

Act of the Year” award four times and has been finalist for the “Clown of the Year” award 10 times (winning six times) and has been awarded the Coors Man in the Can prize five times and was a finalist for the award 11 times.

Isley is known for his specialty acts in which he does trick roping, trick riding on horseback and a dog act.

Isley has been selected to work the National Finals Rodeo seven times as a barrelman, most recently in 2009.



Keith Isley
in costume



Keith Isley
without makeup
and costume

Bullfighters

During the bullriding event each night, Isley will be joined in the arena by two men who will work to keep the bulls off the cowboys, whether they end in a scored ride or a big wreck.

Working to keep the cowboys safe in the arena will be Tim O’Connor and Nathan Jestes.

Jestes, 28, of Douglas, Wyoming, is a relative newcomer to the sport. He got his PRCA card in 2010.

He’ll team up with 13-year bullfighting veteran Tim O’Connor, 34, of Springville, California. O’Connor is a three-time California Circuit Finals Rodeo bullfighter.

Noticeably absent from the arena this year will be longtime Farm-City cowboy lifesaver and Hermiston’s own, Donnie Griggs. Griggs retired as a bullfighter at the end of the 2015 season.

Metal Mulisha

A specialty act that thrilled the crowd before last year’s Farm-City performances will return again this year.

The motorcycle madmen of Metal Mulisha return to the arena this year to thrill the crowd before the Wednesday and Thursday rodeo performances at

6:45 p.m.

The freestyle motocross performers are known for their high-flying jumps, flips and hand-free acrobatics, which in the Farm-City Arena mostly takes place dozens of feet above the arena floor.



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Sean Nielson of the Metal Mulisha team flies over the rodeo arena, only holding on to his motorcycle by the seat with one hand, before one of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo performances in 2015.



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