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Let The Games, Good Times And Family Fun Begin 31st Annual Mule Days!

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Hells Canyon Mule Days will be celebrating Mules and Muleskinners on the weekend after Labor Day, September 9th, 10th, 11th. From its humble beginnings in 1981 it has progressed steadily and is the fastest growing Mule Show in the Northwest. This annual event draws mule and donkey owners, and spectators intrigued by this long-eared equine, from all over the West. In 2010 Hells Canyon Mule Days was selected, for the fifth consecutive year, by *American Cowboy Magazine* as one of the 101 Great Western Events. Also, in part of this historical event, in 2008 First Lady Laura Bush awarded the city of Enterprise a Preserve American Community Award.

This years 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 9:00 am on Friday with a line up of driving classes including singles and teams. The afternoon events include the Trail Class from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the warm-up arena and Team Roping. Highlights of the weekend events include the Western Mule Magazine Classic Jump Off Challenge which is always a crowd pleaser, and fast action events include pole bending, barrel racing, mule races, 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 from Sandpoint, Idaho, is the *Featured Artist* at this year's show. Shields is well known and her talents include drawing, painting, and sculpture. In 2005 Shields designed the Hells Canyon Mule Days signature logo. 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

Old World Oxen Living History Company will set up camp. A rare, 1800's female bullwhacker "Pulls the past into your presence" with gentle 6' oxen, freighter's wagon and artifacts. Bullwhackin Kass AKA Sheryl Curtis, sets a camp that takes school kids 150 years back in time and hands-on experiences are lifted off the pages of an 1853 Journal. Bullwhackin Kass is sponsored by the Wallowa County Soroptimist Club.



The Hells Canyon Mule Days Quilt Show will be in the Cloverleaf Hall. There will be over one hundred quilts displayed for the three day event. The Trunk Show of Wallowa County Ranch Women has been expanded this year and will highlight five of these remarkable ladies. The Merchants Mall will represent quilt shops with all those “must have-can’t resist” items. Daily Quilt Show admission: \$3.00 - Weekend return privileges...

The Max Walker Memorial Cowboy Poetry Gathering will be Friday evening starting at 6:00 pm in the show barn. You can sit and enjoy some cowboy yarns and be entertained by some good ole’ traditional country music. Saturday events not to be missed, include the non-motorized parade with this year’s Grand Marshal leading the precession of riders, teams, pack-strings, local horse clubs, and former Grand Marshals. During the Jim Probert Pit B-B-Q dinner there will be western music to entertain the guest. The Mule and Horse Sale will start at 6:00 pm. The sale is managed by Intermountain Livestock, Inc.. For sale information call 800-824-5298. This is a fun event to attend and good deals are sure to be made!

The IDOS Dutch Oven Cook-Off is scheduled on Sunday from (9:00 am till 3:00 pm) with some great local and visiting teams working their culinary magic and the public is invited to visit team members and learn more about traditional pioneer cooking. So, all you good camp cooks come join the fun...

Daily Show admission: \$10.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for Seniors (60 & older) \$2.00 for Kids (7 thru 12 years) and Kids, 6 years and younger are free when accompanied by an adult. Your HCMD Souvenir Admission Button has return weekend privileges... Buy it on Friday and get three days for the price of one!

Be sure to make HCMD part of your summer plans and come celebrate with us a Wallowa County Tradition of Mules and Muleskinners. FMI contact Sondra Lozier, 541-426-3271, cell 541-263-0104, toll free 888-323-3271.

Hells Canyon Mule Days – Always the weekend after Labor Day • Rated E - For Everyone • Handicap Accessible • Covered Seating • Free Parking

Visit us: <http://www.hellscanyonmuledays.com> www.hellscanyonmuledays.com • Join us on facebook



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Community Calendar

THE CHAMBER’S COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY CALENDAR & FACEBOOK PAGE

Do you want YOUR special event or news made available to the public?

The Chamber started a community calendar a few years ago, big success! Now we are providing a facebook page for use of community events and information. The more local information we receive; the more useful both the community Facebook page will become for everyone. Consider the benefits of one countywide Facebook page. If you aren’t ready to hassle with your own Facebook page or you want to double up on the impact of your social media program, check it out! Easy access for your convenience and review:

Visit www.wallowacountychamber.com, on left side of home page click on the community calendar or the Facebook icon



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Telephone Directory	57
Internet & Letters	160
Conference/Reunion/wed	1
Other Chambers	28

Wallowa County Visitor Report for July				
Info. Requests	July 2011	June 2011	YTD	July 2010
Walk-In’s Visitors/Business	541	530	2742	735
Visitor Packets Sent	54	47	1534	49
Incoming phone/email contacts	653	646	4008	822
Relocation packets	0	2	13	3
Total Contacts	1,248	1225	8297	1,409
Website Visits (not hits)	23,379	14,057	101,307	14,296
Member Referrals Made	1,975	2,228	9,739	1,890
JOSEPH BOOTH	2569	1,715	4284	2,874

WALLOWA COUNTY FAIR

Schedule of Selected Events

Sat. Aug. 6 4-H Dog Show 9 am

Sun. - Tues., Aug. 7-9 4-H Horse Show*
1:30 pm Sun.; 8 am Mon.-Tues.

Mon. Aug. 8 4-H Exhibits to Cloverleaf
Open Class Non-Perishable to Cloverleaf

Tues. Aug. 9 Open Class Perishables to
Cloverleaf

Wed.-Sat., Aug. 10-13 Cloverleaf Hall
Opens 10 am until 7 pm

Wed. Aug. 10 4-H/FFA Livestock Entries 2-6 pm

Thurs.-Fri., Aug. 11-12 4-H/FFA
Livestock Show* 9 am
*Grand Champion Classes at 7 pm

Food Booth Open Daily

Special Events

Thursday, Aug. 11
Grange Pie, Ice Cream & Entertainment 1 pm

Friday, Aug. 12
Pee Wee Showmanship 5 pm
Live Music by Matt Harshman
5:30-7 pm

Saturday, Aug. 13
Joseph FFA Junior Rodeo 9 am
Wool & Fiber Show 11 am - 4 pm
4-H/FFA Livestock Sale 6 pm

“Critters, Crafts and Cowboy Hats”

For a full schedule go to
extension.oregonstate.edu/wallowa
or call 541-426-4097



4-H Hogs

FFA Lambs

Prize Winning
Food

Welcome 2011 businesses to Wallowa County!

New businesses, Link Up! Wallowa County— Be sure to tell us about the new businesses in your community.

The chamber is happy to greet new businesses in the county and give a welcome gift to say thank you for doing business in Wallowa County!

Just give us a call at the Chamber (541) 426-4622 or Contact Doris Woempner, (541) 432-3631. We thank you for caring.



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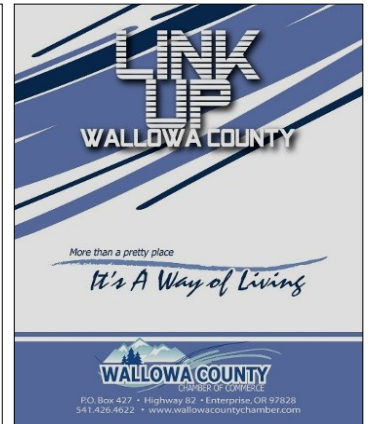


Welcome Lathrop Country Wines Owned by Scott & Ruby Lathrop

Invite you to enjoy a taste of their natural country wines made in the style of American European Settlers.

Tasting room located —
9 B South Main Street, in Joseph, Oregon.

(541) 377-0644



WC Chamber Youth Ambassadors Chief Joseph Days Parade

A special thank you to the Stangel Family for their participation with the Chamber of Commerce!
Restored 1937 Convertible Sedan Cord



Who are these adorable ambassadors?

Laci Jo Gray, age 6 years
Parents: James & Tasha Gray of Enterprise
(James is currently serving in Iraq)

Saxton Barton, age 6 years
Parent: Rikki Barton

Accompanied by:
WCC President Doris Woempner

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Wallowa County Fairgrounds

Why Do We Volunteer Our Time?

Families, neighbors and friends volunteering their time and resources is a way of life in Wallowa County. This is the chamber's tag line "It's a way of living!" There are few people living here that do not give of themselves in a most generous manner. There may be as many reasons for why people are so devoted and give of themselves so selflessly, as there are reasons for why they live in this great county. The number one reason is the love people feel for this beautiful "land" and the pride that is felt in each community.

If you doubt this idea all you need to do is visit the fairgrounds. The work accomplished by a group of volunteers is inspiring. This summer, volunteers are replacing old boards and painting the beef barns, repairing the water system, and fixing the arena. The long range plan is to paint the ramshackle grandstand that was built in the 1920s and has gone unpainted for nearly 20 years. All of these projects can get done with the help of neighbors and friends. What has been accomplished is testimony as to what can be done.

If you read this article and find that you are unable to help paint and nail boards, that is ok! There is another way you can give—financial donations. The immediate need to complete the work on the beef barns is to pay for the steel panels for each stall. Each panel costs \$120.

The chamber is donating \$240 for two panels. A challenge is sent to our membership—buy a panel. Be a part of this incredible project. Visit the fairgrounds! You will feel pride when you see the work being accomplished.

In the final analysis I think it is summed up best in this axiom:

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Anyone who would like to contribute to the Wallowa County fairground beef and horse stalls project may send a donation payable to Wallowa County Fairgrounds C/O Wallowa County Board of Commissioners, 101 South River Street, Room 202, Enterprise, OR 97828.

For more information contact project chairman Charlie Warnock at 541-577-0501 or Mike Hayward at 541-426-7732.

AUGUST & SEPT. WALLOWA COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET

Joseph Farmers' Market

Saturday, 10am - 2pm, Downtown Main Street

August 6 Sara Miller: local meat.
August 20 **NO MARKET.**
Sept. 3 Ann Bloom: cooking with kids.
Sept. 10 Lynne Sampson Curry, salsa making and canning
Sept. 17 Art at the market, salsa tasting
Canning & preserving demonstrations.
Sept. 24 Linda Koloski: blackberry jam.
Oct. 1 Erin Donovan: fall vegetable bakes and sautés.

*The Joseph Farmer's Market is scheduled to close for the season October 1st.

Enterprise Farmers' Market

Thursday, 4pm - 7pm, WC Courthouse

Courthouse Concert Series:

Aug. 4 Music: Miss Shirley's Buckleshiners.
Aug. 11 Music: Mos'ly Blues Band.
Aug. 18 Music: Tim Fast.
Aug. 25 Music: Larry Murante.
Sept. 15 Tomato Tasting/Art at the Market
***4:00pm** Community farmers market with locally grown produce, arts, & crafts

*The Enterprise Farmer's Market Courthouse Concert Series is scheduled to end September 15th.



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Coming up Fast!

Bronze, Blues & Brews
Saturday, August 13, 2011

Bronze Bike Motorcycle Rendezvous
Friday through Sunday, August 19-21, 2011

Maxville Gathering, August 20, 2011

Fairground News

Be sure to get this year's Fair on your calendar,
Wallowa County Fair, August 6th—13th...

Beef and horse stalls upgraded...

Work is under way by local volunteers to upgrade the beef and horse stalls. May 15th was the first work day and all the old wooden stall panels and mangers were removed. The footing in the stalls will be improved and steel panels will be hung.

Hells Canyon Mule Days directors were first to contribute to the cause by donating \$1,200 towards the purchase of ten panels. The 4-H Horse Leaders have also donated to purchase panels for one full barn. Other businesses and individuals have stepped forward to contribute to this *much needed* project. Names of those who contribute toward the stall panels project, will be listed on a sponsorship plaque and displayed on the stall barns.

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Price per steel panel is \$120; donations of larger or smaller amounts are welcomed.

For more information contact project chairman Charlie Warnock at 541-577-0501 or Mike Hayward at 541-426-7732. Thank you for supporting the fairgrounds.

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