

# EVENT: Mule Days starts this weekend

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• All three days, the Old World Oxen Living History Company camp — 1800s female bullwhacker “Bullwhackin’ Kass (AKA Sheryl Curtis) will have her two oxen (6 foot at the shoulder), freighter’s wagon and artifacts of the age available for hands-on experiences for young and old alike.

• All three days, the First Annual Vintiques Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., which will feature antiques, vintage, mid-century, up-cycling and

re-imagining items for home, wardrobe or yard and garden. There is an additional \$3 charge for that show in Cloverleaf Hall.

• Friday evening, the Max Walker Memorial Cowboy Poetry Gathering. This event is regularly standing-room-only, so arrive early. Cowboy poetry is famous for “flavor” and good laughs, so if you are a “laugh till tears stream out of your eyes” kind of person (or a “snort soda out your nose” kind), bring a hanky. The event begins Friday night at 6 p.m. in the indoor arena. It’s free, but a

\$5 donation to the Max Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund would be nice.

• Friday and Saturday events: Everything from the Classic Jump-Off Challenge to Team Roping to Log Pulls to the Fat Ass Express to the hilarious Packer’s Scramble with green mules to be packed.

• Saturday Parade, beginning at 11 a.m. at the fairgrounds and circling through downtown Enterprise and back. This is a top photo opportunity for mule fans.

The parade Grand Marshals this year are Dennis and

Peggy Brennan, long-term Mule Days supporters and fourth-generation Wallowa Countians. Among his many claims to fame, Dennis was the last person to win the Journeyman Farrier competition at Mule Days — a competition wherein a fellow had 15 seconds to look at a hoof and then forge a shoe to fit it.

The Brennans have two mules, Moses and Ben. Peggy Brennan, who is just as “famous” as Dennis, rides for five different ranchers in the area and rotates between the mules and her good horse,

Nick. They join a storied list of Mule Days Royalty as Grand Marshals.

• Saturday at 12:30 after the parade: The Kids’ Stick Mule and Boot Scramble races. Kids 4 to 9 years of age compete to win a blue ribbon and special awards.

• Saturday evening: Finger-lickin’ eats and some good country music are available at the Max Walker Memorial Scholarship Pit BBQ Dinner at 5 p.m. (\$10). Then, it’s over to the arena for the annual Mule Sale at 6 p.m. A well-trained mule can go for upwards of

\$5,000. Will this be a record year?

• Sunday 9 a.m. to noon: It’s a slow event to watch, but the finish is spectacular. It’s the Dutch Oven Cook-off and if you buy a People’s Choice packet at the event, you will get to sample all the dishes and vote on the best dish in each category.

A full list of events, charges and more can be seen at [www.hellscanyonmuledays.com/](http://www.hellscanyonmuledays.com/)

Mules and horses for sale can be seen at [www.facebook.com/pages/Hells-Canyon-Mule-Days/141112359283266](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hells-Canyon-Mule-Days/141112359283266)

## GOSS: Former county resident to play piano rock show at OK Theatre

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Venues vary depending on the time of year. “Summertime is full of fairs, and they’re multi-day deals, which keeps me real busy. I’m playing fairs in Yakima, Washington and even as far away as Fresno, California. The only danger is getting burnout, but I keep my mind set against that,” he said.

Winter gigs include American Legion, Eagles Lodges and performing arts centers and rural theaters. “Rural theaters pay super good and they dig up guys like me without a record label. You may not draw people on your own, but people will come to see whatever is there,” Goss said.

The piano man promises a rock n roll extravaganza, playing a history of the music from Jerry Lee Lewis to The Eagles and Prince. “I don’t have a lot of original material because I’ve been so busy working, when I get home, I don’t feel like picking up the guitar and forcing out original material,” he said. Goss hopes to take time off from perform-

ing this spring and work on original material.

Goss’ band consists of a drummer, bass player, lead guitar player and himself, and Goss is excited to let his audience see what he has to offer. “I know I can put on a hell of a live show if the audience is into it,” Goss said.

Goss’ show starts at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at Wallowa Food City, Dollar Stretcher, Lear’s and ticketsWest.com.

## FOUSTE: Tracking device removed

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Perkinson added that Fouste said Community Corrections Officer Kyle Hacker was amenable to the device removal. Frolander confirmed Hacker’s statement, but added the state objected because of Fouste’s new travel requests.

Perkinson added, the GPS device cost Fouste money and infringing on his dignity.

Fouste’s alleged victim appeared, tearfully requesting West to either drop Fouste’s no-contact order that was part of Fouste’s initial release agreement, or at least allow phone contact between the

two. She added that she needed Fouste’s help with property repairs and contact would help her supply Fouste’s food and toiletry needs. “I’m hoping this comes to an end soon, and we can get back together

as a family,” she said.

Frolander objected to dropping the no-contact agreement, citing the alleged use of firearms in the initial incident and the alleged victim’s statement she would never again

call the police.

In West’s ruling, the no-contact order remained in place, but West allowed the removal of the tracking device, calling it “onerous and expensive” to Fouste.

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