

‘Yokels’ take the stage



Brian Oliver and John Raines shared guitar duties during Thursday night’s performance of the Local Yokels as part of the summer music series on the courthouse lawn sponsored by Wallowa Valley Music Alliance. Although the quintet has jammed together on many occasions, this was their first public performance. This Thursday is the last concert of the series featuring Rain City Ramblers, a bluegrass and country trio from Seattle. Concerts begin 5:30 p.m.

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Left, Laura Skovlin performed with the Local Yokel Band at Thursday’s night’s concert at the Gazebo on the lawn of Wallowa County Courthouse in Enterprise. Skovlin is well-known in the area for her prowess on the banjo. Right, Rich Shirley performed on the upright bass during the first public appearing of the Local Yokels Thursday evening on the Wallowa County Courthouse lawn. Shirley and his fellow musicians played a variety of music for the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance summer concert series, which concludes Aug. 31.



Fishtrap to host talk on art, risks

Fishtrap and Oregon Humanities will present a special interactive event with educator and spoken word artist Jason Graham, aka MOSley WOtta, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.

The audience will engage in a discussion about creativity, expression and how artists must take risks.

Fishtrap is at 400 E Grant St., Enterprise. Admission is free.

What do we risk when we lay ourselves open through music, painting or any other art form?

What might we give up and what might we gain when we set out to craft something beautiful or provocative or simply expressive that the world did not previously hold?

Given today’s artistic economy, to what extent is exposure — to other people and of the creative self — desirable?

This is the focus of “What We Risk: Creativity, Vulnerability and Art,” a free conversation.

Graham is a Chicago-born, Oregon-based artist and educator. He is a former slam poetry champion for the state of Oregon and is currently an art ambassador for Rise Up International in association with the U.S. Department of State.

Graham has been featured multiple times as a TEDx speaker and performer. Most recently, he worked as a journalist in Nauru, a tiny island country in Micronesia.



Graham

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Friday - September 8

9:00 am Gates Open

Mule Show – Full day of competition

Exhibitors, Vendors & Western Gear Show - The Green and Quonset Building

6:00 pm Max Walker Memorial Scholarship Cowboy Poetry Gathering
**Indoor Arena - Admission is free but \$5.00 donation suggested*

Saturday - September 9

8:00 am Gates Open

Mule Show – Full day of competition

Exhibitors, Vendors & Western Gear Show - The Green and Quonset Building

9:00 am Matt Fournier Mule Clinic - Warm Up Arena

11:00 am Non-Motorized Parade - Downtown Enterprise

12:45 pm Spectator Kids Events - Stick Mule Race & Boat Scramble 4-9 yrs

1:00 pm Grand Entry & Mule Show - Main Arena

5:30 pm Pit B-B-Q Dinner - \$10.00 On the Green & Quonset Building (Scholarship Fundraiser)

6:00 pm Private Treaty Mule Sale - Indoor Arena

7:00 pm Andy Bales Popular Country Singer and Poet

Cloverleaf Hall - Showtime 7:00 pm • Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$10 Advance - \$15 at Door - Children (12 & Under) \$5
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Sunday - September 10

8:00 am Gates Open

Mule Show – Full day of competition

9:00 am Exhibitors, Vendors & Western Gear Show - The Green and Quonset Building

9:00 - Noon Dutch Oven Cook-Off

Two member teams, one pot cook-off - Main Dish and/or Dessert
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10:00 am Mule Clinic - Warm Up Arena

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