,000 acres under irrigation

Cal has an old battered suitcase full of magazine articles featuring his many years of packing into Wallowa County wilderness areas... well known publications such as Western Horsemen, Outdoor Life, and Field and Stream. Files of yellowed clippings of articles about his hunting camp adventures, newspapers, like the Oregonian, the Baker City Herald, and many more... Cal lived in an era rooted in rich Wallowa County history. Most of the old timers are gone now and sadly most of their stories will never be told.

"I've lived a very, full life" says Cal...and that is an understatement. However, Cal, who still arises early to tend to his chores... has a twinkle in his eyes, as he remembers those not so long-ago times, and tells his stories...

We are so proud of you Cal... and honored that you are the 2023 Hells Canyon Mule Days Grand Marshal.



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# HELLS CANYON MULE DAYS GRAND MARSHALS

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 2001 – Manford & Vera Isley  
 2002 – Merel Hawkins  
 2003 – Arnold Schaeffer  
 2004 – Bennie Banks  
 2005 – Doug & Janie Tippet  
 2005 – Bonnie Shields • Honorary  
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 2007 – Blanche Maxwell  
 2007 – Gene & Bonnie Westberg  
 • Honorary  
 2008 – Juana Malaxa & Marie Onaindia  
 2008 – Mike Brennan • Honorary  
 2009 – Carmen Kohlhepp  
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 2010 – Biden & Betty Tippet  
 2010 – Ben Tippet • Honorary  
 2011 – Leo Tipton “Tip” Proctor  
 2011 – George Hixson • Honorary  
 2012 – Grant & Barbara Warnock  
 2012 – Duke & Rhee Lathrop • Honorary  
 2013 – Larry & Juanita Waters  
 2014 – Dick Walker  
 2014 – Art Galbraith • Honorary  
 2015 – Dennis & Peggy Brennan  
 2016 – Marvin Lovell  
 2017 – Robert “Bob” Bales  
 2018 – Oran McCrae  
 2019 – Julie Kooch  
 2022 - Warren Matthews  
 2023 – Cal Hennry

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 muleman-ship 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 support 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 Marshal, Cal Henry, leading the precession of riders, teams, pack-strings, local horse clubs, and former Grand Marshals. During the Saturday

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evening Memorial Scholarship Pit B-B-Q Dinner there will be western music to entertain the dinner guests. The Private Treaty Mule Sale will be at 6:00 pm and the agreement of the sale is between the buyer and the seller.

The Saturday night concert starts at 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:00, at the OK Theatre. Dave Stamey, the Charlie Russell of Western Music, will entertain you with his western songs for a night to remember. Andy Bales will open the evening concert. PRE - \$25.00 • ATD - \$30.00

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.

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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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## **Private Treaty Mule Sale Saturday, 6:00 pm – Track in front of Grandstands**

Again, this year the sale is a Private Treaty Mule Sale. Sellers may enter sale mules in show events and mules will be tagged as Sale Animals. Mules will be shown starting at 6:00 pm. Each mule is given five minutes in the arena. There is a \$25.00 sale fee for each animal shown at the sale, and no refund for No Sale animals. Fees must be paid in advance of the sale.

The agreement of the sale is between the buyer and the seller with the Hells Canyon Mule Days event acting solely as the venue for the sale. Mules sold at the Hells Canyon Mule Days event should be sold during the Private Treaty sale. Please honor this request...

# 2023 HELLS CANYON MULE DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Admission Button - Adults \$10.00, Seniors  
\$8.00, Youth 7-12 Years \$3.00**

**Return Privileges All 3 Days**

**\*Daily Admission – Adults & Seniors \$5.00, Youth \$2.00**

## Friday - September 8th

**Please Note: Times may vary for Class Events**

- 8:00 am Main Gate Opens**
- 8:00 am Mule Show** – Halter and Showmanship Classes, Driving Events
- 9:00 am Exhibitors, Vendors & Western Gear**  
The Green and Quonset Building **(4-H Breakfast Booth 6-11)**
- Noon** (To follow Driving events) Log Pull, Mule Races & More!
- 2:00 pm Timed Trail Class** – Main Arena
- 7:00 pm Max Walker Memorial Scholarship Cowboy Poetry Gathering**  
OK Theatre • Admission – \$10.00 Adults • \$5.00 Kids (12 years and younger)

## Saturday - September 9th

**Please Note: Times may vary for Class Events**

- 8:00 am Main Gate Opens**
- 8:00 am Mule Show** – Cattle Classes – Main Arena
- 9:00 am Exhibitors, Vendors & Western Gear**  
The Green and Quonset Building **(4-H Breakfast Booth 6-11)**
- 9:00 am Free Mule Clinic –Warm-up Arena • Everyone Welcome**
- Noon Non-Motorized Parade** - Downtown Enterprise
- 12:45 pm Spectator Kids Events** • Stick Mule Race & Boot Scramble • 4-9 years
- 1:00 pm Grand Entry & Mule Show – Main Arena**  
Fun and Entertaining Events: Driving Classes, Fast Ass Express, Speed Ball, Red Neck Golf, Jump-Off Challenge, Pole Bending, and more.
- 5:00 pm Pit B-B-Q Dinner** On The Green \$12.00 Advance - \$15.00 At Dinner
- 6:00 pm Private Treaty Mule Sale** – Track in Front of Grandstands



## Saturday - September 9th cont.

- 7:00 pm Dave Stamey Concert** – An evening of Country Music!  
OK Theatre - Showtime: 7:00 pm • Doors Open at 6:00 pm  
**Andy Bales** – To open the concert!  
Tickets: \$25.00 Advance - \$30.00 Door - Children (12 & Younger) \$15.00

## Sunday, September 10th

**Please Note: Times may vary for Class Events**

- 8:00 am Main Gate Opens**
- 7:30 am Cowboy Church** – Outdoor Stage - Jeff Barnhart & Soul Renovation
- 9:00 am Mule Show** - English & Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Red Neck Fishing, Trail Classes on Track & lots more!
- 9:00 am Exhibitors, Vendors & Western Gear**  
The Green and Quonset Building **(4-H Breakfast Booth 6-11)**
- 9:00 am Dutch Oven Cook-Off**  
Two member teams, One pot cook-off – Main Dish and/or Dessert  
Buy your People's Choice Packet and be part of the tasting and judging.
- 10:00 am Free Mule Clinic - Dennis Brennan - Warm-up Arena • Everyone Welcome**
- 3:30 pm Show Awards Presentation**





**TOP HAND AWARD –  
HARRY & GINGER DAGGETT**

## *The Hells Canyon Mule Days Top Hand Award*

*“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.”*

Since 1981 this annual event has been organized and implemented with all volunteer help. Over the years many people have given their personal time and extra effort for the success of this annual Wallowa County tradition...

The Hells Canyon Mule Days committee, realizing that its volunteers are the life blood of the show and are often unrecognized for their valuable outstanding contributions and commitment to carry out many thankless tasks, established The Top Hand Award in 2006 to recognize one of its own and to extend a special “thank you”.

Mule Days is paying tribute to the true spirit of volunteering by presenting this year’s Top Hand Award to Harry and Ginger Daggett.

In 2003, the Mule Days committee added a Saturday night pit barbeque to the line-up of events, and within the next year or so the committee asked Jim Probert to work his magic and cook the pork roasts in his pit and serve at the Mule Days dinner. Harry and Ginger Daggett were the support team for Jim, and to date, have continued to cook the meat entrée in the same pit that Jim used for many years. The pulled pork roasts, along with all the other fixins’ prepared by Belinda Kootz, makes for one great dinner!

The two of them, with the help from a few friends, prepare the roasts for the many hours of slow cooking in the pit to guarantee a delicious eating experience for the guest to enjoy this annual meal. Harry and Ginger are the true meaning of community volunteerism in Wallowa County. We thank them and appreciate their generous energy and time contributed for many years to the success of this annual dinner.

The HCMD board of directors and committee members say a big “Thank You” to Harry and Ginger Daggett, this year’s Top Hand Award winners. We couldn’t do it without you!!!

*Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy...when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.*

## ~ WELCOME TO HELLS CANYON MULE DAYS ~

Welcome and thank you for joining us for the 42nd Annual Hells Canyon Mule Days Celebration of Mules and Muleskinners Traditions.

As the summer season is waning and days light is shorter and nights are a little cooler you know it is the time of year to celebrate - three days of family fun at Hells Canyon Mule Days.

Mule Days is staged to rally mule men and women, cowboys and cow-girls, ranchers, farmers, rural folks and urban visitors, to enjoy the three-day weekend of family fun with activities geared for the interest and enjoyment of locals and visitors alike.

The many weekend events include mule classes that demonstrate the versatility and talents of the mule. This year there will be two free mule clinics and everyone is welcome to attend and learn something new. The Max Walker Memorial Cowboy Poetry Gathering Friday evening at the OK Theatre will entertain with wild cowboy tales and traditional cowboy music. Don’t miss the non-motorized parade on Main Street at noon on Saturday, and enjoy the Pit B-B-Q Scholarship Dinner Saturday evening on The Green. Dave

Stamey, the Charlie Russell of Western Music, is back for Hells Canyon Mule Days. Andy Bales will open the concert, and it will be a great evening at the OK Theatre. The skill of the Dutch Oven Cook-Off teams will be tested starting at 9:00 am Sunday morning with awards being presented at noon.

Vendors, exhibitors and western artists will delight everyone with their vast array of wares and talents. Bonnie Shields is returning this year and her booth is located in the Exhibitors Building, so be sure to stop by and say “howdy”.

May you enjoy your stay and take time to explore “The Wallowas,” one of Oregon’s Seven Wonders. If this is your first visit to Mule Days, WELCOME, we are glad you are here, and if you are a returning fan, WELCOME BACK!

So on behalf of the Mule Days event committee I invite one and all to join and share in the fun and enjoy all the activities!

Sondra Lozier, President  
Smiles always...

## Hells Canyon Mule Days Top Hand Award

2006 - Larry and Juanita Waters Joseph, OR

2007 - Warren and Zoe Matthews Princeton, OR

2008 - Dick Walker ~ Union, OR

2009 - Kent and Chris Lozier Enterprise, OR

2010 - Susan Hollenbeak Riggins, ID

2011 - George Burnett Aurora, OR

2012 - Alan & Cheri Miller Wallowa, OR

2013 - John Hollenbeak Joseph, OR

2014 - Clay Freels Enterprise, OR

2015 - Midge Kliever, Diane Knox Joseph, OR

2016 - Harold & Pam Stitzel Wallowa, OR

2017 - Sondra Lozier Enterprise, OR

2018 – Belinda Kuntz Enterprise, OR

2019 – Jay Connolly ~ Enterprise, OR

2022 – Chris & Christina Lozier Enterprise, OR

2023 – Harry & Ginger Daggett Enterprise, OR



# HELLS CANYON MULE DAYS

## Dutch Oven Cook Off



The cooking starts Sunday morning at 9:00 am with this year's cook-off featuring a format, in which teams can enter one or two dishes, main dishes and/or desserts, which are judged individually for each category.

A panel of celebrity judges will use International Dutch Oven Society (IDOS) guidelines to determine the Hells Canyon Mule Days Dutch Oven Cook-Off winners. There will be first and second place awards of \$100.00 and \$75.00 in both the Adult and Youth category, along with a special gift for the People's Choice winner. The People's Choice packet entitles samples of each team's dishes, and to cast a vote for the best dish in each category. People's Choice packets are limited and may be purchased



2022 Cook-Off Teams presenting their special dishes to be judged.

during the Dutch Oven Cook-Off.

This is a great event for spectators to watch the cook-off teams work their cooking magic, and the public is invited to visit with the team members during the cook-off.

The goal of this event is to have fun, demonstrate Dutch oven cooking skills, and introduce the public to the joys of Dutch oven cooking. There is lots to learn from these seasoned cooks and they enjoy sharing most all their secrets for true success of cooking in a Black Pot.

This competition is a fun event and geared for the novice or backyard enthusiast that enjoys Dutch oven cooking and having a great time with other like minds.

The public is encouraged to join in on the fun and food prepared by competing teams cooking up a variety of dishes in the classic Dutch oven... traditional cast-iron, lidded pots with three legs that use coals or briquettes to cook the food. Everything from stews and roasted meats to bread and cake can be made in a Dutch oven.

Last year winners of the Peoples Choice Award was Eagle Valley Dutch Oven Mamas – Navjo Stew. Winners of the Main Dish Entries: 1st Place – Caldwell Country Cookers – Baja Pizza, 2nd Place – Dutch Oven Deb and Her Dude – Chicken Fajitas

Winners of the Dessert Entries:



Good food and great fun enjoyed by everyone.

1st Place – Dutch Oven Deb and Her Dude – Apple Fritter Cake, 2nd Place – Caldwell Country Cookers – Almond Joy Cheesecake

Prize - \$100 for first, \$75 for second in each category

Also, be sure to buy some raffle tickets for the "Let's Get to Cooking", valued at over \$450.00, and includes everything for the start-up Dutch oven cook! Sponsored by Camp Chef and Hells Canyon Mule Days. And you don't have to be present to win. Come join the fun...

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# Hells Canyon Mule Days Cowboy Church Soul Renovation



First formed in 1992, Soul Renovation is a Christian band from Wallowa County that will open the Cowboy Church service on Sunday morning. Pictured left to right is Jay Connolly, Janice Garrett, Gary Moffit, and Terri Moffit.

In 1992, 31 years ago, five people from Wallowa County joined forces to pool their talents and common Christian beliefs to form a band named Soul Renovation that, through the years, has lost and added new members and, at no charge, has performed concerts in locales as distant as Portland. Two members from the original five – Jay Connolly (lead guitar and vocals) and Janice Garrett (keyboard and vocals) with Gary Moffit (guitar and vocals) who joined the group in 2002, and later, Gary's wife, Terri (bass guitar) joined to complete the foursome. Although a handful of drummers have performed through the years with Soul Renovation, that spot today is filled by

an electronic drummer the band's human members call "Alice."

Soul Renovation primarily plays contemporary and country Christian music with touches of blues, old-time hymns, and gospel added to the mix. The group have been friends for many years, but, they call themselves, family...

Jeff Barnhart will conduct the short morning church service and says he is not a pasture, but, likes to read and share God's word. Plan to start your Sunday morning with attending the Cowboy Church at 7:30 am at the stage on The Green. Everyone is welcome...

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# HELLS CANYON MULE DAYS

## CLASS SCHEDULE - 2023

SHOW ANNOUNCER - TONY YOST • OFFICIAL SHOW JUDGE – ANGIE TURNER

### • Friday Schedule – Starting at 8:00 am •

1-P Parade Entry Sat. line-up 11:00am N. side of track  
2-M Mule Foals of 2023  
3-M Mule Yearlings  
4-M Mules - 2 Years  
5-M Mules - 3 Years  
6-M Aged Saddle Mules - 4 Years & Older (John Mules)  
7-M Aged Saddle Mules - 4 Years & Older (Molly Mules)  
8-M Aged Pack Mules - 4 Years & Older  
9-M Grand Champion Mule  
10-M Showmanship - 18 & Older  
11-M Showmanship - 14 - 17  
12-M Showmanship - 13 & Younger  
13-M Grand Champion Showmanship  
14-M Pleasure Driving Mules - Team - 18 & Older  
15-M Pleasure Driving Mules - Team - 17 & Younger  
16-M Obstacle Driving Mules - Team - 18 & Older (carts)  
17-M Obstacle Driving Mules - Team - 17 & Younger (carts)  
18-M Obstacle Driving Mule - Team - 18 & Older - Wagons  
19-M Obstacle Driving Mule - Team - 17 & Younger Wagons  
20-M Heart Race Driving -Team - 18 & Older (carts)  
21-M Heart Race Driving - Team - 17 & Younger (carts)  
22-M Heart Race Driving - Team - 18 & Older (wagons)  
23-M Heart Race Driving - Team - 17 & Younger (wagons)  
24-M Driving Speedball - Team - Open  
25-M Four Barrel Race - Mules- Team - Open  
26-M Pleasure Driving - Single - 18 & Older  
27-M Pleasure Driving - Single - 17 & Younger  
28-M Obstacle Driving - Single - 18 & Older  
29-M Obstacle Driving - Single - 17 & Younger  
30-M Driving Pole Bending - Single - Open  
31-M Heart Race Driving - Single - Open  
32-M Driving Speedball - Single - Open  
33-M Four Barrel Race - Single - Open  
34-M Log Pull -Single - 18 & Older  
35-M Log Pull - Single - 17 & Younger  
36-M Log Pull - Team - 18 & Older  
37-M Log Pull - Team - 17 & Younger

### Timed Trail Class – Main Arena – 2:30 pm

38-M Timed Trail Class - 18 & Older  
39-M Timed Trail Class - 14 to 17  
40-M Timed Trail Class - 13 & Younger  
41-M Reining - 18 & Older  
42-M Reining - 17 & Younger

Max Walker Memorial Cowboy Poetry and Western  
Entertainment Gathering

Friday 7:00 pm - OK Theatre, 208 W. Main St., Enterprise  
\$10.00 – Adults • \$5.00 – Kids (12 yrs. and younger)

### Saturday Schedule – Starting at 8:00 am

43-M Team Sorting - Three (3) riders per team  
44-M Team Penning - Three (3) riders per team

### 9:00 AM – Mule Clinic • Dennis Brennan Warm Up Arena-Free

• Parade Line Up 11:00 am – North side of track across  
from Les Schwab •

### • Stick Mule Race and Boot Scramble - 12:45 pm Arena •

SK 47 Stick Mule Race (4 - 9 Years – Spectator Kids only)  
SK 48 Boot Scramble (4 - 9 Years – Spectator Kids only)

### 1:00 PM - Hells Canyon Mule Days Grand Entry and Show Grand Entry Is Open To All Contestants

45-M Pleasure Driving Mules - 4 UP - Open  
46-M Fast Ass Express - Three (3) riders per team  
47-M Obstacle Driving Mules - 4 Up - Open  
48-M Speedball - 18 & Older  
49-M Speedball - 17 & Younger  
50-M Jump-Off Challenge - \$200 Jackpot  
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51-M Pole Bending - 18 & Older  
52-M Pole Bending - 14 - 17 Years  
53-M Pole Bending - 13 & Younger  
54-M Red Neck Golf - 18 & Older  
55-M Red Neck Golf - 14 to 17  
56-M Red Neck Golf - 13 & Younger  
57-M Barrel Racing - 18 & Older  
58-M Barrel Racing - 14-17  
59-M Barrel Racing - 13 & Younger

### 5:00 PM Pit B-B-Q Dinner

### On the Green by the Chuckwagon

Pit B-B-Q Pork, Cowtown Coleslaw, Buckaroo Beans,  
Yeller Corn, & Warm Rolls

### Coffee – Lemonade – Bottled Water

Advance tickets - \$12.00 • \$15.00 at Dinner – Adults •  
\$5.00 – Children Eight and Younger

### 6:00 PM Private Treaty Mule Sale • On Track

- Sale is between buyer and seller

### 7:00 PM Country Music Concert • OK Theatre,

208 W. Main St., Enterprise

Featuring Dave Stamey - The Charlie Russell of Western  
Music Opening - Andy Bales

\$25.00 – Advance • \$30.00 – Door  
Cowboy Church -7:30 AM Main Stage  
Service - Jeff Barnhart - Music by Soul Renovation

### Sunday Schedule – Starting at 9:00 am •

60-M Western Pleasure - Green Mule  
61-M Western Pleasure - 18 & Older  
62-M Western Pleasure - 14 – 17 Years  
63-M Western Pleasure - 13 & Younger  
64-M Ranch Riding - 18 & Older  
65-M Ranch Riding - 14 – 17 Older  
66-M Ranch Riding - 13 & Younger  
67-M Key Hole Race - 18 & Older  
68-M Key Hole Race - 14 - 17 Years  
69-M Key Hole Race - 13 & Younger

### Trail Class - On Track - 9:00 am •

70-M Trail Class M- Mule 18 & Older  
71-M Trail Class - Mule 14-17 Years  
72-M Trail Class - Mule 13 & Younger  
73-M Trail Class - Green Mule - Open  
74-M Trail Class - Lead Line - In Hand  
75-M Trail Class - Lead Line - Pee Wee  
76-M Steer Daubing - Open  
77-M Team Branding - Three (3) riders per tteam  
78-M English Pleasure - Green Mule  
79-M English Pleasure - (18 & Older)  
80-M English Pleasure - (17 & Younger)  
81-M Redneck Fishing - 18 & Older (On Track)

### 10:00 AM Mule Clinic • Warm Up Arena - Free

82-M Pee Wee Lead Line (On Track)  
80-M Egg & Spoon Race - 18 & Older  
81-M` Egg & Spoon Race - 14-17  
82-M Egg & Spoon Race - 13 & Younger  
83-M Redneck Fishing - 14-17 (On Track)  
84-M Barnyard Jumping - Open  
85-M Redneck Fishing - 13 & Younger (On Track)

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3:30 pm – Awards presentation: Thank you for being part  
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# 2023 4-H Court



**The members of the 2023-2024 Wallowa County 4-H Court are from left to right: Savanna Rynerson, Ella Hillock, Elli Bates, and Linden Arentsen.**

Their selection was announced at the awards program for the Wallowa County Fair.

Savanna Rynerson is the daughter of Donnie and Kayla Rynerson, and entering 9th grade, at Enterprise High School. Ella Hillock is the daughter of Hannah Hillock and Jared and Hailie Hillock, and will be an 8th grader at Enterprise Junior High. Elli Bates is the daughter of David and Bobbie Bates and will be in 8th grade at Silvies Charter School. And Linden Arentsen makes up

the foursome, and her parents are Paul and Penny Arentsen, and Linden will be entering 8th grade at Joseph Charter School.

The girls will spend this coming year promoting 4-H across the county, acting as emcees for awards programs, and working with community organizations as the official representatives of the Wallowa County 4-H program. At the Hells Canyon Mule Days event, they will be in the downtown parade on Saturday noon handing out balloons to youngsters, and they will help serve at the Pit B-B-Q Scholarship Dinner Saturday evening. They will also be selling “Mule Chip Lottery” tickets to help support the Max Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund. Make sure to buy your lucky number space from them on Saturday for a chance to win \$250.00.

The HCMD show committee thanks the 4-H Court for giving their energy and support to the Mule Days event, and wishes them a great year with all their 4-H activities and projects!

For more information about the 4-H program contact Debi Warnock at 541-426-3143.

## Welcome back.... Dave Stamey at the OK Theatre

Cowboys and Indians Magazine has called him “the Charlie Russell of Western Music.” Western Horseman Magazine has declared his “Vaquero Song” to be one of the greatest Western songs of all time. True West Magazine named him Best Living Western Solo Musician four years in a row.

Dave Stamey has been a cowboy, a mule packer, a dude wrangler, and is now one of the most popular Western entertainers working today. He has been voted seven times Entertainer of the Year, seven times Male Performer of the Year and Five times Songwriter of the Year by the Western Music Association, and received the Will Rogers Award from the Academy of Western Artists. He’s delighted audiences in twenty three states, and finds that he prefers this to being stomped by angry horses. In November of 2016 Dave was inducted into the Western

Music Hall of Fame.

You don’t want to miss this live concert at the historic OK Theatre in downtown Enterprise!

Sponsored by Hells Canyon Mule Days and the OK Theatre.

Show Opening – Andy Bales

Doors open at 6:00 pm – Concert 7:00 pm

**Admission:** Pre Event \$25.00 At the Door: \$30.00

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For questions or more information: Sondra – 541-426-3271 or 541-263-0104

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The Walker Family  
Wallowa County Grain Growers

# Hells Canyon Mule Days Max Walker Memorial Scholarship Winners

The Hells Canyon Mule Days Board of Directors being focused on supporting the youth of our County are pleased to award three \$1000.00 scholarships to three Wallowa County high school seniors attending college in 2023-2024.

The scholarship committee is pleased to award the 2023 scholarships to Eva Marie Anderson, daughter of Zane and Jessica Anderson, graduated from Enterprise High School and she is attending Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Oregon, to pursue a degree for Elementary Education. Mason McDowell, son of Matt and Amber McDowell, graduated from Enterprise High School and he will be attending Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Oregon, and will study for a degree in Accounting. Jordyn Stonebrink, daughter of Melvin and Dena Stonebrink, graduated from Enterprise High School and will also be attending Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Oregon, to study creative writing.

Once again there was a strong field of applicants and each one was very deserving. The committee was impressed by the diverse goals of Eva, Mason, and Jordyn, and their character evaluation references, career choices and leadership qualities.

The HCMD Board of Directors congratulates each student and wishes them a successful and enjoyable future as they pursue their college education.

The Max Walker Memorial Scholarship program was conceived in 2005 to honor the late Max Walker, one of the founding members and ongoing supporters for the Mule Days event. To date, Hells Canyon Mule Days has awarded a total of \$53,000.00 to Wallowa County students to help further their academic goals. The scholarships are funded in part by the Max Walker family, and sponsors John and Glenzie Martin, the family of Lee Manes, Vemco, and Wallowa County Grain Growers, for the HCMD Max Walker Memorial Cowboy Poetry Gathering which helps fund the annual scholarships.

*HCMD has awarded a  
total of \$53,000.00 to Wallowa  
County students...*



Left - Eva Anderson  
Middle - Jordyn Stonebrink  
Right - Mason McDowell



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# Hells Canyon Mule Days Max Walker Memorial Cowboy Gathering

Local and visiting cowboy poets and musicians are on the line-up for the Hells Canyon Mule Days Max Walker Memorial Cowboy Gathering on Friday night, September 8th, starting at 7:00 pm at the historic OK Theatre in downtown Enterprise,

Emcee, Andy Bales, will head up the evening's entertainment line-up with his unique cowboy-flavored music and poetry. Andy was blessed to be born in Wallowa County, Oregon, and to be raised in the ranching communities of Joseph, Oregon, and Salmon, Idaho. He started playing the guitar at age nine with Old Time Fiddlers Association and have been wrecking musical havoc ever since. He always had a liking for the older traditional western music with Marty Robbins, Johnny Cash, and Sons of the Pioneers as major influences. He spent time working on smaller ranches growing up and can familiarize with a lot of the song material. He is a lover of mountains, music, and western history and culture. He enjoys riding and packing into the backcountry with stock and tries to do so as much as possible. He is enjoying retirement in Salmon, Idaho, with his wife, Debbie, and their equine packing partners.

You can sit and listen to cowboy tales and also enjoy some toe-tapping traditional cowboy tunes. The evening line-up of poets and musician include, Panhandle Cow-

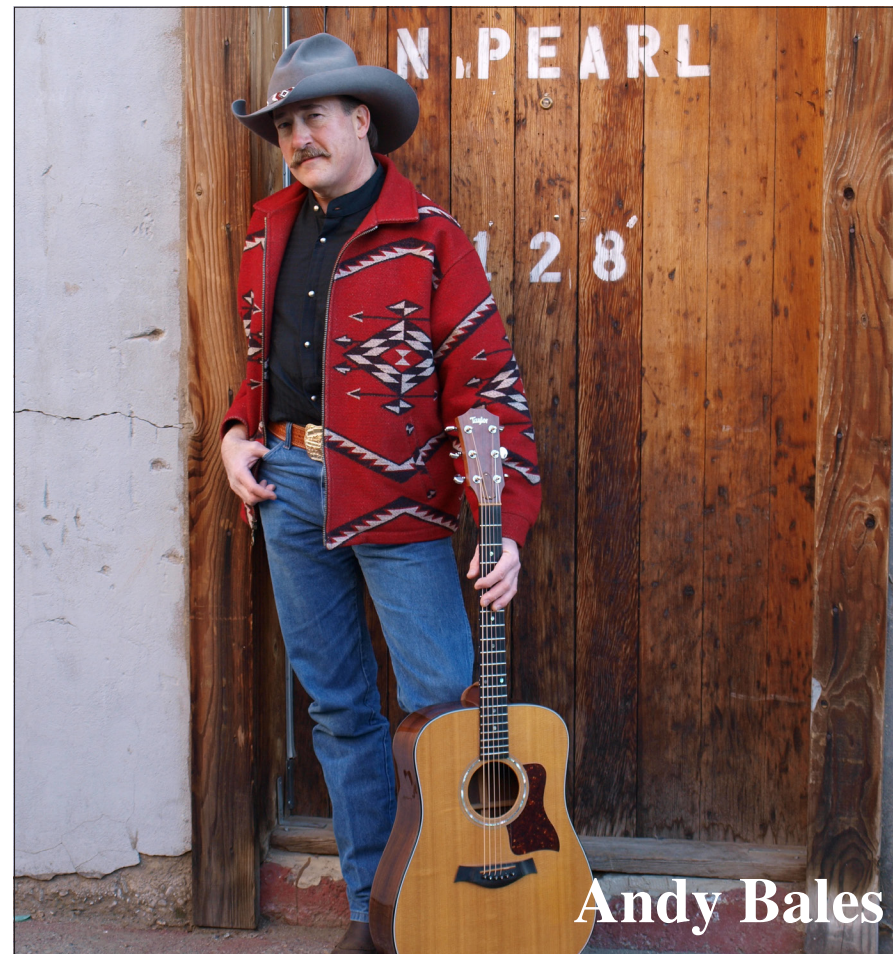
boys, J B Barber and Dave Fulfs; Lonnie Shurtleff, the Electric Cowboy; Roger McGee, Wind Dancer Flutes, (Native Flutes);

musician

John Grant, vocals & guitar; and cowboy poet John Silvera... The Gathering is guaranteed to be an evening that is fun for the whole family.

Admission charged for attending the Cowboy Poetry Gathering is a \$10.00 donation for adults and \$5.00 for youth, 12 years and younger. The admission funds support the Max Walker Memorial Scholarships and contribute to Wallowa County student's higher education. Please note, that all the entertainers contribute and support the scholarship fund by donating their time and many talents for the success of the Cowboy Gathering. Please be sure to thank them and support them by buying and enjoying their CD's that will be available in the lobby of the OK. So, plan to join your friends and neighbors and enjoy some great traditional cowboy music and western poetry from some of the best entertainers from near and far...

The Max Walker Memorial Fund was established in 2005 by Hells Canyon Mule Days, Inc. in the memory and honor of the late Max Walker. Max was one of the founding fathers of the Mule Days event and the driving force of this annual event for twenty years.



Andy Bales



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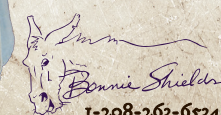
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