



Broncs and Bulls

New events, big bulls, the usual dose of mayhem

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Mountain High Broncs and Bulls Rodeo is back for its 15th run and it's going to be a corker. The Western States Ranch Rodeo Association sanctioned event is part of the 8 Seconds Whiskey Ranch Bronc Riding Tour. Six Oregon cowboys are in the top 30 rankings for bronc riding this year.

The rodeo, which follows Enterprise Summerfest June 23, swings open the stock gates for the first event, Mutton Busting, at 5 p.m. at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds.

Any youth either seven years and younger and 50 pounds or lighter is welcome to grab some wool and ride for glory (and a silver buckle). A record 33 kids signed up last year.

Sign-up for the event at the Wallowa County Grain Growers Feed Department, 911 South River Street.

Next up are the cowboys with top riders in the Ranch Rodeo Circuit swinging a leg over a bronc or strapping down on a bull for the most fun you can have in eight seconds. Organizers expect 36 to 52 riders this year. Entries are often last minute as cowboys juggle schedules.

This year, all the rough stock will be supplied by the business duo of Bonnie (Eckley) Rasmussen and Debbie Scott of Tri State

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They'll be bringing Marmaduke, the Bull, along for fans to admire and photograph. Marmaduke is a gentle giant until he gets in the chute. He is known for high-flying kicks over his head.

The most unpredictable ride in the rodeo is also back with the Wild Horse Race, where teams of three cowboys attempt to control, saddle and ride a wild horse after it bursts out of the chute.

It takes a committed fellow to sign up for the event whether he's the shankman (holding the lead rope), the mugger (trying to hold the horse by the halter) or the rider.

As of June 5, there were nine teams signed up.

And in a new twist, this year for the first time, there is a Wild Pony Race for youth approximately 12 years of age, organized by Wup Winn. Call Wup at 541-263-2968 to register.

Some lucky man or woman might win \$100 during the rodeo if they're crazy enough to try and get it "The Hard Way." Just get out in the arena and try to snatch a \$100 bill off the horns of a bull. Or maybe you fancy your chances at Bull Poker.

Wildhorse Resort and Casinos has once again supplied a prize package for some lucky rodeo fan. Enter when you buy a ticket to the rodeo and throw a stub of your ticket in the bucket.

Wallowa County's very own Mountain High Drill Team will perform as members carry the flags.

Barrel man George Kinter will entertain throughout the show, Lee Daggett is the volunteer



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Ray Baird of Midvale puts a new spin on "mountain high" on this big paint at the 2017 Mountain High Broncs and Bulls. Baird came in third with combined score on two rides of 148.

announcer and an army of volunteers helps produce the event.

The Rodeo wraps up with Steven K and the Bounty Hunters performing for the dance 9 p.m. Cloverleaf Hall. Tickets available

at the door.

Tickets to the rodeo are available at Video Buffs in Enterprise, J&S Automotive in Wallowa and Sports Corral in Joseph and at the gate, adults \$12; 7-12 \$6 and

those 6 and under are admitted free.

The rodeo event is scheduled after the Enterprise Summerfest concludes in downtown Enterprise.

Here's a cure for the runs

3 opportunities to compete and raise money for charity

Runners from across Wallowa County will have several opportunities to get out and test their mettle and help raise funds for worthy causes.

• A community 5k and 10k will be held 9 a.m. Saturday, June 23, to raise money for the American Diabetes Association.

Run-day registration will be open at 8 a.m. at the starting point, Enterprise City Park, Enterprise.

The event is coordinated by Cherie May, herself a diabetic.

"We want to do something for the 1 in 11 Americans who live with diabetes," said May, who is receiving support from her employer, Pioneer Guest Home in Joseph. "Every 23 seconds, someone new is diagnosed."

She was diagnosed in 2010 while she was attending college, and takes oral medications to fight the disease.

The run has been held for the past several years in September. This year, May was asked by the Enterprise Summerfest committee to combine the run with the activities of the day. Several hundred dollars have been raised each year.

Runners may register in teams or individually online at bit.ly/2HtkeMr. A suggested minimum pledge is \$25.



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Young and old enjoy the Lostine River Run each year, this year scheduled July 7.

Those who pledge \$35 will receive a t-shirt.

• The Lostine River Run July 7, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wallowa County, will begin with same-day registration at 7 a.m. at race central, the old Lostine School, 723 College St., Lostine.

The event, which raises funds for high school scholarships, has traditionally been held the last Saturday in June but was moved to accommodate scheduling. This is the 33rd year of the event.

Runners will enjoy a scenic course. Choose either a 5K or 10K that is mostly downhill as it follows the Lostine River from the starting point to Lostine or a flat 1 mile out-and-back.

Buses leave from the school for the starting point at 8:15 a.m. with race time at 9 a.m. T-shirts are available for \$12 in addition to the \$20 registration

for those who sign up by July 1.

Runners are broken into classes for both male and females in age groups under 13, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and up. Plaques are given to overall winners and top masters in the 5K and 10K runs. Medals and ribbons go to the top five finishers in each age group in each run and walk.

Visit eost.biz for details and to sign up.

• Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation has decided to join with Chief Joseph Days' Tough Enough to Wear Pink and their breast cancer awareness walk and fundraiser, Miles for Mammograms.

This event will replace the annual Amy Hafer Race for Awareness, which took place the fourth Saturday of June at Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

"The Foundation Board decided it made sense to partner with Chief Joseph Days on their event rather than hold two similar events less than four weeks apart," said Foundation Director Stacy Green. "The money raised goes to the same cause: free mammograms for local low-income women."

Miles for Mammograms is 9 a.m. July 26. The fun walk/run starts and finishes at Harley Tucker Memorial Arena one block west of Main Street in Joseph.

Registration includes a ticket to Thursday night's Tough Enough to Wear Pink rodeo performance.

Triple Six Golf Tourney is June 16

tee time

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Well, the first Wine Down Thursday was a dud. Who wants to golf after a mid-morning, all-afternoon thunder storm? Although evening weather calmed and skies cleared, earlier downpours and bouts of hail left the golf course pleasantly unplayable.

But, don't let the weather fool you. Wine-Down Thursday is planned for the rest of the summer. Hopefully the program will be as successful as last year. Come on down ladies.

There'll always be someone to golf with. Yummy sandwiches and your drink of choice await you in the clubhouse.

Onward: The Triple Six Golf Tournament is June 16. This is a 2-person team event with a fun format of six holes-scrabble, six holes-best ball, and six holes-Chapman. Although registration is past due, check with the clubhouse crew if you have a sudden desire to join in.

Win back your entry fee of \$65 by scoring low gross or net, and win \$50 with KP on 1/10 and 4/13.

Raffle: At the end of tournament

day the winner of the Triple Six Raffle will be drawn. You don't have to play in the tournament, but you must be present to win either a Gondola ride, round-trip for two on the Wallowa Lake Tramway; a scenic flight over Wallowa County Hell's Canyon or Eagle Cap Wilderness for two or one round of golf with cart for two at Zintel Creek Golf Club in Tri Cities.

Purchase raffle tickets at clubhouse.

Tuesday Ladies Day: Game day instructions. Before beginning game, circle three holes on scorecard that you don't want to count in your final score. Cindy Parks was big winner, not only with a birdie on No. 10, but low score of 77 after deductions. Laidee Ann Wolfe, a 9-hole, who circled one hole, had a 54.

Friday Scotch Ball June 8th: First Low Gross, Terry and Cheri Lamb. second Bill and Judy Ables. First Low Net, Ken and Panky Hauxwell. second Dale and Lu Johnson.

Thursday men's day results June 7: Low Gross Individual Score – Dale Johnson, 81. Blind Partners – Dean Duquette and Dick Anderson, Low Gross, 170; Terry Lamb and Marvin Gibbs, Low Net, 159.5.

SKINS — Dick Anderson: 1 gross/1 net; Dale Johnson: 3 gross/2 nets; Terry Lamb: 1 net; Dean Duquette: 1 gross/1 net.

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