

BOTHUM: Grand Marshal 'blessed'

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Unlike this year's court, the 1958 court had only one outfit to their regalia. The 2015 court is provided with five.

Bothum, however, had one perk today's court lacks: airplane rides with family friend Ted Grote, who flew Bothum back and forth between Joseph and Clarkston, Wash., where her family had moved earlier that year. The court also stayed at the Wallowa Lake Lodge during rodeo week. Bothum recalled it as a real treat for the time and era.

Another highlight for Bothum's court year featured a prankster turning out the court's horses not long before the parade. The fathers of the rodeo court went to pick up the girls' horses and saddles, only to discover the horses missing. Bothum's beloved horse, Blackie, was raised in Imnaha, so her father had a good idea of the herd's location. He sent Ted Grote aloft in his airplane to search for the horses, and Grote quickly spotted the escapees headed down Sheep Creek Hill. "Ted radioed Dad where they were, then Dad caught them and trailered them back to Joseph. We weren't a minute late. Someone was playing a prank on us, and to this day, we don't know who it was," Bothum said with a laugh.

Bothum appreciated the camaraderie of her court. "We didn't have any differences of opinion in our court. We knew we were there to promote Chief Joseph Days," she said.

Bothum took that idea into her 25-year tenure as fashion designer for the court. "I picked out their colors and told them how it was going to be. It kept a lot of opinions and desires calm. It was a very big change and very successful," Bothum said. She is also responsible for the divided riding skirt court attire, which cuts down on costume changes. Bothum also started the tradition of handmade boots for the court.

Unlike today's court, the 1958 court only sold tickets to the rodeo dance. Bothum couldn't participate because she lived in Clarkston. She wholeheartedly approves of later courts selling rodeo tickets. "Selling the tickets lifts their confidence, and they get a commission on it too," Bothum said.

She also said that court discipline has helped many of the girls on the court go on to professional careers in such fields as education, banking, and the law.

Another difference from Bothum's day is that the court actually competed in the rodeo. Her horse Blackie was very popular with contestants for his skills, and Bothum shared him liberally. For free — as long as she got to ride him first. "It was a great experience for me in sharing," Bothum said. The horse also helped Bothum become the Northwest calf-roping champion, competing against men. "There wasn't breakaway roping like nowadays. We had to tie them down just like the men. I just had a love of rodeo and a love of competition," she said.

Rodeo kept its place in Bothum's life. In 1961, she married saddle bronc rider J. Shirley Bothum, who later became a famed western artist. The couple had three daughters, including one who later became the 1993 CJD court queen.

Several members of Bothum's family are visiting during rodeo week, including her three daughters, and in keeping with the family tradition, two grandsons are competing in the rodeo as well.

Bothum is proud of her recent selection as CJD parade grand marshal although she had no idea someone nominated her. "I was very surprised when they came to my house and told me. I just want to do a good job for Chief Joseph Days and its people," Bothum said.

True to cowgirl form, Bothum is riding a special horse

in the parade. "I bought this 2-year-old for my husband, and he only had ridden the horse two or three times before he passed away. He's very near and dear to me, My husband named him Jude." Bothum said.

The horse is a Palomino, her husband's favorite horse color. A director for the Pendleton Roundup currently keeps the horse for Bothum and will bring it down for the rodeo.

Despite her 2013 retirement from the court, Bothum still stays very active in the rodeo world when she isn't busy keeping up with her vacation rental. "My dearest friends come from rodeo, and they're such loyal people. Rodeo is a great and wonderful experience and I'm really blessed to have been a part of it," Bothum said.

HIRING: Chief proposes transparency; city unswayed

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From the beginning, Roberts recommended an open, transparent process, keeping citizens informed all along the way.

"I've continued to converse with the city," Roberts said in a recent telephone interview. "I've suggested it makes sense to have me speak to the community."

Roberts goes further and suggests that the city consider creating policies and procedures that meet the standard for accreditation. Less than 20 percent of law enforcement agencies in the state choose to apply for accreditation, which requires an independent audit every two years. Roberts thinks accreditation is an essential part of transparency and important in establishing community trust and support.

"Enterprise could move forward without accreditation, but it's the industry standard.

If I were in the position to make advocacy for legislation, I'd make it mandatory. Why would we not embrace industry standards and hold ourselves to a higher standard?" Roberts said.

Roberts' own force is accredited. "There are 101 standards in Oregon so we have to keep files 365 to show proof of those policies and procedures," he said.

"Clear policies and procedures" has been the continuing mantra of Enterprise Mayor Steve Lear, who took a trip to Pendleton and sat down with Roberts to go over recommendations and see examples of how those policies and procedures worked.

"The mayor took the time and made the effort to come here and look at the report and see first-hand what I was talking about," Roberts said. "I was able to show him a number of examples of what's important."

Indications are that the council as a whole at least understands their own limitations in the matter.

"I'm not qualified and no one else is qualified to work on the policies and procedures concerns," Young said. "We haven't made any new documents, that will be a new chief's role. Hopefully by the end of the week I'll have permission to hire a new chief and hopefully he can address departmental policies."

Enterprise City had initially intended to allow Roberts to advise the city on its choice of chief and has sent at least 11 applications on to Roberts for review.

As far as applicants go, Roberts is very pleased.

"I would say the city should be very pleased with the quality of applicants," he said.

No public meetings to present findings or allow for further discussion are scheduled at this time.



YOUR summer break DESTINATION

upcoming events:

July 24-25:
Art in the Park

July 25:
Hunt & Gather Antiques
Vintage in the Park Show

August 28:
Kids Fun Friday

September 4-6:
Tumbleweed Music Festival


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Goertzen,
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Reiner and Jennifer
Goertzen of Joseph.

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Dutch Oven Cookoff

Have fun, demonstrate Dutch oven cooking skills, and introduce the public to the joys and fun of Dutch oven cooking.

Teams may enter one dish in two entry categories. There will be cash awards for 1st and 2nd place, and a gift basket for the People's Choice award.

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Message by ARCHIE HOOK



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WEDNESDAY	9:00am	Little Buckaroo Rodeo for special needs children — Arena
	7:00pm	PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena
	9:00pm	Family Fun at the Thunder Room
THURSDAY	9:00am	Tough Enough to Wear Pink Walk
	10:00am	Vendors off Main Street
	2:00pm	Slack — Arena
	7:00pm	PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena
	7:00pm	Tough Enough to Wear Pink — Wear Pink, Support Cancer Screening
	9:00pm	Barrel Racing Slack — After the Rodeo
	9:00pm	Music and Dancing at Thunder Room
FRIDAY	7:00am	Golf Tournament — Alpine Meadows Golf Course
	10:00am	Chief Joseph Junior Parade — Main Street
	2:00pm	Slack — Arena
	7:00pm	PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena
	9:00pm	All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center
	9:00pm	Music and Dancing at Thunder Room
SATURDAY	6:00am	Shrine Breakfast begins
	10:00am	Grand Parade — Main Street
	12:00pm	Nez Perce Friendship Feast — Encampment Pavilion
	2:30pm	Slack — Arena
	3:00pm	Traditional Indian Dance Contest — Encampment Pavilion
	7:00pm	PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena
	9:00pm	All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center
9:00pm	Music and Dancing at Thunder Room	
	11:00pm	Cowboy Breakfast — Rodeo Grounds — Until 3am
SUNDAY	6:00am	Cowboy Breakfast Continues
	9:00am	Cowboy Church Service with Soul Renovation — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena

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